

Brian Gladwell was born in 1947 in North Battleford, Saskatchewan and studied Political Science at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon (1966-1970). He has been a designer and builder of furniture since 1973 and was appointed Resident Woodworker at the Neil Balkwill Civic Arts Centre in Regina in 1983. In 1987 he organized Beyond the object, a touring group exhibition of innovative Canadian crafts, for the Saskatchewan Craft Council. Whether constructed of wood or corrugated cardboard, his elegantly conceived and meticulously finished works take us well beyond their conventional role as pieces of furniture. Brian Gladwell is the recent recipient of awards from the Canada Council and Saskatchewan Arts Board and was featured in a solo exhibition at the Museum of Craft and Folk Art in San Francisco in 1990. His work is in the collections of: Saskatchewan Arts Board; City of Regina; Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina; and MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina.

Birth: North Battleford, Saskatchewan, 1947

Education

1970 Political Science, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK

Solo Exhibitions

2001 - upcoming exhibition, Susan Whitney Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan

1993 - Brian Gladwell: Twelve Works, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

1991 - Susan Whitney Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan

1990 - Brian Gladwell: Cardboard Furniture, San Francisco Museum of Craft and Folk Art, California

1988 - Susan Whitney Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan

1987 - Brian Gladwell: Furniture, Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan

Selected Group Exhibitions

1993 - Traditional images/Contemporary Reflections, Saskatchewan Craft Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Chicago International New Art Forms Exposition, Chicago, Illinois

1992 - Chicago International New Art Forms Exposition, Chicago, Illinois

Los Angeles International Art Fair, Los Angeles, California

Susan Whitney Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan

...of Certain Quality, Rosemont Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan

A Treasury of Canadian Craft, Canadian Craft Museum, Vancouver, British Columbia (touring to Taiwan, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Chicago, Washington, ..)

Furnishings, Prime Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
The Furniture Show, Melnychenko Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba

1991 - Seattle International Art Fair, Seattle, Washington
Los Angeles International Art Fair, Los Angeles, California
Chicago International New Art Forms Exposition, Chicago, Illinois
Susan Whitney Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan
In Place Craft from Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Craft Gallery, Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan (touring)

1990 - Susan Whitney Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan
Chicago International New Art Forms Exposition, Chicago, Illinois
Saskatchewan Design, Saskatchewan Science Centre, Regina, Saskatchewan

1989 - Under the Influence, Saskatchewan Craft Gallery, Saskatoon

1988 - Canada Nouveau, Canadian High Commission and Liberty's, London, England
Chicago International New Art Forms Exposition, Chicago, Illinois

1987 - Chicago International New Art Forms Exposition, Chicago, Illinois
Tables Turned - Aspects of Furniture as Visual Art, Whyte Museum, Banff, Alberta

1986 - Dimensions' 86, Saskatchewan Craft Council,, (touring)
Black and White Show, Saskatchewan Craft Council, (touring)
Out of Saskatchewan, Robson Square Exhibition Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia
Virtu II, Toronto Design Centre, Toronto, Ontario
Contemporary Furniture, Saskatchewan Craft Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Ten Designers: Furniture and Accessories in Wood,
Prime Canadian Crafts, Toronto, Ontario

1984 - Dimensions' 84, Saskatchewan Craft Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
(touring)
Saskatchewan Open '84, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Wood, Saskatchewan Craft Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (touring)

1982 - Saskatchewan Open, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Professional Experience

1983 to present - Resident Artist - Woodworking, Neil Balkwill Civic Art Centre, Regina,
Saskatchewan

1982to present - Part-time instructor in woodworking, Neil Balkwill Civic Art Centre,
Regina, Saskatchewan

1973 to present - Independent furniture maker

Awards

1992 - Saskatchewan Arts Board Individual Assistance "B" grant

1990 - Saskatchewan Arts Board "B" grant

1989 - Canada Council "B" grant
Saskatchewan Arts Board "B" grant

1986 - Saskatchewan Arts Board "B" grant

Dimensions 84: Best Wood in Show, Merit Award, Saskatchewan Arts Board Purchase Award

Lectures and Symposia

1993 - Between Art and Craft, forum organized by the Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon. Other panellists: Douglas Bentham, Saskatoon; Grace Thompson, Prince Albert
Slide lecture to students of furniture program, School of Crafts and Design, Sheridan College, Toronto
Artist talk, MacKenzie Gallery Volunteers, MacKenzie Gallery, Regina

1992 - The Audience: three day symposium organized by Canadian Artist's Representation, Saskatchewan; Saskatoon. Other resource persons: Kim Adams

1990 - Artist talk, San Francisco Craft and Folk Art Museum, San Francisco, California

Jury Experience

1993 - Jean A. Chalmers Award for Crafts: national award of \$15,000 in recognition of a continuing contribution to creativity in craft

1991 - Saskatchewan Arts Board Individual Assistance Awards

1987 - "B" and "C" grants

1990 - Canada Council: Jean A. Chalmers fund for the Crafts (1990 spring and 1989 fall and 1989 fall)

1989 - Harbourfront Festival of Craft and Design, Toronto, Ontario

Boards and Committees

1995 - Applied Arts Advisory Committee, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Arts 1992 and Sciences, Prince Albert

1993 - Communications committee, Saskatchewan Craft Council

1990 - Five year program review committee, Jean A. Chalmers Fund for the Crafts, Canada Council, Ottawa

1992 - Chair, Board of Directors, Saskatchewan Craft Council

1987 to 1988 - Incite steering committee, Saskatchewan Craft Council. Incite is a multi-disciplinary, three day symposium

Exhibition Catalogues

1993 - Kangas, Matthew. Brian Gladwell: Twelve Works; Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon
Bentham, Douglas. Traditional images/Contemporary Reflections; Saskatchewan Craft Council, Saskatoon

Lin Ping. Selected Treasures - A Treasury of Canadian Craft; Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan

1992 - Carter, Sam. A Treasury of Canadian Craft; Canadian Craft Museum, Vancouver

1991 - Morgan, W.P. In Place - Craft from Saskatchewan; Saskatchewan Craft Council, Saskatoon

1989 - Tousley, Nancy. Susan Whitney Gallery Tenth Anniversary Catalogue; Susan Whitney Gallery, Regina

1988 - Chicago International New Art Forms Exposition; Chicago, Illinois

1987 - Marzolf, Helen. Brian Gladwell: Furniture; Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina
Gladwell, Brian. Beyond the Object; Saskatchewan Craft Council, Saskatoon
Heisler, Franklyn. Tables Turned - Aspects of Furniture as Visual Art, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff, Alberta

1986 - Virtu II; New Directions in Canadian Design, Toronto, Ontario
Borsa, Joan. Out of Saskatchewan: an Exhibition of Contemporary Art; SaskExpo Corporation, Regina

Reviews and Articles

1992 - Dafoe, Chris. Expanding Craft Consciousness, Globe and Mail, April 11, p. E7
1991 - Dandi, Allyson. Practical and Appealing Covers Brian Gladwell's Work, The Leader Post, Regina, Mar. 09, p. A11

1990 - San Francisco Craft and Folk Art Museum Newsletter
1989 - Nagyszalanczy, Sandor. Fine Woodworking, Mar.Apr. pg. 89

1988 - Glancey, Jonathon. Canada Comes in from the Cold, The Independent, London, England
Davitt, Patrick. Cardboard Furniture Boasts Durability, Leader Post, Regina, Oct.20

Nieswand, Nonie. Canada not-so-dry-, Vogue, Oct. pg. 325

1987 - Grescoe, Audrey. Old Boxes Won't Do, Western Living, Jan. p. 7

1986 - Lasker, David. Objects of Virtu, Canadian House and Home, Vol. 8, No. 5, Nov/Dec

Danica, Elly. Brian Gladwell, The Craft Factor, Vol II, No. I, Spring

Gladwell, Brian. Beyond the Object, The Craft Factor, Vol II, No. I, Spring

Hunter, Lorraine. Gallery Showcases Tomorrow's Antiques, Toronto Star, Oct. 04

1981 - Nordstrom, Inez. North Battleford's Man is Cabinet Maker, North Battleford Optimist, July 21, p. 6

Selected Public Collections

Saskatchewan Arts Board

City of Regina

Dunlop Art Gallery

MacKenzie Art Gallery