

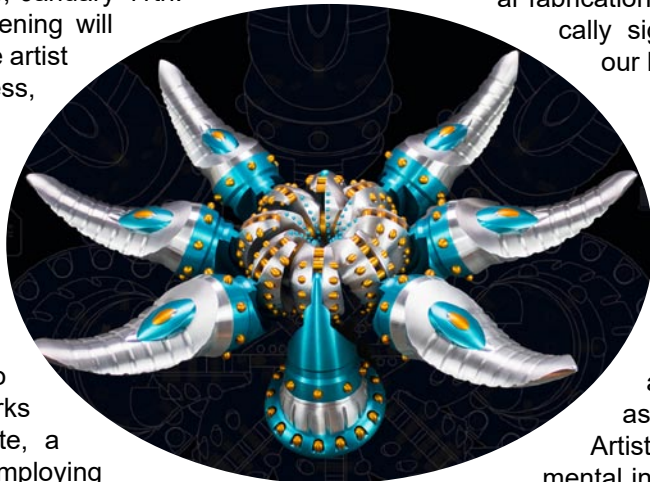
Art of Precision Exhibit Opens at NMIH

By Glenn Koehler

BETHLEHEM, PA - The National Museum of Industrial History (NMIH) is excited to announce its latest exhibit, Art of Precision: The Engineered Sculpture of Christopher Bathgate, will open to the public this Saturday, January 11th.

Coinciding with the opening will be a presentation by the artist about his work, process, and vision at 2pm.

From woodturning and metal work to glassblowing and ceramics, industrial processes have always found their way into the production of fine art. NMIH is pleased to exhibit the selected works of Christopher Bathgate, a self-trained machinist employing handmade tools, automated CNC milling machines and metal lathes to create complex artistic expressions inspired by industry. Playing with the tension between aesthetic vs. utility, form vs. function, and industrial vs. handmade, Bathgate's inter-disciplinary work lies at the intersection of art, craft, and design. These pieces serve as an example of how computer-mediated fabri-



cation may bridge the divide between art, craft, and industrial production in the Digital Age.

"Mr. Bathgate's beautiful sculptures provoke visitors to consider industry past and present," said Kara Mohsinger, President and CEO of the museum. "The evolution from the 19th century use of manual lathes such as those on display in our exhibits to the use of modern day programmable computerized machinery to make industrial fabrication possible is a historically significant transition in our history."

Featuring over 20 of his sculptures, the exhibit provides a new context of the intersection of art and industry. "Artists have a long history of adopting obsolete processes and equipment for use as creative mediums. Artists have been instrumental in preserving first-hand knowledge of many different crafts going back centuries." said Mr. Bathgate. "Exhibiting a collection of machined metal sculptures in a museum with such a wonderful collection of antique machines is an excellent way to highlight the relationship that the creative arts have always had with industry."

Emergency Fuel Assistance for Northampton County Residents

By Becky Bartlet

EASTON - Lamont McClure and Area Agency on Aging will begin their Emergency Fuel Program on January 13, 2020. To be eligible, residents must be age sixty or over, have exhausted LIHEAP benefits and be at ¼ tank of fuel or less. For assistance with gas or electric heat, a shut-off notice is required. To determine eligibility, a home visit and assessment must be completed by an Area Agency on Aging care-manager. Individuals can only receive this assistance once per season.

To apply, contact the Human Services Information & Referral/Emergency Services at 610-559-3270 or apply in person at the Human Services Building located at 2801 Emrick Blvd. Bethlehem, PA 18020.



Avoid Fraud – Don't Abbreviate 2020 on Checks and Documents

By Senator Scavella

PEN ARGYL - Getting used to writing a new year on your documents is a normal part of entering a new year. However, this year it is important that you take care to avoid fraud. Experts are advising that writing just "20" on checks or contracts instead of "2020" could leave you open to fraud.

Experts are advising people to write out the full year whenever you write the date. Rather than "1/1/20," write "1/1/2020." This simple step will prevent people from adding number to the end, changing the date. By adding numbers after the year, a bad actor could predate or postdate a document. This is good advice to avoid fraud every time that you sign the date in 2020!



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