

Betty Cooke

1924 Born in Baltimore, Maryland

EDUCATION

BFA, Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) & Johns Hopkins, Art Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1946 – present	Designer of Fine Contemporary Jewelry and Products
1955 - present	Partner, Cooke & Steinmetz Designers and Consultants Representing corporate clients as design collaborators with architects for shopping centers, stores, offices, restaurants, churches, exhibitions, and products
1965 - present	Partner / Co-owner with William Steinmetz of THE STORE, LTD. Village of Cross Keys featuring Betty Cooke Jewelry, designer fashion, and a broad range of well designed products
1980	Designed gold jewelry line for Kirk Steiff for national distribution
1978 - 1979	Designed jewelry collection of Geoffrey Beene's New York and Milan Fashion shows
1946 - 1966	Taught <i>Design and Materials</i> , at Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
1946	Restored Tyson Street tenant house as studio and shop for freelance design of leather, wood, metal, products, and jewelry

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 - 2022	<i>Betty Cooke: The Circle and The Line</i> , The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD. Curator: Jeannine Falino (catalogue)
2014	<i>Betty Cooke: Selections</i> , Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD Curator: Amy Eva Raehse (catalogue) <i>Dedicated, Betty Cooke and William O. Steinmetz</i> , Decker Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
1995	<i>Design · Jewelry · Betty Cooke</i> , Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD

GROUP & TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS

* Indicates permanent collection

2014	<i>Objects</i> : MAAA, Minnesota Museum of American Art, St. Paul, MN
2008	<i>Jewelry by Artists</i> , Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA*

- 2007 Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN
Exhibition in Print, Metalsmith Magazine, Society of North
American Goldsmiths (S.N.A.G.)
- 2006 Museum of Art & Design, New York, NY*
- 2004 *Two Capitals: Moscow – Washington Contemporary Jewelry*,
Washington Guild of Goldsmiths, Moscow, Russia
- 2000 *Women Designers In USA: 1900 – 2000*, Bard Graduate Center,
New York, NY
- 1997 *Celebration of American Crafts*, Sponsored by American Craft
Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
Messengers of Modernism, Group exhibition, Musée des arts
décoratifs de Montréal, (now part of the Montreal Museum of
Fine Arts, Montréal, Canada)
- 1995 *Design · Jewelry · Betty Cooke*, a retrospective exhibition and
catalog of her jewelry from 1946 – 1994, Maryland Institute
College of Art (MICA)
Musée de Arts Decoratifs de Montreal, Montreal, Canada*
- 1967 *Maryland Artists Today*, National Traveling Exhibition
- 1957 *Textiles, Ceramics, & Metalwork*, Museum of Cranbrook
Academy of Art, MI, Museum of Contemporary Art, Boston,
MA, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 1954 - 1957 *Good Design, 1954*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- 1952 *6 Young Baltimore Artists*, Whyte Gallery, Washington, DC
- 1951 *Art touring Europe & Asia*, Department of State, USA
Young Americans, American Craft Museum, New York, NY
- 1947 *Modern Jewelry Under 50 Dollars*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN*

COLLECTIONS

Musée de Arts Decoratifs de Montreal, Montreal, Canada
Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
Other Public & Private collections

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2007 Distinguished Women's Award, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland
- 1995 Retrospective Exhibition and Establishment of the Betty Cooke '46
Scholarship Endowment, Maryland Institute College of Art,
Baltimore, MD
- 1990 Elected Fellow, American Craft Council
- 1987 Distinguished Alumni Award, Maryland Institute College of Art,
Baltimore, MD

- 1981 De Beers' Diamond Today Award, Largest United States
Competition for Diamond Jewelry Design, New York, NY
- 1979 De Beers' Diamond Today Award, Largest United States
Competition for Diamond Jewelry Design, New York, NY

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 1980 - present Maryland Institute College of Art Alumni Council
American Craft Council
Society of North American Goldsmiths (S.N.A.G.)