

## Betty Cooke

1924 Born in Baltimore, Maryland

### EDUCATION

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

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 21-22 *Betty Cooke: The Circle and The Line*, The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD.  
Curator: Jeannine Falino
- 2014 *Betty Cooke: Selections*, Goya Contemporary, Baltimore, MD  
*Dedicated, Betty Cooke and William O. Steinmetz*, Decker Gallery, Maryland  
Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 1995 *Design· Jewelry · Betty Cooke*, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD

### GROUP & TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS

\* Indicates permanent collection

- 2026 *BMA Celebrates MICA 2000*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2014 *Objects: MAAA*, Minnesota Museum of American Art, St. Paul, MN
- 2008 *Jewelry by Artists*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA\*  
Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN
- 2007 *Exhibition in Print*, Metalsmith Magazine, Society of North American Goldsmiths  
2006 Museum of Art & Design, New York, NY\*
- 2004 *Two Capitals: Moscow – Washington Contemporary Jewelry*, Washington Guild of  
Goldsmiths, in 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, Baltimore, MD  
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, traveled  
to Museum of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore,  
MD
- 54-57 *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

Musee 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 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 *Design and Materials*, 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

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1980 - present MICA Alumni Council  
American Craft Council  
Society of North American Goldsmiths (S.N.A.G.)