This collection was so powerful and inspiring. To see that individuals, despite the trials they face, can rise above and create something beautiful is truly inspiring. Thank you for a wonderful viewing experience.

Snida Sheltz

I have come to this exhibit several times - each has been as moving. One hopes we have improved, but alas, in many ways, we have not. May this remind us of the beauty in all.

Yelanda

I would like to see an exhibit of the Japanese brought in from Latin America and their experiences at Camp Crystal in TX.

Dot Smith
I was 9 years old in December 1941. It was not until a decade later that I was aware of this Act of indiscriminate injustice. Yet I knew even as a child about the Jews in Europe. It makes for uneasy parallels.

H.J.B.

3/2/08
As a UConn alum and supporter of the common heritage I greatly appreciate the selected candidates and their roles and achievements. For F. S. and peck, and arch, I thank you.

Joe Biden
While the camps were no paradise, we should reflect on the fact that they were written about or mistreated while intact. Was this true in Japan? Americans detained? Every significant has many perspectives, this is but one.

Brian Messick

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Moving? Yes! Important? Yes! Depressing? Depends. A pretty sorry chapter for the U.S. but the U. and The Brits deserve much credit for this exhibit/experience. Good work—keep it up—Neal Radsel—class of ’69

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Incredible expression of human spirit—moved & inspired. Should be shown to people all over the country and the world. Thank you for sponsoring the exhibition. – J. Hasegawa
Thank you. I hope we will be reminded that fear can all too easily feed hatred and undermine the very ideals we hope our country represents. Another sad lesson... Said Ash Morgan

An extremely powerful and moving exhibit. It is noteworthy that, despite these hardships, Japanese Americans were able to find release and some happiness in the creation of these beautiful pieces of art that will serve as physical reminders of their strength, and our nation’s ignorance. Anon

Very interesting and moving. We did not learn about this in school in Japan. It was very intriguing to see a mixture of the two cultures in the exhibits. Akiko Nishiyama

Man... Governments are scary. AC

Great display for such an awful part of our history. J. Caravalle
"Art & Passion"
(art & passion)

Extraordinary collection of artifacts
created by incarcerated Japanese American
women during WWII in US concentration camps.
Brave, spirited, strong
These women showed great human spirit.

A tribute to the strength
of the human spirit! Splendid.

Lisa Bishop
3/18/08

I think it a great exhibition and really
worthwhile.

New York.

SPRING
OCT 2008
"Making the best of everything is everything"

A testament to the ingenuity of the Japanese people and an indictment of American's unfounded prejudice

Thank you for the chance to see this. I deeply honour the people whose only outlet of expression this art was while locked away behind barbed wire for the crime of being born themselves. Thank you.

Blue Alexander, March 2022

Even in prison
Even forced into silence—
Breathtaking beauty

Leigh Grossman, 3/02
creeping These works are what gave them their sense of humanity back. GOOD.

This place is so AWSOME!

Yes!!

Una: I love this place! It's sad though 😔
Kayla Salvas + Alicia Sonzino

I am the Walrus love the toungues!

Bethany Reiner, Nikki Reznikowicz, Kristina Rado,
Love the inspiring diversity of artifacts!
- Revolution! ☀ and ☀ thanks
Do they have pets?

Sad!!

It's sad how history just keeps repeating itself... the discrimination and injustice towards others....

Did we, as Americans, ever learn?

Yuh!!

Vote Obama!
African Americans have never received an apology, reparation, or respect for our suffering. This exhibit gives rise to a movement to give all groups impacted negatively by our government the opportunity for the same respect!

Kevin F. Williams...
Sometimes just get tired of war and bad things. Everything in this museum is very nice to look at. It's sad too. 😞

Wow America's full of jerks! 🙄

Frustrate you!
This exhibit makes me weep. I am so ashamed of my country for how it treated some of its own citizens.

I am extremely moved, though, by the humanity of the people who made art in the midst of their suffering.

Thank you for bringing this exhibit to ot.
It's amazing how America could do such a thing, shun their own people. There is blood on our hands that can never be washed off.

Matt, 12 years old
All generations should feel shame for this act upon Americans and Resident Minn Japanese. Just as we should feel shame for our attack on Imp. Perhaps in Heaven we will see that we are the same for eternity. You can put a people down in situation but the Spirit of Hope will always triumph! Look out this Act, it is the proof of this now.

People had to suffer this long because our people (Americans) did not trust them. I find it heartwrenching that for years (3-4) they had to be caged up, put shame on those who deceived them. But when I look on this I am glad that I wasn’t there, and if I could, I would do something uplifting, yet heartbreaking.

- Brittany Magnuson
16 years
Kelsey
Barlow
5 yrs

Audrey Collin

Great Exhibit!

Nick Salvino

Alysha Giulietti
2008

Joe Farfman

Very nice
Sunny P

Tracie
2008
Nichole Delaney Stinks
(tommy
turns)

2008
Megan
Awesome exhibits

2008
Jessica Gallegos

How are all the things at
Mumford

They are sad

I took the

I love you

Pretty

Very

No way

Me too!
March 25th
Awesome Japanese Art, very touching
and very inspiring
— Victoria

March 25th
Very Touching— Lovely Travesty

March 25th, 200x
This exhibit open painter's eyes and minds.
— Frederick D. Orthofer
March 25th 2008

I love the art. It is beautiful.

MARCH 25TH

The exhibit is beautiful.

Good Stuff

The art is absolutely amazing!

Jeff

3.26.08

My daughter, Emily, absolutely loved it.
I find it quite interesting that wonderful artwork could be done with such little material or faith. They really did fight for their Dignity and show us that they didn't give up.

Laura Marie Rahm  
3-25-08

What a beautiful testament to their "Strength, Dignity and Soul!"

Nancy Baker  3/26/08

Just so Touching  
3/27/08

Marline
Bird Pips is what's up!

- Reb

Holla!! to that!

- [Signature]
You have effectively brought to light an oft-overlooked moment in our history which we should not be allowed to forget or dismiss. Thank you.

— TMF

It was stated earlier that all generations should feel shame for what we Americans did back then. Although Pearl Harbor was a tragedy, the Japanese-Americans had nothing to do with it. The Japanese people are a proud and entitled people. Their art and culture shows that.

Sajido
This museum was great! This is the one I liked best. It is the butsudan shrine and I might write this story in my journal.

I think that this is a clever idea. Congratulations.

I like the work and now every thing is old and beautiful.
Everyone always thinks about changing the world. No one ever thinks about changing themselves.

Quote by Leo Tolstoy

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."
-Mohandas K. Gandhi
My favorite part of this Exhibit is the woodwork! The sculpted animals are amazing! I love the Benton!
This was fun!
- Leonard

I know her. She's German!

Dieze Ausstellung ist spitze! Ich mag die Bilder!

I love Sheely, too!

Laurie Jenkins

Katherine Ray
Awesome!
3/28/08

Angelina Herries

Reading! Cool.
3/28/08

Travis More

Emma Boardman
It's cool!
3-28-08

Well done!

This exhibit was awesome!

Jennifer Fuentes
This is an eye-opening exhibit on so many levels that I just have to thank you for bringing it to town. TH 3/28/08
Thank you for bringing this moving exhibit to us. The Alerts have a similar horrifying and inspiring story.

Cathy White
After a year's stay in Japan, this exhibit touched my heart and soul.
Barbara Jean Kubik

Exhibit 3
That not usually discussed
with positive objects presented
as well.

O. Wollfe

Write back, noises
Re: GAA, anyone
To: Stu Reise.

Ballin
3/26/08
It's my 20th birthday today!

P.S. Benton is cool, I guess!

My pussy gets eaten by his tongue.

I break my heart. My soul sings so beautifully.

Joe
Marilynn Ribadeneira, Age 21
English Major & WSM minor
from Stamford campus was here!! - This was awesome

very touching calorie!

- Sarah Fabian 0
Thank you for this exhibit. Both my Ba-chan and Ji-chan were in these internment camps. Ji-chan's camp was Tule Lake and Ba-chan's was Manzanar.

~ Kyle & Koko Kumasaka ~

This is wonderful. It helps me to understand my heritage so much more. Much of what I learned from this exhibit allows me to "fill in" information that my parents gave me. My family (parents, grandmother, and earlier sibling) was in Tule Lake Camp. I was born then.) Thank you.

Lillian A. Atkins
This is all so beautiful

Thought provoking

The human need to create and express, even (or maybe especially) in the face of oppression, and its impact on individual and culture development, The process is beautiful and Thank you for it.

J. Maldon
I had the pleasure of helping to install this exhibit and take it down. I found it very interesting and moving. I'm glad this has become a traveling exhibit that other parts of the country will be able to view.

- [Signature]
Reminiscing for years & years & years

The subject never been forgotten &
objects earlier mentioned consist
want one & with a bit of sadness
perhaps.

I'm speechless. What have we done? The exhibit
is breathtaking! Catherine Kalonia

Amazing!!!

Annie Kaloni

Uplifting despite a national shame.

David M.

And inspiring

An amazing exhibit of a painful history

Lynda Martin Bloom

Thank you for this amazing exhibit. Everyone
in America should see it.

A. Kershaw
The nations fear was not unfounded as the enemy was real; an unfortunate function of the circumstance, but more-than-less a shadowy chapter of history in America.

Thank you! Well done.
Racism was and is an unfortunate part of our society.

All I could see was the overcoming and creative spirit of these artists and artisans.

I'm very impressed. I'd love to see more exhibits like this.
It is a national shame but to put this in the perspective of the day a lot worse could have happened.

In the U.S. 29 million people starved to death.

In Nazi Germany 50 million gypsies, gays, revolutionaries, artists and Jews died.

In America one man was shot.

This sad, but it is by no means the worst that happened.

It should be a lesson to us all that all Americans are Americans.

And the government should not overreact!

Mark
Excellent Exhibit!

So much beauty from so much sadness.

Mr. [Signature]

Very well done - very educating.

Thank you! For not only visiting my class, but making this exhibit open to us. I sincerely hope that history will never repeat itself.

Very well done - Very educating.

Humans continue to upset and amaze me. Such is the cycle that seems to be repeated. Very wondrous exhibit.

[Signature]

[Signature] Nice job!
Exhibit

Awesome

My father Fred Heaney was in the U.S. Army during WWII in Italy. He fought on the side of Free America Co. and they fought well and proved themselves. God Bless them all.

2/2/88

I personally witnessed the things they made out of such limited material while enduring such suffering is touching. The human soul is so resistant!

This is the unique experience of a lifetime!

Beautiful Exhibit

Affable C (Class of '91)
This is an awesome exhibit. Very artistic and creative—K.Z.

Very artsy exhibit. I love the woodwork and the shells.

-JoV.

I love The Bird and Animal Pins. I have a cockatoo named Tiki and one looks like him. Thanks for bringing the exhibit to the Benton.-MC

This is not glossy or romanticized. This exhibit shows that beauty and creativity can survive injustice. The soul is stronger."

-JB
Another example of American Ignorance. But this also shows that Americans are humble enough to admit their mistakes.

Very beautiful and intricate details. It once again proves that the humanities come to the rescue every time the human soul is full of emotion.

- H. T.

What is your point in saying this other than to be genuinely negative?

This was a lovely retrospective, and I enjoyed it very much.

It's just amazing that people imprisoned with almost nothing were able to turn scraps of flotsam into art, Laurel.

This could happen again!

The hate directed toward Muslim Americans speckled with fear! People who can must guard against this and be vigilant.

HD Bye People
Your exhibition is more critical today than ever — we must remember what fear can drive us to do — now we surrender our civil rights to the “War on Terror” which has become a war on our liberties.

Dorothy Lindoff
and
David Lindoff
98 Sycamore Dr., Storrs, CT 06268

Americans need to look inside themselves — yes, even if it happens again.

I urge you, please.

Jessica Edwards
Getfield
I loved it
I loved all
the art work!
I also loved
the saying.
(CARROLL)

What a way for children to learn history!
The tiny flowers made from shells were amazing!

See A Good Exhibit!

Anonymous

(Tiffany Schroeder)

Anyone interested in this quote should read "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. Beautiful exhibit! ESS

It was amazing

All the art was Amazing!

- Anderson

Woo! It is very interesting, Luv it too!

Everything was very empowering!!

Enjoyed it a lot!

- Kevin Closter
As a UConn alum + Japanese-American, I'm truly touched by this exhibit.

Erika Yamada Gradecki
UConn '05

A beautiful reminder of a tragic past.

- T.L.C.
UConn '10

I'm very impressed. My mother's uncle was in that camp.

...just a tourist from 5pm, but I'm glad I saw the exhibits. Thank you very much.

Ituwa Nishihara 3/17/10