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"The desire to move viewers out of the role of passive observers and into the role of producers is one of the hallmarks of twentieth-century art. This tendency can be found in practices and projects ranging from El Lissitzky's exhibition designs to Allan Kaprow's happenings, from minimalist objects to installation art. More recently, this kind of participatory art has gone so far as to encourage and produce new social relationships. Guy Debord's celebrated argument that capitalism fragments the social bond has become the premise for much relational art seeking to challenge and provide alternatives to the discontents of contemporary life. This publication collects texts that place this artistic development in historical and theoretical context. Participation begins with writings that provide a theoretical framework for relational art, with essays by Umberto Eco, Bertolt Brecht, Roland Barthes, Peter Burger, Jen-Luc Nancy, Edoard Glissant, and Felix Guattari, as well as the first translation into English of Jacques Rancière's influential "Problems and Transformations in Critical Art." The book also includes central writings by such artists as Lygia Clark and Helio Oiticica, Joseph Beuys, Augusto Boal, Felix Gonzalez-Torres, Thomas Hirschhorn, and Rirkrit Tiravanija. And it features recent critical and curatorial debates, with discussions by Lars Bang Larsen, Nicolas Bourriaud, Hal Foster, and Hans-Ulrich Obrist."

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Chicago-based writer/critic Polly Ullrich gave a paper, entitled "Functional World," at a recent (2008) clay conference. Ullrich says, "While we often think of objects as inert or dense--even inscrutable--we must also consider what the literary critic Bill Brown has called the "transparency" of things. Those of us in functional ceramics know that there is no such thing as a "dumb object." Brown suggests that it is important to ask how to think about things beyond their mere formal qualities—he says we should delve into their social meanings, their connection to history, movement, culture, relationships, physical sensation. We need to ask, how do we use objects to "make" meanings, how do we use them to "remake" ourselves?" (Brown pp. 7, 4.)

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During the late 1960s and early 1970s, in response to the political turbulence generated by the Vietnam War, an important group of American artists and critics sought to expand the definition of creative labor by identifying themselves as "art workers." In the first book to examine this movement, Julia Bryan-Wilson shows how a polemical redefinition of artistic labor played a central role in minimalism, process art, feminist criticism, and conceptualism. In her close examination of four seminal figures of the period—American artists Carl Andre, Robert Morris, and Hans Haacke, and art critic Lucy Lippard—Bryan-Wilson frames an engrossing new argument around the double entendre that "art works." She traces the divergent ways in which these four artists and writers rallied around the "art worker" identity, including participating in the Art Workers' Coalition—a short-lived organization founded in 1969 to protest the war and agitate for artists' rights—and the New York Art Strike. By connecting social art history and theories of labor, this book illuminates the artworks and protest actions that were central to this pivotal era in both American art and politics.

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"Weaving centers led the Appalachian Craft Revival at the beginning of the twentieth century. Soon after settlement workers came to the mountains to start schools, they expanded their focus by promoting weaving as a way for women to help their family's financial situation. Women wove thousands of guest towels, baby blankets, and place mats that found a ready market in the women's network of religious denominations, arts organizations, and civic clubs. Although the sales appeal often emphasized helping women with very few resources, the centers frugally covered their own expenses without charity, paying the weavers a prevailing wage. In *Weavers of the Southern Highlands*, Phyllis Alvic details how the Fireside Industries of Berea College in Kentucky began with women weaving to supply their children's school expenses and later developed student labor programs, where hundreds of students covered their tuition by weaving. Arrowcraft, associated with Pi Beta Phi School at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and the Penland Weavers and Potters, begun at the Appalachian School at Penland, North Carolina, followed the Berea model. Women wove at home with patterns and materials supplied by the center, returning their finished products to the coordinating organization to be marketed. Dozens of similar weaving centers dotted mountain ridges."

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"Americans have been shocked by media reports of the dismal working conditions in factories that make clothing for U.S. companies. But while well intentioned, many of these reports about child labor and sweatshop practices rely on stereotypes of how Third World factories operate, ignoring the complex economic dynamics driving the global apparel industry. To dispel these misunderstandings, Jane L. Collins visited two very different apparel firms and their factories in the United States and Mexico. Moving from corporate headquarters to factory floors, her study traces the diverse ties that link First and Third World workers and managers, producers and consumers. Collins examines how the transnational economics of the apparel industry allow firms to relocate or subcontract their work anywhere in the world, making it much harder for garment workers in the United States or any other country to demand fair pay and humane working conditions. Putting a human face on globalization, *Threads* shows not only how international trade affects local communities but also how workers can organize in this new environment to more effectively demand better treatment from their distant corporate employers."

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"The Devil's Cloth begins with a medieval scandal. When the first Carmelites arrived in France from the Holy Land, the religious order required its members to wear striped habits, prompting turmoil and denunciations in the West that lasted fifty years until the order was forced to accept a quiet, solid color. The medieval eye found any surface in which a background could not be distinguished from a foreground disturbing. Thus striped clothing was relegated to those on the margins or outside the social order - jugglers and prostitutes, for example -- and in medieval paintings the devil himself is often depicted wearing stripes. The West has long continued to dress its slaves and servants, its crew members and convicts in stripes. But in the last two centuries, stripes have also taken on new, positive meanings, connoting freedom, youth, playfulness, and pleasure. Witness the revolutionary stripes on the French and United States flags. In a wide-ranging discussion that touches on zebras, gangsters, awnings, and pajamas, augmented by illustrative plates, the author shows us how stripes have become chic, and even, in the case of bankers' pinstripes, a symbol of taste and status. Michel Pastoureau's lively study of stripes offers a unique and engaging perspective on the evolution of fashion, taste, and visual codes in Western culture."

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"Yarn is the basic unit of textile construction and every fabric, except felt, is made with it. The properties of yarn -- its ply, tensile strength, weight, elasticity, and resistance to heat, water, and shrinkage -- are what give each yarn its unique characteristics. By manipulating these properties, an astonishing array of fabric types can be produced, creating any number of textures and appearances. // By focusing on these varieties, Penny Walsh is able to closely examine the composition and construction of different yarns and explore their many uses. She examines the techniques of spinning and the mechanisms used to create yarn. Color illustrations accompany the text, demonstrating the appearances of different yarns. There is also practical instruction on making your own threads and yarns. *The Yarn Book* is written for the serious student and the professional textile artist, and will be useful for spinners and weavers. It is a complete guide to understanding, designing, and using yarn."

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SELECTED WEB SITES

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This website tells the story of the historic Craft Revival and its impact on western North Carolina.

<http://craftresearch.blogspot.com/>

The blog form[s] the thread which runs through a research project exploring ideas of slowness within craft.

<http://www.digitalthreads.ca/>

"Digital Threads is an interactive web environment that highlights new digital artworks by Canadian artists Jennifer Angus, Joanna Berzowska, Kai Chan, Ruth Scheuing and Samuel Thomas. Internationally known for innovative work that challenges the boundaries of conventional textile arts, these five artists define new territory on the World Wide Web with dynamic projects that link to 50 exhibitions from the Textile Museum of Canada."

<http://www.weavearealpeace.org/> WARP (Weave a Real Peace)

"Weave a Real Peace (WARP) serves as a catalyst for improving the quality of life of textile artisans in communities-in-need. We provide information and networking opportunities to individuals and organizations who value the social, cultural, historic, and artistic importance of textiles around the world."

<http://www.churchofcraft.org>

Church of Craft. The mission: "The Church of Craft aims to create an environment where any and all acts of making have value to our humanness. When we find moments of creation in our everyday activities, we also find simple satisfaction. The power of creating gives us the confidence to live our lives with all the love we can. By promoting creativity, we offer access to a non-denominational spiritual practice that is self-determined and proactive. // The Church of Craft maintains no dogma or doctrine beyond what every member believes for themselves."

<http://www.textilemuseum.ca/>

"The Textile Museum of Canada is one of eight museums of its kind and the only museum in Canada solely dedicated to the collection, exhibition and documentation of textiles from around the world. Visitors to the galleries can experience the traditions, skills and creative processes that make textile arts so engaging. The collection of more than 12,000 pieces represents over 200 countries and regions.....The Museum explores the continuum of textile work from antiquity to the present through all its activities including exhibitions, collections, education programs, research and documentation."

<http://www.performingcraft.com/home/>

"*Gestures of Resistance*, a creative/critical undertaking by Shannon Stratton and Judith Leemann, posits craft as methodology, extending its province to a range of performances that embody care through deliberate movements and canny gestures. / With particular interest in the relationship of slowness and agency, we delineate and then proceed to interrogate a species of action in which self-conscious crafting, contextual mischief-making, and cultural re-scripting play themselves out."

<http://craftunbound.net/>

Craft Unbound profiles artists and activities that use the language of craft to reflect on the world. This site arises out of a publication *Craft Unbound: Make the Common Precious*, which also formed the basis of an exhibition that toured to Santiago, Chile. You can read the introduction here: <http://craftvic.asn.au/exhibit/2005/commonpr/introduction.htm>
Craft Unbound continues the exploration of new developments in contemporary craft, particularly related to the movement of 'poor craft'. 'Poor craft' is used here as a term to describe the creative strategy of using materials that have little or no value. It is a style that has been important in recent Australian contemporary craft, but resonates also with practices elsewhere, particularly in the South.

<http://subtela.hexagram.ca/>

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