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The Art Base presents: *Purposeful Objects* with Andrea Wendel

May 27 – June 24, 2022

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 11am–5pm + Friday-Saturday, 11am-7pm

Opening Reception: Friday, March 11, 5–7pm

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The Art Base is pleased to present multi-disciplinary artist, sculptor, furniture designer and maker, Andrea Wendel. The integration of functionality and art has been Wendel's life's work, as is reflected in her solo exhibition entitled *Purposeful Objects*. Working in metal, wood, and paint, Wendel creates sculptural work that makes a statement with unique forms and details. Purposeful sculpture inspires one to rethink the way we look at ordinary things.

Wendel states: "I work back and forth between the art, the design and the craft, to create objects of purpose that transform a living space and elevate style. The unexpected details that define a room are about creating a balance and discerning design, as well as joy."

Art Base Gallery Manager, Katherine Grey Walker comments, "Wendel's large scale works, that showcase her meticulous attention to detail, further the conversation around form and function. We're honored to host this unique exhibition."

Andrea Wendel is a multi-disciplinary artist, sculptor, furniture designer and maker, creating unique and limited-edition pieces that make a statement with unexpected details of beauty and functionality. Bold and simplified forms are inspired by earth's elements, and indigenous cultures while adding a contemporary edge. The surface treatments are the result of meticulous painting, carving and contrasting textures. Andrea is represented by galleries and works collaboratively with clients, interior designers and architects.

The Art Base is a nonprofit community arts center located in Basalt, Colorado. The Art Base fosters creative expression in the visual arts for all ages and abilities, through education, exhibitions, and providing opportunities to artists and artisans. Education programs are designed to be accessible to everyone and encourage artistic expression and lifelong learning through workshops and outreach programs in partnership with local nonprofits and Basalt

schools. Exhibitions focus on opportunities for solo, group, and guest-curated exhibitions for Colorado-based artists, with an emphasis on those living in the Roaring Fork Valley.

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