Celebrate American Craft Week with art jewelry pioneer Robert Ebendorf. Come to a book signing and trunk show on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 2:00-5:00 pm. This pop-up exhibition and artist reception is a truly special event you won’t want to miss!

Robert Ebendorf’s groundbreaking work as an art jeweler for more than 50 years has established him in the top tier of the American studio craft movement. *The Life and Times of Robert W. Ebendorf: Jeweler and Metalsmith* is a new book and exhibition produced by the Racine Art Museum. *American Craft Week* is a national event, honoring the tradition of American craft, during which hundreds of events occur nationwide. In
celebration, Asheville contemporary jewelry gallery Mora hosts Robert Ebendorf for an artist reception, pop-up exhibition, and book signing. The event is free, open to the public, and all are welcome.

Robert Ebendorf is a Fulbright Scholar, Tiffany Foundation Grant Award winner, and a founding member and Lifetime Achievement Award winner of the Society for North American Goldsmiths (SNAG). In 1995, he was awarded the American Craft Council Fellowship for his achievement in craft and commitment to the craft movement, and he has contributed to the Smithsonian Institution’s Archives of American Art Oral History Program. Ebendorf’s work is represented in museums worldwide, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, The Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and The Mint Museum of Craft Design in Charlotte.

North Carolina is home for Robert Ebendorf, who has made his mark on contemporary craft not only as an artist, but also as an educator, organizer, mentor, and collector. He is the Belk Distinguished Professor in the Arts at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. He also received the 2010 North Carolina Governor’s Award in the Arts.
“Robert Ebendorf opened the door to art jewelry for me, illuminating a rich and rewarding field. His zest for life, his generosity, and his passionate interest in building community amazes me, and I am not alone. Bob has shared these rare gifts with a generation of jewelers, several of whom show at Mora, and this light touches everyone he meets. We are so excited to welcome him to Asheville!” Marthe Le Van

“Bob has been a true inspiration for me both in his work and his ability to lead through example. His self discipline and ambition is infectious, and I am so happy to have learned so much from his mentorship.” Laura Wood