

# Art exhibit: BaileyWorks bags serve as inspiration for eLO show

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Clothing designer and eLO gallery owner Byrdy Dilando has created a black cocktail dress out of a BaileyWorks "253" messenger bag. For information on the "The BaileyWorks Art Project," a month-long exhibit at the eLO Gallery, visit [www.elogallery.com](http://www.elogallery.com). NICK LAVECCHIA PHOTO

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Area artists using BaileyWorks bags as both canvas and inspiration BaileyWorks, the Portsmouth-based bag company, has given its signature messenger bags to 13 regional artists to use as both canvas and material in "The BaileyWorks Art Project," a month-long exhibit at the eLO Gallery.

Bags were distributed in mid-February and artists (painters, sculptors, photographers, a metal worker, tattoo artist and custom surfboard maker, among others) were given a month to complete the piece, the only guideline being that some, part or all of the bag was to be used as material.

Artists are already surprising the bagmakers with their creativity. After removing each stitch out of the bag by hand, clothing designer and eLO co-owner Byrdy Dilando has created a black cocktail dress using the 1000 Denier Cordura fabric from the bag's shell, complete with a bright yellow capelet out of BaileyWorks' recognizable vinyl lining.

BaileyWorks gave medium black "253" courier bags to artists Matt Serven, Ashley Shoukimas, Jamila Houde, Randi Gravelle, Jeff Bernhardt, Ty Williams, Cassandra Warren, Cullen McGough (for Grain Surfboards), Byrdy Dilando, John Fanning, Roger Goldenberg, Megan Stelzer and Eric Brown.

"The BaileyWorks Art Project" will be on display at the eLO Gallery, 110 State St. in Portsmouth, from April 1-30. An opening reception will also be held at eLO from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, April 4. The public is welcome.

For information, contact Emily Bailey at BaileyWorks at 502-7786 or [Emily@baileyworks.com](mailto:Emily@baileyworks.com) or Byrdy Dilando at the eLO Gallery at 433-9110. On the web at [www.elogallery.com](http://www.elogallery.com) and [www.baileyworks.com](http://www.baileyworks.com).

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