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# Markets boast handmade creations at Boston Design Center

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Continuing from last week's inside view of Boston Design Market, this year's market added additional pop-up shops spread throughout the design center. Between presentations and classes, attendees had the leisurely pleasure of strolling through and viewing many handmade creations at their best.

Boston-Made and Friends Pop-Up Market felt like one was strolling through an open air market. This pop-up was set up on the first floor, with the door open and the fresh Boston Harbor breezes filtering through the space -- the feel of walking through your local farmers market was in the air. Handmade treasures of pillows, table linens, knives, florals and carved wooden spoons, to mention a few, were available for purchase.

The New England Sculptors Association was an exhibit not to be missed. Founded in 1948, NESAs is one of the leading art organizations in the country

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Halo by Jane Estella

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Douglas Gray and Marilyn Ewer of New England Sculptors Association



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to advance the understanding and appreciation of sculpture. Executive Director Marilyn Ewer was on hand to provide a guided tour around the unique sculpture exhibit. A few of my favorites are worth mentioning. Halo is a piece designed and created by Jane Estella of Found Object Sculpture. It's a unique creation comprised of a driftwood base with a circular piece of found industrial metal. Visit Estella's work at [www.janeestella.com](http://www.janeestella.com). Another charming artist on hand was Douglas Gray. Gray's sculptures interested me as he told the story of how his inspiration came to him creating The Rope.

He always works in steel and iron, and is outdoors as he relies on shadows to achieve a positive and negative balance in his work. As Gray gets older, he notes that the lines in his work become softer. In Doug's words, "I create the design and balance, God does the finish." Learn more at [www.doulasseravsculpture.com](http://www.doulasseravsculpture.com).

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