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Continuing the Tradition Exhibition Showcases Work of Newly Juried Members of the League of NH Craftsmen

Opening Reception: Friday, January 11th, 5 -7 PM

L to R: Meggin Dossett, Nancy Adams, Melanie Chouinard Cherie

CONCORD, NH - From January 11th through March 22nd, 2019 the Exhibition Gallery at the Headquarters of the League of NH Craftsmen will turn the spotlight on work from those who have become juried members of the League in the last two years. Nearly all media areas are represented, including baskets, fiber (wearable and decorative), wood (including furniture), printmaking, metal in many forms, pottery, photography and glass. The Exhibition Gallery is located at 49 South Main Street in Concord, NH. The free, public opening reception will take place on Friday, January 11th from 5 - 7 PM.

This special exhibition is held every two years, to introduce the public and League community to these newly juried members and their fine craft. (A list of participants and their media areas is included at the end of this release.) At the opening reception on January 11th, visitors will have the opportunity to meet the makers and learn more about their process and the pieces they create.

"On a personal note, I am truly delighted about this exhibition. I have had the fortunate opportunity to meet and work with the craftsmen during the jury process, and now we have the opportunity to showcase their exceptional work," shares Catherine Green, Standards and Gallery Manager.

For many, acceptance into the League through the jury process marks an important step in a personal journey as an artist. The standards of the League require adherence to specific guidelines and criteria, but most importantly emphasize the underlying spirit of the maker which is at the heart of each member's work. This exhibition celebrates this artistic vision as well as a high level of craftsmanship.

Special *Art & Bloom* Show Opening Reception - Thursday, January 17th

The League is happy to welcome back the Concord Garden Club in January as they present their 17th Annual Art & Bloom show. This special presentation features floral arrangements by both amateur and professional floral designers, inspired by pieces in the League's Continuing the Tradition exhibition, as well as the Permanent Collection. Up to 30 arrangements will be created and presented to the public in the League's Exhibition Gallery at the opening reception on Thursday, January 17th from 5:30-7:30 PM. The floral creations are on view for a very limited time after the reception. You may see these blooms in the gallery on Friday, January 18th from 10 AM - 6 PM* (special late closing time) and Saturday, January 19th from 10 AM - 4 PM only.

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday, 10 AM – 4 PM; Saturdays, 10 AM – 4 PM, during exhibitions only. Most exhibition items are available for purchase.

Check the League's website for postponement information in the event of inclement weather on opening reception evenings.

Visit the Grodin Permanent Collection Museum which features craft from the League's early years to the present, including pieces made by some of the world's renowned craftspeople, such as Otto and Vivika Heino and Edwin and Mary Scheier. The museum provides fascinating insights into the evolution of fine craft and should not be missed. Admission to the museum is free.

About the League of NH Craftsmen

The League of NH Craftsmen is a non-profit, craft education organization. Its mission is to encourage, nurture and promote the creation, use and preservation of fine contemporary and traditional craft through the inspiration and education of artists and the broader community. The League represents the *signature of excellence* in fine craft, through the work of its juried members, and its rigorous standards for self-expression, vision, and quality craftsmanship.

For more information about the League of NH Craftsmen, please call (603) 224-3375, email nhleague@nhcrafts.org or visit www.nhcrafts.org.

Continuing the Tradition Participants

Name	Artist Medium	Home City
Paul Shea	Photography	Atkinson
Greg Brown	Wood	Bedford
Kirsten Doogue	Fiber	Bedford
Sheilagh Flynn	Clay	Center Conway
Lauren vonDuyke-Dadmun	Clay	Concord
Thomas Weston	Wood	Concord
Raili Cohen	Fiber	Contoocook
Wendy Wetherbee	Metal	Derry
Ellen Sidor	Mixed Media	Durham
Peggy Thrasher	Baskets	Durham

Anne Dinan	Metal & Mixed Media	Exeter
James Tovey	Metal	Francestown
Joan Hannah	Clay	Franconia
Lisa Scala	Metal	Georgetown
Ken Hamilton	Photography	Gilford
Perry Onion	Wood	Gilmanton
R. Bruce Wood	Clay	Goffstown
Jeff Figley	Wood	Grantham
David Bridgewater	Wood	Greenfield
Stephen Barlow	Wood	Harrisville
John Lehet	Photography	Hartland
Douglas Alan Masury	Fiber	Henniker
Scott Snyder	Photography	Henniker
Judith Damon	Fiber	Hillsborough
Rachel Montroy	Clay & Mixed Media	Hopkinton
Rick Gaddis	Wood	Hudson
Susan Roston	Glass	Jaffrey
Meggin Dossett	Metal	Lebanon
Misty Batchelder	Fiber	Loudon
R. Douglas Powers	Wood	Lyndeborough
Denise Kirk	Fiber	Manchester
Larry Antonuk	Fiber	Marlborough
Melanie Chouinard	Mixed Media	Milford
David Therrien	Photography	Nashua
Gabriel Therrien	Wood	New Ipswich
Nancy Adams	Fiber & Mixed Media	Newmarket
Shannon Wallis	Non-Metal Jewelry & Mixed Media	Norwich
Liz Hallen	Wood	Plymouth
Matthew Sergeant	Photography	Quechee
Bruce Trull	Wood	Rollinsford
Wendolyn Hammer	Metal	Rye
Larry Weymouth	Wood	Salem
Rick Stockwell	Photography	South Sutton
Ian Clark	Photography	West Newbury
Brian Cohen	Printmaking	Westmoreland
Connie Turin	Clay	York