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OPENING NIGHT!

New Juried Members of the League of NH Craftsmen Debut Their Work in the *Continuing the Tradition* Exhibition *Opening Reception: Friday, January 27, 2023, 5 -7 PM*

CONCORD, NH – They come from every background, from all around our great state, and work with a wide variety of materials. The newest class of Juried members of the League of NH Craftsmen is welcoming the new year by stepping into the spotlight this month. The “Class of 2019, 2021 and 2022” will display their talents in the ***Continuing the Tradition*** exhibition, open January 26 through March 30.

The display features fine craft from artists who are new to the League, but no strangers to honing their artistic talents over several years. Numerous media areas are represented, including fiber (wearable and decorative), wood (including furniture), printmaking, metal, pottery, photography, and glass. **As a part of opening celebrations, a free, public reception will take place on Friday, January 27 from 5 – 7pm.** During this evening event, visitors will have the opportunity to meet some of the artists and learn more about their process and the pieces they create. The Exhibition Gallery is located at 49 South Main Street in Concord, NH.

“I am so impressed with the diversity of work produced by our new members. There is so much color, texture and so many unusual forms,” shares Miriam Carter, Executive Director, “We are thrilled to celebrate the continued growth of the League by featuring these talented artists.”

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***” at the heart of each member’s work. This exhibition celebrates artistic vision as well as a high level of craftsmanship.

Special Art & Bloom Show - January 26 - 28

In addition, the League is excited to welcome back the Concord Garden Club in January as they present their 20th 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. Arrangements will be created and presented to the public in the League’s Exhibition Gallery



during special hours on Thursday, January 26 from 1 to 5pm and on Friday and Saturday January 27 & 28 from 10am – 4pm. This companion show is short in duration because of the live blooms and serves as a welcome breath of spring in mid-winter.

“It’s a rare opportunity to enjoy the scents of spring with such visual flair and I am thrilled that we are hosting this exciting blend of art and floral excellence,” says Carter. “Last year, this was an incredibly popular and well-attended event in Concord, and we are very happy to bring it back.”

Gallery Hours (after opening weekend):

January 31-March 30, Tuesday-Thursday, 12-4pm. Most exhibition items are available for purchase.

About the League of NH Craftsmen

The League of NH Craftsmen is a non-profit, craft education organization. Its mission is to advance, cultivate and champion excellence in fine craft. The League pursues that mission through educational programming, leadership initiatives, marketplace strategies and support services.

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 this exhibition and the League of NH Craftsmen, please call (603) 224-3375, email nhleague@nhcrafts.org or visit nhcrafts.org

League Exhibition Participants (Name and Town)

Lisa Almeida	Chichester, NH
Beth Armour	Brattleboro, VT
Kait Armstrong	Andover, NH
Kiranada Sterling Benjamin	Kingston, NH
Alicia Bergeron	Newbury, NH
John Boland	Claremont, NH
Mucuy Bolles	Brattleboro, VT
Christy Bonneau	Spofford, NH
Daniel Bowen	Allenstown, NH
Caitlin Burch	Putney, VT
Maggie Burnett	White River Junction, VT
Jim Carlen	Milford, NH
Sara Desjardins	Litchfield, NH
Melissa Fabbri	Holderness, NH
Kael Fein	Elkins, NH
Helen Fitzgerald	Concord, NH
Donlin Foreman	Harrisville, NH
Janet Gordon	Hampton Falls, NH
Jackie Griswold	Troy, NH

Lynda Hadlock	Manchester, NH
Molly Harper	Gilmanton, NH
Denise Kirk	Laconia, NH
Sarah Koff	Exeter, NH
Lisa Laughy	Concord, NH
Michele Lee	Peterborough, NH
Joy Malcolm	Hopkinton, NH
Rebecca McGovern	Landaff, NH
Libby Mortensen	Durham, NH
Don Moss	Bradford, NH
Anna Orbovich	Tilton, NH
Verne Orlosk	Manchester, NH
Diane Louise Paul	North Hampton, NH
Laura Pepper	Orange, MA
Emilia Ponomarev	Newmarket, NH
Katie Pugliese	Mason, NH
Nancy Qualls	Hooksett, NH
Suzanne Rothstein	Newbury, NH
Stanley Sadkowski	Windham, NH
Tara Santoro	Nashua, NH
Hiroimi Satoh	Byfield, MA
Jeff Shepard	Claremont, NH
Jo Shields	Penacook, NH
Martha Stevermer	Plymouth, NH
Cindy Walsh	Manchester, NH
Bradley Wolcott	Concord, NH
Leah Woods	Dover, NH