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The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen consider three primary areas of expertise for State Jury status. As well as technical proficiency and aesthetics, the jurors evaluate "**Spirit of the Maker**".

Spirit of the Maker is what makes each craftsperson's work truly their own.

Spirit of the Maker goes beyond technique and shows attention to detail in every aspect of the work.

Spirit of the Maker is the catalyst that brings technical proficiency and aesthetics to life.

Spirit of the Maker is respect; respect for materials and tools; respect for those who have helped nurture and inspire you and for those who you will help nurture and inspire in the future.

Spirit of the Maker is part dedication, part humanity, part personal vision and all important.

Spirit of the Maker is the heartfelt need to simply make good art. Your creations must come from the heart if you want them to work.

STANDARDS CRITERIA FOR WEAVING

League standards for weaving require that the weaver, resulting in finished work, which demonstrates technical fluency, integrity of intent and result, and a spirited sense of personal vision, fundamentally transform the materials.

Woven objects may consist of garments, rugs, tapestries, wall hangings, flat weave, accessories, or other objects. The requirements for each type of category or work vary by the nature of the design and intended function of the piece.

A successful woven piece is made from materials appropriate for its primary function whether expressive, decorative, or utilitarian. The League accepts both traditional weaving and contemporary innovation.

Technical Guidelines:

1. Applicants should present a body of work which demonstrate range and mastery, as well as individual focus. For example, if the weaver's focus is both woven rugs and flat weaves, then examples of both techniques should be well represented.
2. Pieces should have even and consistent weaving showing control and mastery of weave structure, warping, tension, and finishing. Selvages should be even and straight.
3. The finished product must be made from high quality materials suitable for the intended purpose. Enhancements to the finished piece (hanging supports, garment findings, purchased components) should be well made and not dominate the work.
4. Woven objects that are identified as washable (i.e., placemats and napkins) should be pre-washed. Other finishing details include pressing, blocking, securing, and weaving in loose ends.

Commercial Production Techniques:

The League's focus is on work made by individual craftspeople. Commercial production methods used solely for high volume output are not acceptable for League standards, though exceptions may be made, especially if the following criteria are met:

The finished product is best made by this particular method, with a higher aesthetic and technical quality resulting than if made by hand, and the work has an extremely high level of originality and expressiveness in design. The end product should not be dominated or limited by a machine's capability. However the work is produced, it must speak to the individual craftsman's creative spirit.

Truth In Labeling:

Labels must provide fabric content and care instructions, as well as other specific legal requirements. Labeling must comply with League state juried standards. Tags or labels must accurately reflect the method of production.

Standards Guidelines for Juried Work - Applicable to all media categories

Components and Accessories

Components or accessories are parts that are not made in the studio of the juried LNHC member, which are incorporated into craft objects. Such components and/or accessories are acceptable and appropriate only if: they are of high-quality construction and materials; they do not visually dominate the finished object; and they would not be reasonably interpreted, based upon appearance, as objects created by juried LNHC members.

Health and Safety Guidelines

The craftsman is responsible for assurance that craftwork meets all federal, state, and local health and safety requirements.