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Representing the Signature of Excellence in Fine Craft **League of NH Craftsmen Jury System Maintains High Standards of Craftsmanship**

CONCORD, NH -- To encourage and uphold high levels of creativity, innovation, and technical expertise, the League of NH Craftsmen uses a jury system for acceptance as a juried member. There are three options for individuals considering juried membership in the League: (a) meet with the League's Standards and Education Manager to learn more about the jury process for no fee; (b) meet with a juror specific to the individual's craft medium for a critique of his/her work prior to applying for a jury; or (c) apply for a full jury, submit their work for review, and meet in person with a group of master level craftspeople. This jury system helps craftspeople refine their skills to ensure the level of expertise required for juried membership. The League's jury system is nationally recognized for its high standards, and is one reason for its longevity as a craft organization. Applications for the jury options are available on the League's website at www.nhcrafts.org.

To be eligible for jury, one must be a resident of New Hampshire or reside in a town in Maine, Massachusetts, or Vermont that has part of its town limits within ten miles of the New Hampshire border. An eligible craftsperson interested in applying for a jury appointment in a particular craft medium (*see list at end of this release*) must first submit photos of his/her work along with an application form to the League headquarters. Members of the League's Standards Committee review all application materials for completeness and propriety and schedule a jury session. Applicants meet with two to four jurors who are juried, master craftspeople with extensive experience in their chosen media and with the League's Standards and Education Manager. Applicants share their work with the jurors, explaining their techniques and processes. The jurors provide valuable feedback to the applicants. Using the League's Standards Guidelines for relevant craft media, the jurors meet with the applicant, evaluate the work and then discuss their decision and reasons behind it. Possible jury outcomes include conditional acceptance, deferral, or non-acceptance. The jury process is an educational experience with a goal to accept the work of individuals who meet the League's Standards Guidelines and to encourage others through education and mentoring.

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Juried members have the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work through all eight League retail galleries, at the League headquarters exhibition gallery, the Annual League of NH Craftsmen’s Fair, and all other League venues, exhibitions, and events. Juried members may also choose instead to exhibit only in one gallery.

The League of NH Craftsmen juries individuals and partnerships in the following media categories:

- Baskets
- Clay
- Fiber (knitting, rug hooking, stitchery/surface design, weaving, rug braiding)
- Glass
- Leather
- Metal
- Mixed media (general/surface design, botanicals, calligraphy, dolls, or early American decoration)
- Non-metal jewelry
- Photography
- Polymer clay
- Prints
- Wood

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.



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For more information about the Fair, or the League of NH Craftsmen, call 603-224-3375, email nhleague@nhcrafts.org, or visit the League’s website at www.nhcrafts.org. You can also find the League of NH Craftsmen, the Annual Craftsmen’s Fair, and each of the League’s eight retail galleries on Facebook.

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