

## NEWS RELEASE

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*Stripes and Lavender by  
Al Jaeger*

**The League of NH Craftsmen Hosts Exhibition:  
The Permanent Collection: 75 Pieces for 75 Years  
May 9 - August 13  
Gallery 205, Concord, NH**

CONCORD, NH – The League of NH Craftsmen Gallery 205 is hosting an exhibition of fine handcrafted pieces that have been newly acquired for the League’s Permanent Collection, which contains fine handcraft produced by prominent League members throughout its history. The exhibition will be in the League’s Gallery 205 in Concord from May 9 to August 13, 2008. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, May 9 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and is also participating in Art Concord. Gallery 205 is one of the galleries that is participating in the May 9 Art Concord, which showcases the arts and craft exhibitions on display at individual galleries on the same evening.

Last year, in celebration of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the League initiated a campaign to expand its Permanent Collection by another 75 pieces, and since that time, approximately 73 pieces have been acquired. An additional 12 pieces are awaiting review. The Permanent Collection now contains 269 representative pieces of quality work produced by over 80 past and present members of the League.

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This exhibition features a variety of craft media, including fiber, mixed media, metal, pottery, jewelry, prints, baskets, glass, and wood. *(A list of the craftspeople whose work is on display appears at the end of this release.)*

“The Permanent Collection is an evolving showcase for fine handcraft, with pieces that go back to the early days of the League and the American craft movement. We are committed to continuing this heritage for future generations,” said League Executive Director Susie Lowe-Stockwell. “The League is grateful to Nora and Norman Stevens, League supporting members and avid craft collectors, who spearheaded our recent campaign and donated many of the pieces in this exhibition.” Nora and Norman Stevens are members of the League’s Permanent Collection Advisory Committee, which also includes: Wesley Balla, Director of Exhibitions at the New Hampshire Historical Society; Edith Grodin, League member and craft collector; Andrew Spahr, Chief Curator at the Currier Museum; David Tardif, legal consultant and craft collector; Inge Eddy, League supporter and craft collector; and Gerry Williams, juried member emeritus and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

Gallery 205 is located in the League of NH Craftsmen’s headquarters at 205 North Main Street in Concord, NH and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturdays, during the exhibition, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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. For more information about the *75 Pieces for 75 Years* exhibition, Gallery 205, or the League of NH Craftsmen, call 603-224-3375 or visit [www.nhcrafts.org](http://www.nhcrafts.org).



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### Participants in the 75 Pieces for 75 Years Exhibition

NOTE: All of the pieces in this exhibition were handcrafted by juried members of the League. Some of the participants below were early members and some are deceased.

A juried member of the League must be a resident of NH or live in a township whose borders are within 10 miles of the NH border. Juried members who move outside of this residence requirement and wish to maintain juried status may do so if they maintain active membership in good standing for a minimum of 10 years. Information about becoming a juried member or a supporting member of the League can be found on [www.nhcrafts.org](http://www.nhcrafts.org).

Walter Barry, Nashua, NH	Tom McGurrin, Sanbornton, NH
Harry Besett, Hardwick, VT	Ruth McKinley, Campton, NH
Susan Bliss, Warner, NH	Shirley Mensch, Center Ossipee, NH
Tafi Brown, Alstead, NH	Richard Moll, Somersworth, NH
Deborah Bump, Saxton's River, VT	Janet Moniot, Petal, MS
Wayland Bunnell, Manchester, NH	Terry Moore, Newport, NH
Elizabeth Chambers, West Newbury, VT	Christopher Morse, Grafton, NH
Cheryl Christenson, Hillsboro, NH	Nancy Nemec, Warner, NH
George Cirocco, Dover, NH	Elizabeth Nordgren, Durham, NH
Cricket Hill Pottery, Holderness, NH	Alice Ogden, West Franklin, NH
Deirdre Donchian, South Berwick, ME	Tia Pessa, Franklin, NH
Sharon Dugan, Sanbornton, NH	Alan & Carol Phenix, Chocorua, NH
Dan Dustin, Contoocook, NH	Alfred Potter, Durham, NH
Kathleen Dustin, Contoocook, NH	Mona Rowell, Pepperell, MA
Dudley Giberson, Warner, NH	Ed Scheier, Green Valley, AZ
Jonathan Gibson, Hillsborough, NH	Mary Scheier, Green Valley, AZ
Raymond Gibson, Hillsborough, NH	Peter Shrope, Rainbow Lake, NY
Archie Gilbert, Landaff, NH	Gillian Smith, Andover, NH
Kathy Hanson, Deerfield, NH	Ron & Sibylle Tornow, Merrimack, NH
Linda Hartman, Warner, NH	Joe Tucker, Boscawen, NH
Otto Heino, Ojai, CA	Kathleen Van Auman
Vivika Heino, Ojai, CA	David Virtue, Kittery, ME
Lance Hidy, Merrimac, MA	Martha Weatherbee, Laconia, NH
Hill Design, Hill, NH	Claire Wilson
Al Jaeger, Deerfield, NH	Paulette Werger, Hanover, NH
Nell Lamson, Bristol, NH	Bob Womack, Spring Canyon, CO
Mark Lindquist, Quincy, FL	