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League of NH Craftsmen Receives Grants to Support Education and Promotion

CONCORD, NH – The League of NH Craftsmen recently received two grants – one from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) and one from the New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development (NHDTTD) – that will greatly enhance the League’s development, educational, and promotional activities.

The NHCF awarded a \$25,000 Operating Grant that the League will use to enhance its educational programs, which include: the display of its Permanent Collection that contains craft pieces dating back to the 1930’s through present day acquisitions; a new exhibition gallery; craft education and business seminars for craftspeople and the general public; and craft demonstrations and workshops that will provide hands-on experience for all ages.

“These activities are being planned for our new headquarters facility in downtown Concord. We are very grateful to the NHCF for this support and looks forward to the educational and promotional opportunities that this new facility will bring,” said Susie Lowe-Stockwell, executive director of the League of NH Craftsmen.

The NHCF serves communities throughout New Hampshire, southeastern Maine and eastern Vermont. The Foundation manages a growing collection of charitable funds created by individuals, families and corporations, and awards more than \$30 million annually in grants and scholarships. The Charitable Foundation is nonpartisan, frequently playing the role of convener and catalyst on a broad spectrum of issues. Based in Concord, the Charitable Foundation roots itself in the communities through regional advisory boards. More information is available at www.nhcf.org or by calling 603-225-6641.

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Promotional Grant for NH Open Doors Event

The League received a Joint Promotional Program (JPP) grant of \$9,868.50 from the NHDTTD to be used for in- and out-of-state marketing of NH Open Doors, an event managed by the League and NH Made. During this event, which will occur on November 6 – 7, more than 150 New Hampshire artists, craftspeople, cultural organizations, retail shops, wineries, restaurants, lodging establishments and businesses will open their doors to the public, showcasing the best that New Hampshire has to offer. Information about this event, along with a list of participants and an interactive Google map showing the location of each participant with detailed driving directions, can be found on www.nhopendoors.com.

The purpose of the New Hampshire JPP is to invest in tourism promotional initiatives developed by groups and organizations to encourage the development of quality out-of-state and in-state promotion projects.

About the League of NH Craftsmen

Founded in 1932, the non-profit League of NH Craftsmen continues its mission 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.



The League of NH Craftsmen is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.



For more information, call 603-224-3375 or visit www.nhcrafts.org.

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