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*Water's Edge*

**The League of NH Craftsmen  
Retail Galleries  
Host Traveling Exhibition,  
*Intuitive Botany*  
by Paulette Werger  
On display from May –  
December**



*Fifty Year Spoon*

CONCORD, NH – The managers of the League of NH Craftsmen Retail Galleries have selected juried member Paulette Werger (Lebanon, NH) as the featured craftsperson for the 2010 Traveling Exhibition. Paulette, who is juried in metal, creates one-of-a-kind jewelry, vessels, and flatware. Her exhibition, entitled *Intuitive Botany* will be on display at each of the League's seven retail galleries starting in May and running through December. *(The schedule appears at the end of this release.)*

The Hanover Retail Gallery, which will be the first stop for the year-long exhibition, is hosting an opening reception, where the public can meet and speak with Paulette Werger on Saturday, May 29, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Hanover Retail Gallery is located on 13 Lebanon Street.

Her exhibition of jewelry, vessels, and tableware merges botanical drawings with sculptural interpretations. "I captured the tenuous bits and pieces of the garden and translated them into objects for the table and the body," said Paulette. She plans to change the collection during the year to reflect each season's color palette and imagery. The spring collection, called *Gifts of Spring*, will include budding plant imagery and use pale green colors; the *Lushness of Summer* collection will feature leaf imagery and deep green and sky blue colors; Autumn Bounty will feature fall leaves and bronze colors; *Winter's Garden* will feature simple, spare forms and textures.

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“My neckpieces, rings, earrings and beads combine a variety of materials including, fresh water pearls, precious and semi precious stones, high karat gold, and pewter. Vessels and spoons allow me to explore both the scale and function of table service,” said Paulette. She also combines Keum-Boo, the traditional Korean technique of fusing 24KT gold and silver with roller embossing, stamping, etching, solder inlay, and stone setting to produce intentionally subtle and elegant pieces of jewelry and table wear.

Paulette exhibits and sells her work both nationally and internationally, and teaches workshops in jewelry making and metalsmithing techniques. She runs a custom design jewelry studio, Metalpeople East, in Lebanon, NH. She serves on the Boards of Trustees for the Society of Arts and Crafts in Boston, MA and the Alliance for the Visual Arts in Lebanon, NH. Paulette holds a bachelor’s degree in painting and sculpture from the College of Saint Rose and Skidmore College in NY, and a MFA degree in art metal from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Growing up in rural upstate New York, Paulette spent many hours rambling through fields and woods, building tree forts, and drawing pictures. Her family inspired and nurtured her interest in the natural world and art. “My great grandfather was a painter trained in the Hudson River School who supported a family of ten from his artwork. My love of working with tools was influenced by my Dad, who was mechanic. The childhood activities of drawing and fixing things in the garage formed my interest and passion for metalsmithing.”

The schedule for Paulette’s *Intuitive Botany* exhibition is:

<b>May:</b> <i>Gifts of Spring collection</i>	<b>Hanover</b> , 13 Lebanon Street, 603-643-5050 Hours: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
<b>June:</b> <i>Gifts of Spring collection</i>	<b>Concord</b> , 36 North Main Street, 603-228-8171 Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
<b>July:</b> <i>Lushness of Summer collection</i>	<b>Center Sandwich</b> , 32 Main Street, 603-284-6831 Hours: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Sunday, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
<b>August:</b> <i>Lushness of Summer collection</i>	<b>Meredith</b> , 279 Daniel Webster Hwy, 603-279-7920 Hours: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Sunday, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
<b>September</b> <i>Autumn Bounty collection</i>	<b>Wolfeboro</b> , 15 North Main Street, 603-569-3309 Hours: Monday – Saturday, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm Sunday, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Exhibition schedule (continued):

<b>October</b> <b><i>Autumn Bounty</i> collection</b>	<b>North Conway</b> , 2526 White Mountain Hwy, 603-356-2441 Hours: Monday – Sunday, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm
<b>November</b> <b><i>Winter's Garden</i> collection</b>	<b>Littleton</b> , 81 Main Street, 603-444-1099 Hours: Monday – Saturday, 10 am – 6:00 pm Sunday, 10 am – 5:00 pm
<b>December</b> <b><i>Winter's Garden</i> collection</b>	<b>Nashua</b> , 98 Main Street, 603-595-8233 Hours: Wednesday – Saturday, from 10 am to 5 pm and until 9 pm on Thursdays.

### 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 League, located at 205 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301, or the Traveling Exhibition, call 603-224-3375 or visit [www.nhcrafts.org](http://www.nhcrafts.org).

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