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***Patterns: Exhibition Showcases The Work of Juried Members at the League of NH Craftsmen
Opening Reception: Friday, April 5th, 5 -7 PM***

CONCORD, NH - From April 5th through June 14th, 2019 the Exhibition Gallery at the Headquarters of the League of NH Craftsmen will showcase new work from juried members, connected to the theme of "Patterns". The League represents the highest quality craftsmanship and innovation, and this exhibition does not disappoint. Juried members have stepped up to the challenge of a specific theme and each has made it their own in surprising, unpredictable, and refreshingly new ways. Surface treatments, textures, imagery, colors, and forms have all been explored and the results will soothe, surprise, entertain and provoke. Nearly all media areas are represented, including baskets, fiber (wearable and decorative), wood, printmaking, metal, pottery, photography, and glass.

"The theme of this exhibition struck a chord with the juried members. Each piece conveys clearly a deliberate and personal interpretation of what "patterns" mean, and the results are thoughtful and compelling," said Standards and Gallery Manager, Catherine Green.

The Exhibition Gallery is located at 49 South Main Street in Concord, NH. This free, public opening reception will take place on Friday, April 5th from 5 - 7 PM. During the opening reception, visitors will have the opportunity to meet the makers and learn more about their process and the pieces they created.

Juried members of the League have achieved an exceptional level of craftsmanship. The standards of the League require adherence to specific guidelines and criteria, but most importantly emphasize the underlying spirit of the maker which is at the heart of each member's work.

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday, 10 AM – 4 PM; Saturdays, 10 AM – 4 PM, during exhibitions only. Most exhibition items are available for purchase.

Check the League's website for postponement information in the event of inclement weather on opening reception evenings.

Located just across the hall from the League, within the Concord Chamber of Commerce, is the Gallery of the **NH Furniture Masters**. Currently on display is their new exhibition, "**Patterns in Wood**," a collection of work by six fine Furniture Masters. Each piece in this exhibition is an interpretation of the meaning of a pattern. Patterns can occur naturally in the figure or grain of a particular piece of wood, or they can be added as a decorative element in a design. Patterns also happen over time as makers influence each other and strive to excel. Design, execution, and craftsmanship – these are the patterns in this exhibition. Come see for yourself.

The Furniture Masters' Gallery is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 5 pm.

An Opening Reception for "**Patterns in Wood**" will be held on April 5th from 5 – 7 pm in conjunction with the League of NH Craftsmen's opening reception for their "**Patterns**" exhibition.

Visit the Grodin Permanent Collection Museum which features craft from the League's early years to the present, including pieces made by some of the world's renowned craftspeople, such as Otto and Vivika Heino and Edwin and Mary Scheier. The museum provides fascinating insights into the evolution of fine craft and should not be missed. Admission to the museum is free.

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.

For more information about the League of NH Craftsmen, please call (603) 224-3375, email nhleague@nhcrafts.org or visit www.nhcrafts.org.

Exhibitors & Towns

Carol Babineau – Windham
Jane Balshaw – Canterbury
Donna Zils Banfield – Derry
Paula Barry – Townsend
Misty Batchelder – Loudon
Ted Blachly – Warner
Sarah Burns – New Durham
Loring Cheney – New Ipswich
Tarja Cockell – North Andover
Judith Damon – Hillsborough
Anne Dinan - Exeter
Jack Dokus - Franklin
Dan Dustin – Contoocook
Deb Fairchild – Hampstead
Sheilagh Flynn – Center Conway
Sarah Fortin – Mason
Michael Gibbons – Derry
Camille B. Gibson – Washington
Greg Gorman – Lyme Center
Catherine Green – Stratham
Andy Hampton – Chichester
Lynn Haust – Ashland
Peg Irish – Exeter
Kate Kilgus - Harrisville
Melinda LaBarge - Keene
Jim Lambert - Hillsborough
Naomi Lindenfeld – Brattleboro
Duane Floyd Martin – Newfields
Douglas Alan Masury – Henniker
Melissa McKeagney – Wilmot
Barbara McLaughlin – Stratham
Cheryl Miller – Contoocook
Ritvaliisa Ojanen – Tyngsboro
Gabriel Parker – New Ipswich
Diane Louise Paul – North Hampton
Fred & Kate Pearce – West Lebanon

Joy Raskin – Bedford
Maureen Redmond-Scura - Concord
Julie Robinson - Loudon
Paul Shea – Atkinson
Ellen Sidor – Durham
Linda Sorensen – Eaton Center
Rick Stockwell – South Sutton
Nikki Sullivan - Bedford
Teresa Taylor – Barnstead
David Therrien – Nashua
Peggy Thrasher – Durham
Michael Updike - Newbury, MA
Paul Wainright – Atkinson
Erica Walker – North Sutton
Wendy Wetherbee – Derry
Carolyn Wright – South Sutton

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Photo by Paul Shea



Fiber work by Peg Irish