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**The Gallery at the League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters Hosts  
Fine Craft Exhibition: *Pushing the Limits***

**April 7 to June 23, 2017**

***Opening Reception: Friday, April 7, 5pm to 7pm***

CONCORD, NH – Amazing art happens when craftsmen are challenged to work beyond their comfort zone. That is the focus of the League of NH Craftsmen’s vibrant new fine craft exhibition, *Pushing the Limits*, on display from April 7 to June 23 at the Gallery at League Headquarters, 49 South Main Street in Concord, NH. The exhibition features 41 pieces created by 35 juried League members that are the result of each maker’s skill, boundary-pushing creative vision, and passion. A wide range of media are on display, including one-of-a-kind jewelry, fiber, pottery, and more. Most items are available for purchase. *(A list of participants appears at the end of this release).*

An opening reception, where the public can meet and speak with the participating exhibitors, is scheduled for Friday, April 7 from 5 pm to 7 pm. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm, and Saturdays, 10 am to 4 pm, during the exhibition only.

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“It is very exciting to see our juried members take risks and explore the boundaries of their medium,” said League Standards Manager Catherine Green. “You can’t help but marvel at the range of media, colors, textures, and visions – the exhibition is truly a sensory delight.”

### **The Grodin Permanent Collection Museum**

Visitors can also enjoy fine craft displayed in the League’s Grodin Permanent Collection Museum. Many of the pieces are also examples of how master craftsmen have pushed the limits in their media. The Permanent Collection 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. 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. The League of NH Craftsmen is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Gallery has been made possible through the generosity of Concord Orthopaedics.



For more information about the current exhibitions, the Gallery, or the League of NH Craftsmen, call 603-224-3375, email [nhleague@nhcrafts.org](mailto:nhleague@nhcrafts.org), or visit the League’s website at [www.nhcrafts.org](http://www.nhcrafts.org).

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**Participants in *Pushing the Limit* Exhibition**

Alton Bay, NH: Louis Pulzetti  
Ashland, NH: Lynn Haust  
Atkinson, NH: Christine Cornelius  
Bedford, NH: Nikki Sullivan  
Brookline, NH: Sandra Grant  
Concord, NH: Lisa Laughy, Maureen Redmond-Scura, Lauren vonDuyke-Dadmun  
Contoocook, NH: June Adinah, Dan Dustin  
Exeter, NH: Peg Irish  
Farmington, NH: Suzanne Pretty  
Franklin, NH: Jack Dokus  
Hampstead, NH: Deb Fairchild  
Henniker, NH: Gigi Laberge  
Hollis, NH: Jack Graceffa  
Hooksett, NH: William Taylor  
Hudson, NH: Rick Gaddis  
Loudon, NH: Julie Robinson  
Manchester, NH: Denise Kirk  
Marlow, NH: Art Anderson  
Middleton, NH: Robert Carrier  
Milton, NH: Susann Foster Brown, Karen and Barbara Roxby  
Nashua, NH: Anne Sherman  
Strafford, NH: Michele Kincaid  
Stratham, NH: Catherine Green  
Washington, NH: Camille B. Gibson  
Windham, NH: Carol Babineau  
Tyngsboro, MA: Ritvaliisa Ojanen  
Kittery, ME: Victoria Elbroch, Lawrence Elbroch  
Parsonsfield, ME: Laurel MacDuffie  
York, ME: Lars Turin  
Guildhall, VT: Roger Brisson

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