

NEWS RELEASE

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**The Exhibition Gallery at the League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters
Presents *Black and White Encore* – a Fine Craft Exhibition
January 12th to March 28th, 2018
Opening Reception: Friday, January 12th, 5pm to 7pm**



L to R: Photo by Andrew Thompson; Necklace by Ritvaliisa Ojanen; Basket by Ruth Boland

CONCORD, NH – Color is often used to evoke meaning and emotion in art. The absence of color has the same effect, communicating a different mood and beauty. The League of NH Craftsmen challenged its juried members to create fine craft in black, white and shades in between, with a pop of color if desired. The result is the League's latest multi-media exhibition titled *Black and White Encore*, which explores the diversity and range of work created by League juried members in this specific palette. Visitors will see a wide variety of handcrafted art, including wood folk art; fiber wall hangings, placemats, African ceremonial pieces; scenic photography; wearable art including hats, shawls, scarves, and jewelry; glass and clay vases and sculptures; mixed media art and more. Most items are available for purchase. The exhibition is open to the public from January 12th to March 28th at the Exhibition Gallery at League Headquarters, 49 South Main Street in Concord, NH. *(A list of participants appears at the end of this release).*

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The public can meet and speak with the artists and craftsmen during the exhibition's opening reception on Friday, January 12th from 5 pm to 7 pm. The Exhibition Gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm during the exhibition.

"The minimalist use of black and white provides sharp contrast, enhancing the use of form, line and texture," said League Standards Manager Catherine Green. "Each craftsman has a unique interpretation of the theme and the overall effect is stunning – it is a must-see exhibit."

Special Art & Bloom Show

The League is partnering with the Concord (NH) Garden Club for the 16th annual Art & Bloom show on January 19th and 20th featuring floral arrangements inspired by pieces in the *Black and White Encore* exhibition and the Grodin Permanent Collection Museum. Members of the Concord Garden Club and local floral designers will create up to 24 arrangements that will be paired with pieces in the exhibition and Museum. The opening reception for this special show is Thursday, January 18th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

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. The Exhibition Gallery has been made possible through the generosity of Concord Orthopaedics.



For information about the Exhibition Gallery exhibitions or the League of NH Craftsmen, call 603-224-3375, email nhleague@nhcrafts.org, or visit www.nhcrafts.org.

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Participants in *Black and White Encore* Exhibition

Alton Bay, NH:	Louis Pulzetti
Ashuelot, NH:	Nancy O'Connor
Atkinson, NH:	Paul Wainwright
Barnstead, NH:	Teresa Taylor
Bedford, NH:	Joy Raskin
Boscawen, NH:	Adele Sanborn
Bradford, NH:	J. Ann Eldridge
Canterbury, NH:	Jane Balshaw
Center Sandwich, NH:	Susan Lirakis, Adam Nudd-Homeyer
Chichester, NH:	Andy Hampton
Concord, NH:	Robert Dorr, R.P. Hale, Lauren vonDuyke-Dadmun
Deerfield, NH:	Debra Bury
Dover, NH:	Betty Lathrop, Carol VanLoon
Dublin, NH:	Miriam Carter
Exeter, NH:	Peg Irish
Henniker, NH:	Douglas Masury
Hopkinton, NH:	Annie Frye
Londonderry, NH:	Kate Kilgus
Marlow, NH:	Art Anderson
Merrimack, NH:	Ruth Boland
Mont Vernon, NH:	Cheryl Miller
Nashua, NH:	Anne Sherman
New Durham, NH:	Sarah Burns
New Ipswich, NH:	Loring Cheney
Newfields, NH:	Duane Floyd Martin
Newton, NH:	Wendy Jackson
North Hampton, NH:	Diane Louise Paul
Rumney, NH:	Marcosa Santiago
South Sutton, NH:	Carolyn Wright
Strafford, NH:	Wen Redmond
Stratham NH	Barbara Smith McLaughlin
Washington, NH:	Camille B. Gibson
Wilton, NH:	Sussy-Rose Shields
Windham, NH:	Carol Babineau
Wonalancet, NH:	Andrew Thompson
Andover, MA:	Sandra Dukeshire
Newbury, MA:	Lloyd Hamovit
Tyngsboro, MA:	Ritvaliisa Ojanen
Kittery, ME:	Lawrence Elbroch
York, ME:	Lars Turin
Bellows Falls, VT:	Christopher Sherwin
Putney, VT:	Linda Sturgeon
South Ryegate, VT:	John Layton
Berkeley Springs, WV:	Jane Frenke