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***Winter's Waltz* Selected as the
League of NH Craftsmen's 2017 Annual Ornament**

CONCORD, NH – The League of NH Craftsmen has selected its annual limited-edition ornament, *Winter's Waltz*, a pair of ice skates handcrafted in pewter. Inspired by memories of ice skating in winters past, juried League member Walker Boyle used the ancient lost wax method of casting combined with modern metal working techniques to create this one-of-a-kind ornament. “I enjoy creating and bringing my pewter pieces to life. Each piece seems to take on a certain vibration and personality, and that’s what makes it fun,” says Walker.



Each *Winter's Waltz* ornament is numbered and dated and has Walker's signature. A frost blue ribbon is attached to the top so it can hang on a tree or wreath. They are sold exclusively by the League of NH Craftsmen Fine Craft Galleries (*see locations at end of release*), the League's online store (www.nhcrafts.org), at the League headquarters on 49 South Main Street in Concord, and at the Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair, August 5-13, 2017. The ornament comes beautifully gift-boxed and sells for \$28.

Winter's Waltz is the League's 30th Annual Ornament, and is a popular collectible piece. The League's annual ornament is a great gift for a newly married couple or anyone starting a new household.

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About the Maker: Walker Boyle

A juried member of the League of NH Craftsmen since 2000, Walker designs and creates pewter and metal figurines and ornaments in his home studio in Antrim, NH. He grew up in Rhode Island and studied painting and sculpture in art school. He liked working with bronze and other metals, and decided to become a mold maker. In 1998, he moved to New Hampshire to work with his brother in a casting company. Four years later, decided to pursue a career making fine craft and set up shop. "I have been coming to New Hampshire my whole life and really enjoy its natural beauty," said Walker. "My inspiration comes through observation and love of nature, study of philosophy, reading, and creative imagination."

Walker works with a variety of metals, but has concentrated on pewter. He also created the League's 2011 Ornament, a pewter pinecone called *Nature's Adornment*.

About the Annual Ornament

The League's annual ornament is selected by the managers of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Fine Craft Galleries, located in Center Sandwich, Concord, Hanover, Hooksett, Littleton, Meredith, Nashua, and North Conway. Major credit cards are accepted for ordering the ornament by telephone from any gallery.

League of NH Craftsmen Fine Craft Galleries:

Center Sandwich, 32 Main St., 603-284-6831

Concord, 36 North Main St., 603-228-8171

Hanover, 13 Lebanon St., 603-643-5050

Hooksett, I-93 Northbound Rest Area, 530 West River Rd., 603-210-5181

Littleton, 81 Main Street, 603-444-1099

Meredith, 279 Daniel Webster Hwy., Rte. 3, 603-279-7920

Nashua, 98 Main St., 603-595-8233

North Conway, 2526 White Mountain Hwy., Rte. 16/302, 603-356-2441

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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