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**The Enamelist Society's 15th Biennial International Juried Exhibition
and 11th International Juried Student Exhibition**

**On display at The Gallery at the League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters
January 15 to March 18, 2016**

Opening Reception: Friday, January 15, 5pm to 7pm

CONCORD, NH – Enameling is artistic alchemy, transforming glass and metal into beautiful objects. It is a technique that involves fusing glass onto metal under high heat. The League of NH Craftsmen, in partnership with The Enamelist Society, is pleased to display work from the 15th Biennial International Juried Enamel Exhibition and 11th International Juried Student Enamel Exhibition. The entries in the International Juried Exhibition feature the best contemporary enamels produced in the last two years and the Student Exhibition features the work of students in accredited degree programs around the world. The artists are from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Taiwan, Venezuela, and throughout the United States, including one enamel artist from New Hampshire. These works will be on display from January 15 to March 18, 2016 at The Gallery at the League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters in downtown Concord. There will be an opening reception on Friday, January 15, 5 pm to 7 pm.

“When the Enamelist Society contacted us about this displaying this exhibition we jumped at the chance. The exhibition is a great example of the creative and contemporary execution of a centuries-old art,” said League of NH Craftsmen Executive Director Jane Oneail. “The League of

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NH Craftsmen has strong ties to the Enamelist Society. Nationally known master enamelists Karl Drerup and Joseph Trippetti were both juried League members and very active in our organization. We will have two pieces of Karl's work in the League's Permanent Collection as well as his sketchbook on display during the exhibition." Prior to coming to the League's Gallery, the exhibitions appeared at Montserrat College of Art in Beverly (MA) and the Worcester Center for Crafts (MA). The exhibitions will also appear at the McGowan Art Gallery in Concord (NH).

The League of NH Craftsmen Gallery is located in the League's headquarters in the SMILE! building on 49 South Main Street, Suite 100, in Concord, NH. It is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, and Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The Grodin Permanent Collection Museum

Visitors to the Enamelist Society's exhibitions can also enjoy the fine craft displayed in the League's Grodin Permanent Collection Museum, featuring work from enamelist Karl Drerup. The League's Permanent Collection includes 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 Enamelist Society

The Enamelist Society, Inc., based in Norcross, GA, is a volunteer arts organization founded in 1987 for the purpose of promoting the art of enameling. The Society also grants money on a yearly basis to further the promotion and practice of the medium.

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, or visit the League's website at www.nhcrafts.org.

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