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**The Gallery at the League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters Hosts
Fine Craft Exhibition: *Setting the Standard***

January 13 to March 24, 2017

Opening Reception: Friday, January 13, 5pm to 7pm

CONCORD, NH –The League of NH Craftsmen is pleased to present *Setting the Standard*, a multi-media, fine craft exhibition that showcases the work of master craftsmen who are jurors for the League. The League’s jury program is nationally renowned for its high standards and professionalism. Anyone who wishes to be a League member must have their work evaluated by a jury of master craftsmen. The League has 23 media categories of fine craft, and subcategories in several of the media. Master Level craftsmen of the League serve as jurors and meet with applicants in the ongoing jury program. By offering suggestions, and by example, the jurors guide, mentor, and encourage craftsmen to reach even higher goals in their work. *(A list of participants appears at the end of this release).*

The exhibition is on display at The Gallery at The Craft Center and headquarters on 49 South Main Street in Concord from January 13 to March 24, 2017. An opening reception, where the public can meet and speak with the participating exhibitors, is scheduled for Friday, January 13 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Check the League’s website, ww.nhcrafts.org, for cancellation in case of inclement weather.

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The Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm, and Saturdays, 10 am to 4 pm, during the exhibition only.

“Our jurors play a vital part in the League’s jury system, evaluating applicants’ work and providing them with helpful advice for refining their skills to meet the level of expertise required for juried membership,” said League Standards Manager Catherine Green. “This exhibition celebrates their work and their commitment to fine craft.”

The Grodin Permanent Collection Museum

Along with the *Setting the Standard* exhibition, visitors can also enjoy the fine craft displayed in the League’s Grodin Permanent Collection Museum. 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, or visit the League’s website at www.nhcrafts.org.

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Participants in *Setting the Standard Exhibition*

Alton, NH: Sandra White
Andover, NH: Gillian Smith
Boscawen, NH: Adele Sanborn
Bradford, NH: J. Ann Eldridge, Garry Kalajian
Canaan, NH: Michael Kraatz
Canterbury, NH: David Lamb
Concord, NH: Maureen Redmond-Scura
Contoocook, NH: Kathleen Dustin
Conway, NH: Rosemarie Ferry, Nathan Macomber
Derry, NH: Donna Zils Banfield
Dover, NH: Betty Lathrop
East Randolph, NH: Marcia Hammond
Exeter, NH: Peg Irish
Hampstead, NH: Deb Fairchild
Hillsborough, NH: Christine Nordlund
Hollis, NH: Michele Hollick
Hopkinton, NH: Annie Frye
Lee, NH: Blair LaBella
Lyme, NH: Matthew Brown
Lyme Center, NH: Greg Gorman
Mason, NH: Sarah Fortin
Meredith, NH: Bonnie Edwards, Camille Gibson, David Little
Milton, NH: Susann Foster Brown
New Durham, NH: Sarah Burns
New London, NH: Peter Bloch
Newbury, NH: Sharon Lindstrom
Portsmouth, NH: Jeffrey Cooper
Rollinsford, NH: Tinka Pritchett
Sanbornton, NH: Sharon Dugan, Tom McGurrin
Sanbornville, NH: Arthur and Miriam Copplestone
Strafford, NH: Fred Dolan
Warner, NH: Ted Blachly
Wilmont, NH: Zack Jonas
Windham, NH: Carol Babineau, Maggie Tetreault
Groton, MA: George Saridakis
Harvard, MA: Nancy Horrall
East Waterboro, ME: John Milligan
York, ME: Lauren Pollaro
East Randolph, VT: Marcia Hammond