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**AVA Gallery and Art Center
A Benefit for AVA:
"Chisel, Brush, and Pen"
An Exhibition of Work by Winkie Kelsey
August 23 - September 29, 2013
Opening Reception: Friday, August 23, 5-7pm**

AVA Gallery and Art Center is pleased to present *Chisel, Brush and Pen, An Exhibition of Work* by Winkie Kelsey. Free and open to the public, the exhibition will be on display from August 23 – September 29, 2013 in AVA's Stone Carving Studio, with a reception on Friday, August 23, 5 to 7pm.

Winkie Kelsey, a resident of Hanover, NH, is an artist, teacher and benefactor, whose impact on AVA has been considerable. For her exhibition, Kelsey will be showing stone sculptures, paintings, and ink drawings. All proceeds from the sale of her work will be donated to AVA.

Kelsey has exhibited widely throughout the United States and her work has been shown in numerous group and solo shows at AVA. A longtime and influential AVA faculty member, Kelsey has worked for years with a group of dedicated students known as the "the Uncommon Chiselers" in AVA's stone carving studio helping them discover the "spirit within each stone."

Kelsey's love of the natural world is evident in both her two-dimensional as well as her three-dimensional pieces, as is a strong, spiritual motif that runs through her artwork. Kelsey writes: "The significant influences I have received for my art, along the dusty left road, have been from two extraordinary teachers. Leonard Baskin at Smith College was my mentor and disciplinarian. Paul Sample, under whom I did graduate studies at Dartmouth College, gave me the encouragement I needed to proceed with my career and continuing studies. Most recently, both Elie Wiesel and Henri Nouwen's writings and kindnesses have given me subject matter for the rest of my life."

AVA Gallery and Art Center/Alliance for the Visual Arts is a non-profit organization representing Vermont and New Hampshire artists. Located at 11 Bank Street right off Colburn Park in Lebanon, NH, the gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11AM to 5PM; Thursdays from 11AM to 7PM and by appointment; closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Admission is free, and the gallery is accessible to the handicapped.



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