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**AVA Gallery and Art Center  
Kira's Garden: New Work**

**Opening Reception: Friday, June 10, 5 -7pm**

AVA Gallery and Art Center, located at 11 Bank Street in Lebanon, NH, is pleased to present a new installation of sculpture in Kira's Garden, located on the east side of the Carter-Kelsey building.

Sculptures by fourteen artists will be featured: Bill Martin of Grantham, NH; Herb Ferris of Windsor, VT; Liz Sibley Fletcher of Mason, NH; Scott Gordon of Norwich, VT; Fitzhugh Karol of Brooklyn, NY; Michael Kraatz and Susan Russell of Canaan, NH; John Kemp Lee of White River Junction, VT; Phil Lonergan of Campton, NH; John Matusz of Waitsfield, VT; Lynn Newcomb of Worcester, VT; Abraham Oort of Hartland, VT; Teresa Taylor of Barnstead, NH; and Jamie Townsend of Springfield, VT.

The works will be shown in Kira's Garden for a year when a new display of sculptures will be installed. The public is encouraged to enjoy and explore Kira's Garden concurrently with AVA's opening reception in the downstairs galleries on Friday, June 10, 5-7pm, as well as throughout the changing seasons of the year.

In addition to the works in Kira's Garden, *Astronomer*, by artist Torin Porter of Glover, VT will be on display outside of AVA's West Entrance through Fall 2016.

Kira's Garden, created in memory of Kira Fournier (1950-2002), was inaugurated in 2008. Fournier, who began her career as a ceramic artist, was particularly noted for

her work in cast glass and bronze. On permanent display in Kira's Garden is one of Fournier's bronze sculptures from 2001, *Split Lady*, a reclining female figure on a black granite plinth, situated adjacent to a bench of the same material.

The garden is a gift from Fournier's husband, Benjamin Schore. While it honors the memory of Fournier and her significant contributions to the artistic culture of the Upper Connecticut River Valley over more than three decades, it also offers an ongoing opportunity for local and regional artists to show their sculpture in a beautiful outdoor setting. The garden design is by Jeffrey Good of Canterbury, NH; the plinth for *Split Lady* is by Dimitri Gerakaris; and the landscaping, including the stone wall, is by Dana Fox of Enfield, NH.

Inquiries about purchasing the works on display should be directed to AVA's office at 603-448-3117 or [info@avagallery.org](mailto:info@avagallery.org).

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 (7pm on Thursdays) and by appointment; closed on Sundays and Mondays.



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