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**AVA Gallery and Art Center**

***Inner Soul: The Sculptural Work of Lawrence J. Nowlan, Jr***

**November 11, 2016 – Winter 2017**

**Opening Reception: Friday, November 11, 5-7pm**

AVA Gallery and Art Center, located at 11 Bank Street in Lebanon, NH, will host an exhibition of artwork by Lawrence J. Nowlan, Jr (1965-2013) in AVA's former Stone Carving Studio and Johnson Sisters Library. The exhibition, titled *Inner Soul: The Sculptural Work of Lawrence J. Nowlan, Jr*, will be on view from November 11 through Winter 2017. An opening reception, free and open to the public, will be held on Friday, November 11, from 5 to 7pm.

Lawrence J. Nowlan, Jr was a sculptor and figurative artist known for his statues of notable individuals and memorials. The late American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens was one of his biggest influences. For five summers, Nowlan was an artist-in-residence at Saint-Gauden's National Historic Site where he studied portrait sculpture and bas-relief. There he met his future wife, Heather Wiley, an intern with the Student Conservation Association. They married in 2003. In 1997, Nowlan founded his own art studio on the second floor of a former Unitarian Church on Main Street in Windsor, VT where he created most of his best-known works.

In a world accustomed to abstract expression, Nowlan's figurative art was unexpected. Dedicated to his craft and not afraid to take chances, he was a mentor for many. Nowlan's artistic talents flowed through him and he would often say, "I'm just the

messenger". Just a couple of weeks prior to his sudden death, Nowlan stopped by AVA to express his support and excitement for AVA's plans to construct a building that would further the studies of three-dimensional art. He enthusiastically offered to provide advice whenever he could be of assistance.

This memorial exhibition will feature a range of Nowlan's finished sculptures and paintings; clay and plaster models; and tools.

**On Friday, November 11 from 5-7pm there will also be a closing reception for *Take Home Geometry* by Gerald Auten and John Kemp Lee and the *Vermont Watercolor Society's Fall Juried Reception*, following a 4pm gallery talk by Auten and Lee. The receptions and talk are both free and open to the public.**

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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