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Three Artists Receive Juror's Recognition Awards at

AVA Gallery and Art Center's Eighteenth Annual Juried Summer Exhibition

Featuring the Work of 134 Regional Artists

June 24 – July 29, 2011

Opening Reception: Friday, June 24, 5 -7pm

Juror: Katherine Hart

Interim Director of the Hood Museum of Art,
and Barbara C. and Harvey P. Hood 1918 Curator of Academic Programming

AVA Gallery and Art Center's Eighteenth Annual Juried Summer Exhibition will be on display throughout all the galleries at 11 Bank Street in Lebanon, NH from Friday, June 24 through Friday, July 29, during gallery hours (Tuesday – Saturday, 11am – 5pm, Thursdays 11am – 7pm or by appointment.)

AVA's Eighteenth Annual Juried Summer Exhibition opens with a reception, free and open to the public, on Friday, June 24, from 5 – 7pm. The exhibition is generously sponsored by Von Barga's Jewelry in downtown Hanover, NH.

This year, the Juror's Recognition Awards were given to **Harry Bernard** of Walpole, NH for his acrylic, graphite, and collage work, *"Mom Returned as a Little Girl with No Hands and No Feet and Won't Eat/Was Here 3.2"*; to **Steve Chase** of Bradford, VT for his oil pastel, *"Summer"*; and to **Charles Egbert** of Quechee, VT for his painted wood

sculpture, *"Tango."* The three award winners will receive cash prizes made possible by Von Bargaen's Jewelry's sponsorship of this exhibition.

Honorable mentions were given to **Carole Kitchell Bellew** of Piermont, NH for her soapstone sculpture, *"Catch 22"*; to **David Laro** of Hanover, NH for his assemblage, *"Olympic Gameboard"*; to **Barbara Bartlett** of Woodstock, VT for her mixed-media piece, *"Dip or Dunk"*; to **Louise Glass** of Piermont, NH for her oil painting, *"Untitled IV from Series Penumbra Tropisms"*; and to **Gail Rickards** of Etna, NH for her gouache painting, *"Untitled 2."*

This year we received a total of 439 works by 247 artists from 95 communities throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. The number of artworks submitted far exceeded that of any previous year. Of these, 137 works by 134 artists were accepted.

The Eighteenth Annual Juried Summer Exhibition is free and open to the public during gallery hours (Tuesday – Saturday, 11am – 5pm, Thursdays, 11am – 7pm or by appointment.) The exhibition will remain on display through Friday, July 29, 2011.

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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 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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