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AVA Gallery and Art Center Receives New Hampshire Humanities Grant

AVA Gallery and Art Center, located at 11 Bank Street in Lebanon, NH, has received a grant from New Hampshire Humanities to present the gallery talk *Nature Revisioned: Finding Meaning at the Intersection of Art and Science*. This program, free and open to the public, will be presented on Thursday, October 6, at 6pm in the Clifford B. West Gallery.

Exhibiting artists Rob Kessler, who is visiting Dartmouth College as part of an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, and Gar Waterman will speak and engage the audience in a community discussion about the connection between art and science, how the disciplines inform one another, and the implications for humanity and nature. Work by Kessler and Waterman is on display through October 12, 2016 in AVA's Rebecca Lawrence Gallery Entry and Clifford B. West Gallery.

Gar Waterman, of New Haven CT, is a primarily self-taught artist; he received his BA in French from Dartmouth College but his interests led him to a career in sculpture. His work focuses on natural forms that explore the organic and inorganic architecture of our surroundings. He works in stone, wood, bronze, and steel, producing carefully crafted and frequently beautiful objects that reflect his fascination with evolution's exquisite sense of design. The pieces on display at AVA are all stone sculptures.

Rob Kessler is a Professor at Central Saint Martins and Chair of Arts, Design & Science at University of the Arts, London, England. He was NESTA Fellow at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and was recently made a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, the Linnean Society and the Royal Microscopical Society. Over the past decade Kessler has worked extensively with botanical scientists at Kew exploring the creative potential of microscopic plant material. Kessler's work is inspired by the exotic forms and luscious colors of the plant world. Using a wide range of familiar materials and

objects from ceramics to furniture and from drawing to photography he creates sensual sculptures and emblematic images that celebrate the subject in a uniquely personal way. His photographs on display at AVA are hand colored micrographs—images photographed through a microscope—printed on aluminum.

This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

New Hampshire Humanities nurtures the joy of learning and inspires community engagement by bringing life-enhancing ideas from the humanities to the people of New Hampshire. They connect people with ideas. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org.

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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 (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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