

League of Craftsmen Opens New Craft Center

League of NH Craftsmen
press release

The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen held a grand opening recep-



Seth Kiedaisch of Andover built the cabinetry for this dramatic entry hall in the new League of New Hampshire Craftsmen building in Concord.

tion to celebrate its new Craft Center and headquarters in the SMILE! building on 49 South Main Street in Concord on October 27. The reception featured craft demonstrations, try-it classes, refreshments, and light appetizers. There was also a fine craft exhibition on display which featured the work of master craftspeople (including Gillian Smith of Andover) who serve as jurors for the League's juried membership process.

The first thing visitors will see when they enter the Craft Center and Headquarters is the handcrafted reception desk and with an installation, called "Hands at Work." This area is a collaborative project by five juried members of the League: David Little of Meredith created the iron work; Seth Kiedaisch of Andover built the wordwork; Peter Bloch of New London created the pendant lamps; Steve Hayden of Meredith created the enameled copper panels; and Jeff Cooper of Portsmouth carved the detailed black walnut bas relief, which depicts how different types of fine craft are made.

About The League

Founded in 1932, the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen is one of the oldest and most prestigious craft organizations in the country. The League was formed during the years of the Depression to help New Hampshire craftspeople make a living during difficult financial times, through education and by building an audience and market for fine handmade craft. The League continues this mission today.

For additional information, visit NH-Crafts.org.

AE/MS To Host First SHARE Day For Adults

By Brenda Lance
AE/MS

Have you ever wanted to learn how to bead a bracelet, rubber stamp your own cards, or make Christmas ornaments? Well, now you can! These are just a few of the workshops being offered at the first SHARE Day for adults.

Just like the students' SHARE Day in the spring, we are having an adult SHARE Day on Sunday, November 20,

at Andover Elementary/Middle School at 12:30 PM. There will be a \$10 registration fee for all participants, and you can attend as many workshops as you want.

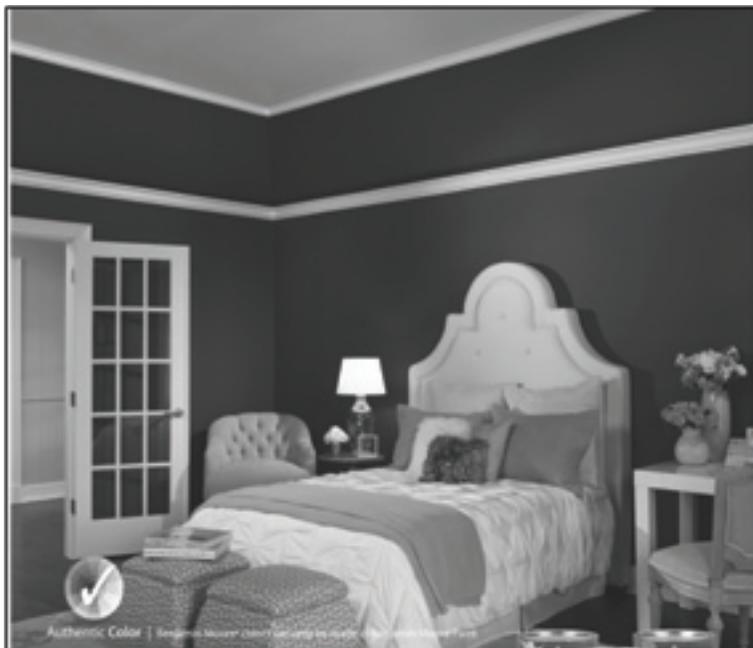
For a complete list of workshops and registration information, please call Brenda Lance at 735-5122 or Gail Parenteau at 735-5494 or 735-5714. The registration deadline is Tuesday, November 8.

Strathspey and Reel Society Performs November 27

By Betsy Woodman
Strathspey & Reel Society

Hi, folks. It's that time of year again! Strathspey & Reel Society of New Hampshire is welcoming new members, brushing up on traditional Scottish tunes, and getting ready for our Annual Gala Concert. I attended the 2002 concert, decided it looked like too much fun to pass up, and have been a member ever since. Players of all levels are welcome, so if you have a hankering to get back to an instrument that you used to play or even to take up something new, come along! Participants have ranged in age from

eight to over eighty. We generally meet on the last Sunday of the month at the Concord Community Music School, but in November, we will be practicing every Sunday. The Gala will be on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27, at 2:30 PM in the Concord City Auditorium. Our guest headliners are the sensational Cape Breton musicians, Andrea Beaton and Kimberly Fraser. Cape Breton style music sets every foot to tapping, and this year's Gala promises to be upbeat and a lot of fun whether you're on stage or in the audience. Check out SRSNH.org for more information.



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