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NH Furniture Masters Open New Exhibition Showcasing Prison Outreach Programs

June 11 – September 9, 2019 Opening Reception: June 28, 2019 from 5 – 7pm

CONCORD, NH – The NH Furniture Masters present *Creative Release: Celebrating 20 Years of the Prison Outreach Program*, a new exhibition at their Gallery in Concord, NH. This exhibition features work by inmates participating in the Furniture Masters' Prison Outreach Programs in the New Hampshire and Maine State Prisons. Visit the Gallery at 49 South Main Street, Concord, NH Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5pm.

A variety of hand-crafted fine furniture is on display including tables and desks of all sizes, jewelry boxes a highboy and a vase. Many of these pieces are available for purchase.



Maine Prison Program: Tambour Desk, mahogany with patterned curly maple tambour. Photo by Bill Truslow.



Maine Prison Program: Vase, Mahogany with pierced carving throughout of plant forms. Photo by Bill Truslow.

The <u>Prison Outreach Program</u> was founded in 1999 and is overseen by the American Furniture Masters Institute and the NH Furniture Masters. The program educates select inmates on the art of fine furniture making. Rotating members of the Furniture Masters go behind prison walls to teach this program.

The Furniture Masters will host an Opening Reception for *Creative Release* on Friday, June 28 from 5 – 7pm at their Gallery in Concord, NH. This reception is held in conjunction with the League of NH Craftsmen's new exhibition *From Our Hands: White Mountain Woolen Magic Rughooking Guild,* which is on display across the hall.

For more information about the NH Furniture Masters and their Prison Outreach Programs, visit furnituremasters.org.