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**CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP AND NEW ENGLAND WAX
ANNOUNCE JURIED EXHIBITION CHAOS & ORDER**

New Haven, CT – A stunning exhibition of new work by 20 encaustic artists will premiere at Creative Arts Workshop, 80 Audubon St. in New Haven, March 13 to April 21, 2017. The opening is Sunday, March 19 from 2 to 4pm with an artist talk at 3:30pm. It is free and open to the public.

Chaos & Order is presented by members of New England Wax, artists who paint with encaustic (pigmented wax) and was juried by Jennifer Gross, Former Chief Curator of deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum.

N.E.W. is a regional association of artists. Included in the exhibition will be works by Trina Abbott, Hollandra Berube, Debra Claffey, Angel Dean, Pamela Dorris DeJong, Heather Douglas, Soosen Dunholter, H  l  ne Farrar, Dona Mara Friedman, Kay Hartung, Sue Katz, Susan Paladino, Stephanie Roberts-Camello, Ruth Sack, Donna Hamil Talman, Dietlind Vander Schaaf, Willa Vennema, Catherine Weber, Lelia Stokes Weinstein, Charyl Weissbach.

For the artists of N.E.W., the *Chaos & Order* concept allows the artists room for personal interpretation in terms of meaning, metaphor, and materiality. Although encaustic dates back to the 5th century B.C., artists today are pushing the medium into new uses and techniques, revealing its rediscovered versatility and appeal. The art, however, is first defined by its personal intent and meaning as well as by the interpretation of the theme. Order and chaos are by definition opposing forces, yet the creative process itself contains elements of both order and chaos.

N.E.W., founded in 2006 by Kim Bernard, is a professional organization of artists living and working in the six New England states. Since its inception, N.E.W. has sought to provide opportunities to exhibit, to share technical information and aesthetic ideas, and to build a network of like-minded artists working in the ancient medium of encaustic. The mission of N.E.W. is to promote excellence in fine art made with encaustic, educate the general public and collectors, raise awareness of the medium, and challenge its members to grow as artists. For more information visit newenglandwax.com.

ABOUT CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

Creative Arts Workshop is a non-profit community art center devoted to fostering creativity through participation in and appreciation of the visual arts, serving the Greater New Haven area and beyond since 1961. The Workshop is a premiere community resource center for the visual arts offering a wide range of classes to students of all ages in fully equipped studios. CAW is supported in part by the Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts, NewAlliance

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