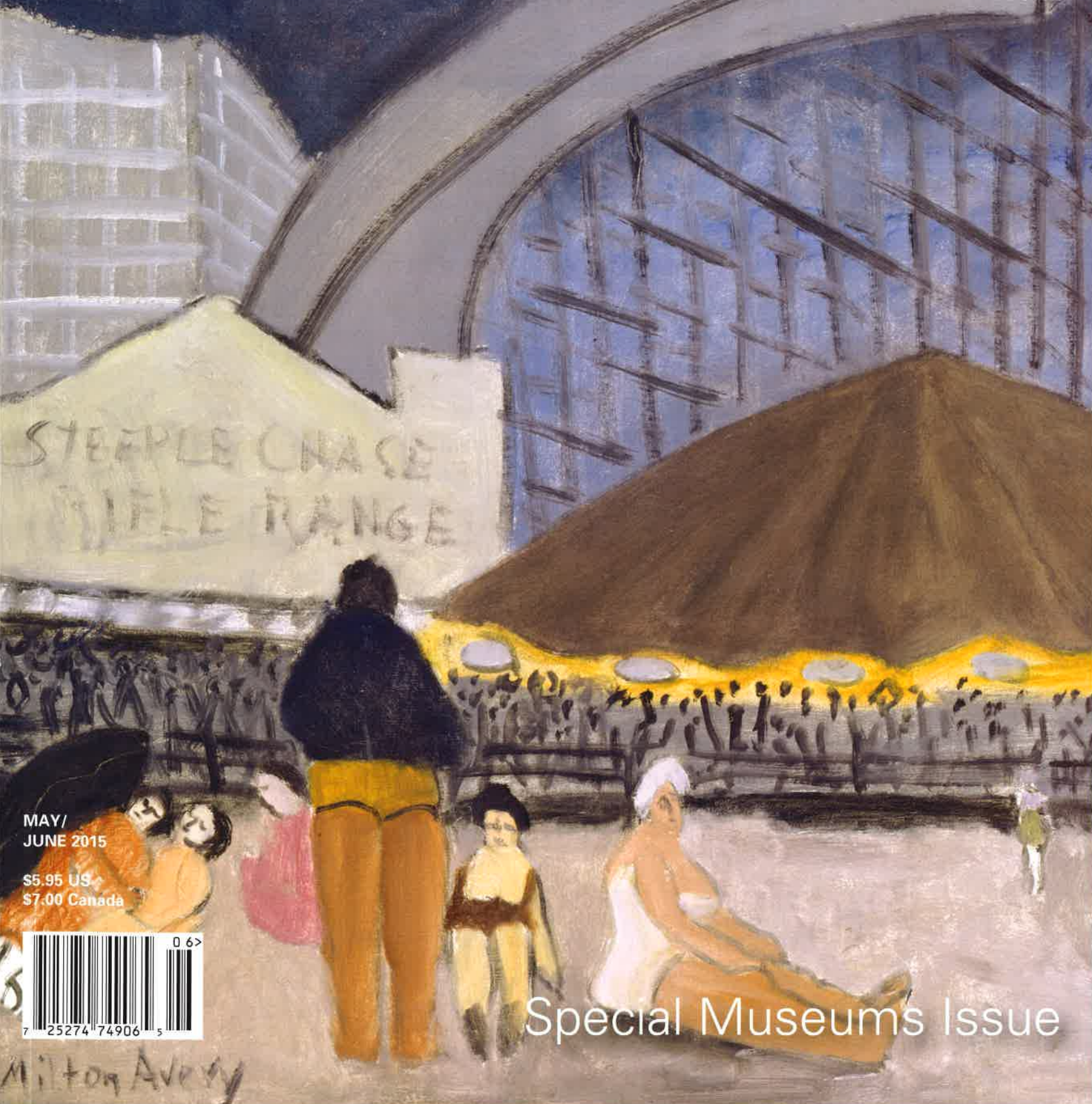


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## News from the Gallery Scene

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Left: Lauren Clark Gallery's new Great Barrington location. Photo: Lauren Clark. Right: Top Drawer artist Brian Lamora at work, Top Drawer Art Center, 2008. Photo: Seamus Hames. Below: Rendering of The Press Hotel reception area. Photo: Irvin Serrano/The Press Hotel.

### Rhode Island

**Top Drawer Art at the Brass** in Warren, RI, was awarded a \$600 grant by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to continue its positive, therapeutic work. Top Drawer at the Brass is an art studio and gallery that provides programs for adults with

developmental disabilities. The grant will go directly to Conversations, a gallery program in which established artists conduct weekend workshops and discussions.

### Vermont

**DaVallia Art and Accents** has just opened an online store to complement its newest of two locations at 39 North Street, Chester, VT. While the original location serves as a showcase and boutique for the artisan objects, the new store functions as a studio and design center where larger creative projects can be realized. The online shop sells art, jewelry, kitchen goods, furniture and small gifts.

### Gallery Inaugural

**The League of NH Craftsmen** opened a small fine craft gallery on February 14 in the new **Hooksett Welcome Center**, along I-93 northbound, in New Hampshire. Visitors are able to view and purchase handcrafted works and the gallery will feature live demonstrations by juried league members throughout the year. The league hopes this new gallery will encourage visitors to stop by its seven other affiliated galleries located throughout New Hampshire.

### Connecticut

**June Benson**, the owner of Milford's **Gallery on the Green**, Milford, CT, assisted the **Parsons Government Center** in the cleaning and re-hanging of its collection. Benson cleaned, restored and reframed many of the city's prized artworks. The collection includes Andrew Duhaime, Elena Gerard, Roger Van Damme and Edwin Dickinson among others. Many of the artists are local to Milford.

### Maine

**The Press Hotel**, which opened in Portland, ME, in April will feature a new art gallery. The hotel is taking over the former building of the *Portland Press Herald* and will have a

newspaper theme décor and service. The first exhibit in the art gallery will be an installation of antique typewriters accompanied by a history of the role they played in journalism. Prints from local artists will also be available.

### Massachusetts

**The Lauren Clark Gallery** has relocated to 25 Railroad Street in Great Barrington, MA. Founded in 2006, the gallery was originally located in Housatonic. Lauren Clark Fine Art features ceramics, art glass, sculpture and jewelry by regionally and internationally recognized artists.

