Press Release

MAKERS ALLEY 1ST ANNUAL ARTISAN & CRAFT EXHIBITION OPENS

OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 9 IN FRENCHTOWN, NJ,

WITH 60 ARTISTS AND 140 WORKS OF ART

12 Artists Awarded Jurors Choice Award

Makers Alley, a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the Artisan and Maker Community in the Delaware River Valley area, will present its 1st Annual Artisan & Craft Exhibition, open Friday to Monday, October 25 – November 9, in Frenchtown, New Jersey. 60 artists submitted 140 individual works to be accepted in the juried show. Jurors and fellow artists Dana Stewart, Paul Steinbeiser, Chaz Hampton, Wendy Gordon, and Harry Gordon selected 12 artists to receive the Jurors Choice Award: Shannon Almanzar, Ed Buffman, Shawn Campbell, Charles A. Farrell, Ray King, Rory Mahon, Haley Manchon, Jeff Mase, Florence Moonan, Kathryn Reichert, Priya Shah, and Christina Sorace MacKinnon.

"This overwhelming response affirms our earliest belief that our community of artists, artisans, and makers is growing and thriving in our area," said Makers Alley Co-Founder, Peter Rosenthal. The Makers Alley public exhibition will be on view at three Frenchtown locations within easy walking distance at 29 Race Street, 4 Kingwood Avenue, 11 Kingwood Avenue. There is also an expanded online virtual exhibition. To reserve a free ticket for a time slot to view the public exhibition, or the expanded virtual exhibition, go to <u>www.makersalley.org</u>. Works of art are also offered for sale.

The ground floor spaces were donated by Jonathan Perlstein of Oasis Architects, Mia & Roy Emerson of 15 Landsdowne Catering & Mercantile, Rocky Patel of Kathee's General Store, and Makers Alley Co-Founder, Mike Tyksinski of Frenchtown Home & Hardware.