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### “Metamorphosis”- Enamelist Society Exhibition at Arrowmont

GATLINBURG, Tenn. – “Metamorphosis,” the current exhibition at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, is also the theme of the Enamelist Society’s 2005 Biennial Conference being held at the school September 7-14. The conference has attracted artists from around the world to gather for a host of workshops, discussions and presentations on contemporary enamels.

The Enamelist Society is a volunteer arts organization founded in 1987 for the purpose of promoting the art of enameling. A material that looks much like sand, enamel is applied to metal and heated in a kiln, transforming into a beautiful glass-like appearance. The exhibition includes a variety of approaches and techniques from traditional jewelry and vessel applications to more interpretive, allegorical art forms.

The exhibition coincides with the conference and includes several components. The 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Juried Exhibition and the 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Juried Student Exhibition includes 149 objects and will be on exhibit in the Main Gallery through October 22. In addition to the juried exhibitions, the conference also hosts an invitational exhibition consisting of the works of the exhibition jurors, workshop presenters and the Society achievement award winners that will be on exhibit during the conference only, Sept. 7-14.

“The theme allows for a broad interpretation of works that encompasses a wide range and diversity of techniques and design, representing contemporary vitreous enamel today,” said Pamela Hackim, conference exhibitions coordinator.

Jurors for the exhibition were Jan Baum, Head of the Metals Department at Towson University, Baltimore, Md., Patricia Faber, co-owner of Aaron Faber Gallery, New York City, and James Malenda, Professor of Metals at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania.

Although the galleries are open to the public Monday through Saturday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, conference activities are for registered guests only. Arrowmont is located at 556 Parkway in Gatlinburg. For more information, contact Arrowmont’s Gallery Coordinator, Karen Green at (865) 436-5860 ext. 22. Many works on display are for sale. For more information on the Enamelist Society, visit <http://www.enamelistsociety.org>.

Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is an internationally known visual arts complex and has been the recipient of the American Craft Council Award of

Distinction, The Arts Administrators Award of Distinction and the Tennessee Arts Commission Art Education Award. Arrowmont is dedicated to its mission of *“enriching lives through art.”*

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