

by Susan Sauer

Along Came a Spider

This Conway glassblower was working with metal to build his new studio when he added a little twist.

NATHAN MACOMBER is an accomplished glass artist who arrived here two years ago after completing his studies in Arizona. He purchased his grandmother's farm in Conway where, as a boy, he had spent time in the summer.

He added on a glass-blowing studio and while working with metal, he began to experiment with it as a medium. His sister, who has a degree in metalsmithing, gave him technical advice. Spiders, dragonflies with glass eyes, and metal flowers that hold his glass roundels, like those shown below, are his first efforts.

A giant six-foot arachnid graces the side of his studio and slows traffic as passersby ponder the curiosity. Macomber knew the spiders would be a hit when delivery men who noticed them in the yard became his first customers.

Macomber's "Visions of Glass," an exhibition of his fine art glasswork, will be at each of the New Hampshire League of Craftsmen's seven retail galleries through November and, additionally, he will be exhibiting all his work, including the garden sculptures, at the League's Sunapee Fair in August (www.nhcrafts.org). **NH**

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Giant spiders and dragonflies can inhabit the lawn, while glass and metal roundels add color to the greenery.

