

## COMMON PLANES THE METALWORK OF ARLENE ABEND & TODD CONOVER

Dalton's American Decorative Arts  
1931 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13206

October 11 through December 6

Exhibition, all works for sale

**Arlene Abend's** career creating sculpture spans decades. Abend works in bronze, sheet steel, and other mediums. Her work can be found in public, corporate and private collections. Abend has exhibited in over fifteen shows, some Group and some One Woman shows. *"When I create a sculpture to communicate an idea or a feeling, I also find myself expressing the character of the material as well...be it bronze whose molten liquid flows into cavities or sheet steel that can be sheared and bent. The use of different material is both exciting and challenging. The exploration leads to new forms and directions and offers me a far greater range of expression", Arlene Abend.*

**Todd Conover's** passion for collecting early 20<sup>th</sup> century American Arts & Crafts Period metalwork led to his obsession with learning long lost metalworking techniques. He quickly set out producing unique work of his own. Conover has been in fashion design for over twenty-five years so it was an obvious marriage to transition his metalwork to jewelry where he focuses most of his design work and energy. With a mix of unexpected yet related materials, his jewelry tends to be overtly bold with inspiration harnessed from natural forms that will highlight surface and materials. Conover is professor of Design/Chair: Fashion Design- Syracuse University School of Design, College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Abend and Conover's metalwork will be exhibited among American Arts & Crafts furniture, period lighting, American Art pottery and other decorative arts. The show opens Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 6<sup>th</sup> at Dalton's American Decorative Arts, 1931 James Street, Syracuse, NY. The gallery can be reached at 315-463-1568; website is [www.daltons.com](http://www.daltons.com). Dalton's is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dalton's will be closed on Sundays and Thanksgiving Day.