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**THE RED LION INN INCORPORATES ART INTO ROOM RENOVATION
Berkshire Artist Embellishes Wall with Site-specific Collage**

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Stockbridge, MA (November 2009) When it came time to repair the wallpaper in one of The Red Lion Inn's guestrooms, the Inn's staff found that the paper was no longer in production. Red Lion Inn President Nancy Fitzpatrick had an idea: why not see what a local artist would do with it? Karen Arp Sandel welcomed the challenge of working on a commission for a very specific space – the corner of room 225.

A mixed media work inspired by the period and décor of the room, *The Queen in Room 225* “features a vintage Queen Elizabeth circa 1952 on Coronation Day embellished with tiny glittering gems,” according to Arp-Sandel. Ephemera from antique books, found hand written notes, Queen Elizabeth postage stamps, hand painted papers and transfer images from 19th c. engravings meld with the floral wallpaper designs. Look closely to find references to the traditional nursery rhyme “Pussy cat, Pussy cat, where have you been?” Arp-Sandel used pieces from our antique wallpaper collection as a tribute to the rich history of the Inn.

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Karen Arp-Sandel is a Collage Artist, Watercolorist and Art Educator. She has been constructing mixed media collages out of a passion for collecting, re-purposing materials and self-expression for decades. Dedicated to making “Collage-a –Day” artwork, Karen is the creative whirlwind at the heart of *Collage Eclectica Studio*, located in her woodland retreat home in Canaan, NY. For more information on Arp-Sandel, please visit www.karearpsandel.com.

A charter member of Historic Hotels of America, The Red Lion Inn has been providing food and lodging to guests for more than two centuries. The Red Lion is recommended by *National Geographic Traveler*, *The New York Times*, and *The Boston Globe*. It offers 108 antique-filled rooms and suites, formal and casual dining with an emphasis on contemporary regional specialties, and the Lion’s Den pub with nightly entertainment, a year-round heated outdoor pool and hot tub (with radiant-heated patio), and free WiFi. The flagship Country Curtains store and a gift shop are located at the Inn. For more information and to make a reservation, please call 413-298-5545. For general information on the Inn and to view both the regular and Easter menus, please visit www.redlioninn.com.

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