

# NANCY HAVER, artist

■ **Residence:** Amherst

■ **Occupation:** Freelance illustrator, printmaker and co-owner of Collective Copies in Amherst

■ **Philosophy:** Accentuate the positive.

■ **Favorite songs:** "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," the Hebrides overture, Rhapsody in Blue, Mozart's "Requiem" and "Layla"

■ **Favorite artists:** Lyonel Feininger, Kathe Kollwitz, Patrick Dougherty, John Singer Sargent and Giovanna Garzoni

■ **Favorite authors:** Virginia Woolf and Toni Morrison

■ **Favorite movies:** "The Wizard of Oz," "The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser," "Stormy Weather" and "The Sound of Music"

■ **How you got interested in your profession:** As a child I watched my father print photographs, and the magic of seeing those images emerge led to my interest in making art and printmaking in particular. I try to capture the things that most intrigue me – whether places, objects, emotions or people.

■ **Best surprise of my life:** The day I married my partner, Jennifer. Our family now includes our lovely 17-year-old daughter of fortune, Helena (another best surprise).

■ **Pet peeve:** People who take themselves too seriously.

■ **Favorite quote:** "Every tree, every living thing as it grows, says this truth: You harvest what you sow. With life as short as a half-taken breath, don't plant anything but love." – Rumi

■ **Upcoming project:** I'm working on a series of woodcuts illustrating classic short stories by New England authors.

