



KENTUCKY  
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*The Kentucky Artisan Center is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea exit 77.*

*The Center's exhibits, shopping, and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. year-round, and the cafe from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*

*Admission is always free.*

*For more information, call 859-985-5448.*

April 19, 2014

*From the Director...*

What a wonderful time of year to be in Kentucky!

The redbuds, crabapple trees, and more are in full bloom, horses are racing at Keeneland, and the state's wonderful parks and other destinations are providing a great array of programs and opportunities.

Our own "Repurposed & Recycled" and "Kentucky Bourbon" exhibits continue, along with Saturday demonstrations. And we have a great selection of new artisan works from all across Kentucky! It's a wonderful time to visit the Center and then travel on into Berea and elsewhere in Kentucky.

Be sure to make our cafe part of your visit. During summer months our cafe remains open an extra half hour for afternoon visits, making our cafe hours 9:30 to 4:00. The Center remains open 9:00 to 6:00 daily.

Be sure to check our website calendar and [facebook](#) pages for news and events. Like us on facebook to enjoy images of our demonstrators at work.

We hope to see you often at the Center this Spring season!

## **Victoria A. Faoro**

Executive Director

Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### GUIDED TOURS OF CURRENT EXHIBITS



The second Saturday of each month the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea offers visitors free guided tours through the center's gallery exhibit, "Repurposed & Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans," and the lobby exhibit, "Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration."

"Repurposed & Recycled" features work by over 40 artists and includes pieces made from a wide variety of recycled materials, from antique lightning rods to scrap paint to dehydrated tree frogs. All works in the exhibit are made from a minimum of 50% recycled materials.

The lobby exhibit presents the history of Kentucky bourbon and information about its production today, along with the location of Kentucky distilleries offering tours.

Also featured are products made from recycled bourbon barrels, flavored with bourbon, or otherwise connected with this unique Kentucky product.



These free, guided exhibit tours are led by Kentucky Artisan Center staff, who talk about the exhibit, the artists and individual works. Staff also answer questions about the techniques and various processes used in the objects featured. These tours are given at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. The next tours will be on Saturday, May 10.

*Photos: top left: "Yer in Alice's..." by Stacey R. Chinn, Lexington, KY, which includes found metal funnel, unknown scientific or navigational equipment, paint, and hand knitted yarn; above right: A view of the "Repurposed & Recycled" exhibit.*

### CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR UPCOMING GALLERY EXHIBIT

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea invites Kentucky artisans to submit works for the exhibit "Put a Lid on It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans" to be held Sept. 13, 2014 through Feb. 28, 2015.

This exhibit will showcase lidded containers created by Kentucky artisans working with their chosen materials, styles and forms. Lidded works can be either traditional renditions or creative new interpretations of the container. The works submitted may be functional or non-functional, but each must have the capacity to hold or contain, and each must have a lid.

The prospectus and entry form for this exhibit are available on our website..

### APRIL 30 DEADLINE FOR NEW ARTIST APPLICATIONS

Three times a year the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea holds review sessions to consider works and products by Kentucky artisans who are not juried members of Kentucky Arts Council programs or the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen. Applications for the next review are due April 30.



Application categories are: Visual Arts (crafts, two-dimensional art); Books; Music, Storytelling and other Recordings/Films; Kentucky Proud food products. Applications are available on our website.

### EARTH DAY CELEBRATED ALL MONTH AT THE CENTER

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is celebrating Earth Day throughout the month of April with a wide range of products and activities in addition to its current gallery exhibit

"Repurposed & Recycled." Showcased throughout the Center are works by artists who create "green" and "eco-friendly" products. Visitors can find weavings and fiber items, beauty products, jewelry, books and journals, organic beeswax candles and honey, buttons, bookmarks, bowls and more – all with a focus on natural materials and ingredients, recycled materials and environmentally conscious methods.

Several jewelers, whose works are at the center, utilize recycled materials and 100 percent recycled sterling silver. Jennifer Stephenson McLamb calls her line of jewelry "Eco Jewels" and uses materials that would have otherwise gone into landfills. Wine and soda bottles are collected, cleaned, sorted, cut and fired in a kiln to create glass rings that are the "gemstones" called Bottle Beads in Eco Jewels. Pop Beads are made from aluminum cans that have been cleaned, varnished, cut, domed and drilled to become the colorful focal point of many designs.



Mayapple Creations jewelry artisans Josie Lamb and Mark Williams use 100 percent recycled tarnish-resistant Argentium sterling silver in their jewelry along with recycled glass and natural materials. They have chosen to use traditional wire-wrapping techniques so that their jewelry production is chemical and solder-free and their labels and packaging use 100 percent post-consumer recycled materials.

Other jewelry artists using recycled materials are Jane Di Teresa, who creates pins from recycled bicycle tire inner-tubes; Susan Vanstone, who uses found metal gears and watch parts among other objects in her "steam-punk" jewelry; and Sherrie Cocanougher, who makes jewelry from recycled silverware. Cocanougher will be demonstrating at the center on May 10.

Many of the beauty products at the center use natural ingredients, and Leslie Bowers, who creates *Peace of the Earth* natural lotions, soaps, lip balm and soy candles, uses environmentally friendly natural ingredients that are often locally grown and organic. All her products are plant-based and vegan, and her packaging is eco-friendly down to the recycled paperboard and soy ink.

Sassa Bella products are handmade, without synthetic preservatives, petroleum products, parabens, silicones, artificial fragrances, formaldehyde or GMOs. Owner Erin Taydus has created a line of products that are tuned to today's needs, offering shampoos for dogs, products for children and lotions and lip balms for skin radiation recovery patients.



For over 20 years, sculpture artist Richard Kolb and his company, Yardbirds, have been creating works from recycled parts, manufacturing overruns, discontinued, rejected and scrap metals. Some of his materials include garden tools, car parts, farm implements, bicycle parts and mufflers. Saving these rejected metal parts from the landfill, Kolb turns them into garden art with a wide selection available at the center.

Fiber artists at the center have also created products that are environmentally conscious. Lydia Allen uses recycled wool clothing to create felted runners, while Vernon Wiehe weaves plastic grocery bags into purses. Cathy Wade-Ridge recycles cashmere sweaters into new clothing designs, and Wildflower Creek Farm creates felted wool balls called "Dryer Sheep" –a replacement for commercial scented dryer sheets. The balls toss along with clothes to promote drying and have no chemicals or scent.

Melissa Oesch's "upcycled" books at the center are made using recycled materials. Her journals, sketchbooks and notebooks have covers created from reclaimed leather, and are made with acid-free recycled or handmade paper inside. Oesch will be demonstrating her craft on June 28 at the center.



Other items of interest are Kathy Werking's book-marks made from recycled gift cards; Luanne Vermillion's recycled handmade paper bookmarks with wildflowers; Lindsay Frost's

acorn and lichen buttons and Candlebee Farm's organic honey, selection of beeswax candles and soap.

The list of "eco-friendly" works at the center goes on, as many artists strive to create products that are in sync with nature and the environment. The center will also feature several artists who use recycled materials in demonstrations held on Saturdays at the center through June.

*Photos: top left: Organic beeswax candle lanterns with natural flowers by Candlebee Farm; top right: "Eco Jewel" earrings made from aluminum AriZona Tea container by Jennifer Stephenson McLamb; above left: Piranha by Richard Kolb of Yardbirds, made from used and surplussed metal parts; above right: journal made from repurposed leather by Melissa Oesch.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN BEREA

**April 25-27, 2014**

### Hands Four Spring Dance Weekend

A contra dance weekend featuring the well-known group *Wild Asparagus*, with caller George Marshall of Massachusetts. Held at Russel Acton Folk Center and Berea Center for the Arts. 859/ 986-7584 [website](#)

**June 7, 2014**

### L & N Day

This railroad enthusiast event celebrates the only L & N brick station still standing between Cincinnati and Knoxville. Working models, memorabilia, storytelling and more. 859/ 986-2540 [website](#)

**June 7 & 8, 2014**

### Kentucky Guild of Artists & Craftsmen Spring Fair

A wide array of art and craft by juried Kentucky artists - live music, great food and demonstrations among the woods of Indian Fort Theatre, Just outside of Berea on Hwy. 21 E. 859/ 986-3192 [website](#).

**July 10-13, 2014**

### Whippoorwill Festival

More than 60 workshops featuring old-time and traditional Appalachian living skills. Includes workshops in home canning, back yard chickens, how to play the banjo and much more. Guest speakers, home-cooked meals, campfires, free tent camping, music and dance. Held at HomeGrown HideAways. [website](#)

**July 11-13, 2014**

### Berea Craft Festival

Discover works by over 100 artists from across the country. Craft demonstrations, live music and regional entertainment. Held at Indian Fort Theatre, outside of Berea. 800-598-5263 [website](#)

**July 11-27, 2014**

### Festival of Learnshops

Come to Berea to learn from master craftsmen, artists, musicians, chefs and award-winning writers and experts. Choose from introductory to advanced level classes--including everything from two-hour sessions to week-long classes. Come find your creative spirit at Berea's Festival of Learnshops! A complete course catalog and registration are available [on line](#) or call 859-986-2540 or 800-598-5263

## ARTISANS IN THE NEWS

### Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

KACB artists **Luann Vermillion and Dean Hill** are leading a session titled, "Can I Really Make a Living at This?" at the Kentucky Art Council's workshop "Putting Arts and Cultural Development to Work" on May 13 in Hindman, KY. KACB executive director **Victoria Faoro** will also be presenting a session titled, "Working with Retailers."

Kentucky Proud food producers will join the Kentucky Derby Festival to offer delicious foods April 12 - May 3. **Townsend Sorghum Mill**, of Montgomery County, will be offering their sorghum during the festival.

KACB folk artists **Minnie Adkins and Jo Ann Butts** have their work featured in an exhibition titled, "Folk Art at its Finest" at the Cincinnati YWCA Women's Art Gallery now through June 3.

Kentucky Poet Laureate **Frank X Walker** spoke at the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights March led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ralph Abernathy and Jackie Robinson, a gathering held at the state capitol in Frankfort on March 5. Walker was also keynote speaker at the March Gear-Up Conference in Louisville and read his poetry and participated with other Affrilachian poet founders at the Symposium on Affrilachia in Lexington, KY.

The annual Governor's Derby Exhibit includes works by KACB artists **Patricia Ritter, Ellen Guyer, Agustin Zarate, Joanne Weis, Timothy Gold and Sharon Asher**. The exhibit will be on display in the Capitol Rotunda March 31 through May 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and on Derby Day, May 4.

KACB artist **Amanda Clark** is the featured artist for March on the Kentucky Arts Council's website with a video of the artist.

KACB musicians **Heath & Molly** will be presenting a benefit concert for the Ukraine Missions on April 23, at Brescia University in Owensboro, as part of Owensboro's Sister Cities & Regions Program in conjunction with Brescia University.

An exhibit titled "Press: Artist & Machine" is on display now through June 1 at the Kentucky Museum of Art & Craft. The exhibit features KACB artists **Hound Dog Press, Larkspur Press and Letitia Quesenberry**.

Musician **Lorinda Jones** performed at the Danville Community Arts Center's *Lunch with the Arts*.

"MASS: An exhibit of Cast Glass Work," is on display April 4 through May 31, 2014, at Flame Run Glass. This is the first exhibit at Flame Run to include only cast glass. KACB artists participating are: **Sungsoo Kim and Paul Nelson**. Flame Run is owned by **Brook Forrest White Jr.** and is located at 815 W. Market Street, just steps away from the Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville.

KACB artist **Kathleen O'Brien** will be exhibiting her works on paper and found object sculptures at the Mary Rezny Gallery in an exhibit titled, "Birds of a Feather" at the gallery in May. Opening artist reception is Friday, May 9, from 4 - 7- p.m.

Former Kentucky Poet Laureate and author **Richard Taylor** was emcee for the *Great Writers Series* held at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning on April 8, with poet and essayist **Leatha Kendrick**, reading from her newest volume of poetry *Almanac of the Invisible* printed by **Larkspur Press**. Poets David Cazden and Jeremy Paden also read from their works.

KACB artists included in the Kentucky Arts Council's traveling exhibit "UncommonWealth" are **Dobree Adams, Philis Alvic, Wayne Bates, Stephen Driver, Wayne Ferguson, Walter Hyleck, Judith Pointer Jia, Ben Mansur, David Mohallatee, Joe Molinaro, Kathleen O'Brien, CJ Pressma, Felicia Szorad, Mark Whitley and Gayle Williamson**. This exhibit celebrated the work of artists who received the Kentucky Arts Council's AI Smith Fellowship.

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## CALENDAR

**GALLERY EXHIBIT – Now through Sept. 6, 2014**  
**"Repurposed & Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans"**

**LOBBY EXHIBIT – Now through July 6, 2014**  
**"Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration"**



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*Events are from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM (unless otherwise noted)*

### **STILL LIFE OIL PAINTING DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, April 26**

Louie Northern, Mount Vernon, KY

### **FREE-MOTION QUILTED BABY QUILTS & BIBS DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, May 3**

Pamela Rucker, Lancaster, KY

### **RECYCLED SILVERWARE JEWELRY DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, May 10**

Sherrie Cocanougher, Parksville, KY

### **FREE GUIDED GALLERY TOURS**

**Saturday, May 10**

Artisan Center Staff - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### **WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, May 17**

Berea Welcome Center Carvers

### **BOOK SIGNING** - "A Culinary History of Kentucky: Burgoo, Beer Cheese & Goetta"

**Saturday, May 24**

Fiona Young-Brown, Lexington, KY - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **SCULPTING 'MAN'S BEST FRIEND' - WOOD RELIEF CARVING DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, May 24**

Janet Bailey Burch, Crestwood, KY

### **PAINTED WOOD BRIDAL BOX DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, May 31**

Christa Smith, Elizabethtown, KY

### **PEN & INK DRAWINGS ON RECYCLED MATERIALS DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, June 7**

Wendy Currier, Lexington, KY

**Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8**

Kentucky Guild of Artists & Craftsmen Spring Fair, Indian Fort Theatre, Berea, KY

### **WIRE-WRAPPED JEWELRY DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, June 14**

Jeannette Rowlett, Berea, KY

### **FREE GUIDED GALLERY TOURS**

**Saturday, June 14**

Artisan Center Staff - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### **WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, June 21**

Berea Welcome Center Carvers

**RECYCLED BOOK BINDING DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, June 28**

Melissa Oesch, Lexington, KY



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