



KENTUCKY  
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# E-NEWS

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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.*



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The holiday season is always a very special time for the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea. This past week staff installed our "Let It Snow" themed lobby tree, decorated with Kentucky artisan ornaments and gifts. Ornaments include painted gourds by Donna and Donnie Smith, beeswax ornaments by Christa Smith, turned wood ornaments by Greg Kirkland, wooden snowflakes by Steve Farmer, painted snowmen by Lonnie and Twyla Money, glass snowflakes by Michelle Weston, and more.

We are delighted to be featuring music and book signings in addition to demonstrations on Saturdays throughout the holiday season. Details are included

in this e-news and on our website calendar and [Facebook](#) pages.

On Friday, December 5, First Lady Beshear will join us to celebrate giving gifts made in Kentucky. We hope many of you can join us for a reception from 10-11:00 a.m. that day, with artisan demonstrations and a brief program at 10:30.

We hope to see you often at the Center over the holiday season. We have many wonderful gifts made by artists living all across Kentucky, and our cafe is always a great place to relax with family and friends!

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season filled with many gifts made in Kentucky!

*Victoria A. Faoro*

For more information,  
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Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea  
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## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOLIDAY MUSIC AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS BEGIN NOVEMBER 29 AT THE CENTER

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is celebrating the holiday season with a wide variety of artist demonstrations, book signings, and musical performances each Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



On Saturday, Nov. 29, folk artist Jo Ann Butts, of Sandy Hook, will demonstrate her whimsical folk art roosters and animals from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the center; photographer Ed Lawrence, of Frankfort, will sign copies of his book, *Kentucky 120*, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Lorinda Jones and Cathy Wilde will perform holiday music on Celtic harp, Appalachian dulcimer, Irish Uilleann pipes and flute, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, Wyman Rice, of Lexington, will demonstrate his sculptural hand-built pottery from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; musicians Kyle Meadows and Tisa McGraw, of Cold Spring, will fill the air with holiday favorites playing the hammer dulcimer and Celtic harp from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Stephen M. Vest, Editor and

Publisher of *Kentucky Monthly Magazine* will sign the book *Kentucky's Twelve Days of Christmas* from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, visitors to the Center will enjoy a variety of events with Cynthia Cusick, of Irvine, demonstrating her pottery inlay decorating techniques from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Jan Hill performing holiday music on the harp from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and center staff giving free guided gallery tours through the center's current exhibit at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.



On Saturday, Dec. 20, visitors will experience the arts with woodcarving demonstrations and music as the Berea Welcome Center Carvers demonstrate a variety of holiday carvings from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the musical trio Raison D'Étre provide toe-tapping holiday music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This group will play piano, drums, guitar and banjo to accompany their singing.



The center's special exhibit "Put a Lid on It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans" exhibit will continue through the holidays, showcasing a wide variety of containers created by 48 Kentucky artisans.

*Photos, clockwise from top left:*

Painted roosters by Jo Ann Butts, who will demonstrate on Nov. 29; Jan Hill, who will provide a holiday music performance on December 13; "Industrial Teapot" by Kentucky artist Wyman Rice from the exhibit "Put a Lid on It." Wyman will demonstrate his hand-built pottery techniques at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea on December 6.

### CELEBRATE GIVING KENTUCKY-MADE GIFTS DECEMBER 5 WITH FIRST LADY JANE BESHEAR

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea invites Kentucky artists, arts patrons and the public to join First Lady Jane Beshear for a celebration of the beautiful works being created by Kentucky's talented artists. A reception will be held at the Center from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., with a brief ceremony at 10:30 during which Mrs. Beshear will present Governor Steve Beshear's Proclamation declaring December, 2014, as "Give a Gift Made in Kentucky" month.

Come and enjoy refreshments, shop for Kentucky-made holiday gifts and watch demonstrating artists Lindy Evans and Donna and Donnie Smith create Santa figures and holiday gourd ornaments on this special day of celebration.

Be sure to also check out the many other holiday opportunities posted on the Kentucky Arts Council's [Give a Gift Made in Kentucky website page](#).

*Photo, right:* First Lady Jane Beshear shopping for Kentucky-made gifts at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.



*Photo, below:* Some of the thousands of gifts made in Kentucky that can be found at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea this holiday season.



## SHOP AT THE CENTER THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS WEEKENDS!

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will be open regular hours (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) all of Thanksgiving weekend, but will be closed all day Thanksgiving Day.

The Center will close at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will be closed all day on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, to enable staff to celebrate with their families. The center will re-open at 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, and will be open regular 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. hours the rest of the week, providing visitors with a great opportunity to find exciting Kentucky-made gifts and enjoy a meal with family and friends in the Artisan Cafe.

## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW ARTISANS DUE DECEMBER 31

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 the Kentucky Arts Council's programs or the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen. Applications for the next review are due December 31.

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

[download applications](#) from the Center's website. Completed application forms along with additional requested materials can be mailed to: Artisan Review, Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, 200 Artisan Way, Berea, KY, 40403. Applications may also be submitted at the Center's front desk from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN BEREA

### November & December

#### MAKE IT, TAKE IT, GIVE IT - THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

Master craftspeople will help participants create the perfect one-of-a-kind gift. Register at [www.berea.com](http://www.berea.com) or call 859-986-2540 or 800-598-5263.

### December 6, 2014

#### TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Berea decks the halls and opens its doors wide for this prelude to the holiday season. Activities include a parade and open houses and studios all weekend long. Contact the Berea Chamber of Commerce at 859-986-9760.

**December 26 - January 1, 2014**

### **CHRISTMAS COUNTRY DANCE SCHOOL**

A full week of dance classes in traditional styles including English clog, country, Morris dance, rapper, Danish, Appalachian clogging and square dance - plus singing, music, crafts and parties! Advanced leadership classes for callers and dance instructors. Hosted at the Seabury Center at Berea College. Scholarships available. Register by Dec. 1 at 859-985-3431.

[www.berea.edu/ccds](http://www.berea.edu/ccds)

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## **ARTISANS IN THE NEWS**

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Fiber artists **Kathleen Loomis, Marti Plager and Joanne Weis** have their works included along with six other regional fiber artists, in the exhibit "Fabulous Fibers II" at John James Audubon State Park from Nov. 18 through Feb. 15, 2015. For more information call 270-827-1893.

KACB author **Libby Jones** read at the annual meeting of the Kentucky State Poetry Society.

LexArts and the Kroger Company have announced that artist **John Lackey**, owner of Home Grown Press in Lexington, has been commissioned to paint a mural for a Kroger store being built on Euclid Ave. in Lexington.

Author **Thomas Freese** participated in a panel discussion on "Haunted Places in Fact and Fiction," presented by the Kentucky Book Fair and the Kentucky Historical Society on Nov. 15 in the house chamber of the Old State Capital in Frankfort.

Ceramic artist **Henrietta Scott** will be participating in the "Juried Artist's Showcase" on Nov. 22-23 in Louisville.

KACB artists accepted into the Kentucky Arts Council's Kentucky Crafted Program are **Doug Haley, John Leeds, and James Roberts**.

Winning writers from the Commonwealth that were featured in the poetry category of *Kentucky Monthly's* 7th Annual Writers' Showcase in the publication's November issue include the late **Harry M. Caudill** for "Untitled."

Photographer **Patricia Brock** was juried into the Kentucky Arts Council's Architectural Artists Directory, which promotes Kentucky Artisans and their work through referrals to architects, builders, landscape architects, interior designers, private clients and state agencies.

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## CALENDAR

**GALLERY EXHIBIT – Now through Feb. 28, 2014**  
“Put a Lid On It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans”

**LOBBY EXHIBIT – November 22 - January 10, 2015**  
“Let it Snow”

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

**CLOSED - THANKSGIVING DAY**  
Thursday, Nov. 27

**FOLK ART SCULPTURE DEMONSTRATION**  
**Saturday, Nov. 29**  
Jo Ann Butts, Sandy Hook, KY

**BOOK SIGNING - Kentucky 120**  
**Saturday, Nov. 29** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Ed Lawrence, Frankfort, KY

**HOLIDAY MUSIC ON CELTIC HARP, UILLEANN BAGPIPES AND FLUTE**  
**Saturday, Nov. 29** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Lorinda Jones and Cathy Wilde, Rineyville, KY

**GIVE A GIFT MADE IN KENTUCKY CELEBRATION**  
**Friday, Dec. 5 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m**  
Brief program at 10:30 with **First Lady Jane Beshear**  
Demonstrations by **Lindy Evans** and **Donna and Donnie Smith**, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**HANDBUILT POTTERY DEMONSTRATION**  
**Saturday, Dec. 6**  
Wyman Rice, Lexington, KY

**HOLIDAY MUSIC ON HAMMER DULCIMER AND CELTIC HARP**  
**Saturday, Dec. 6** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Kyle Meadows and Tisa McGraw, Cold Spring, KY

**BOOK SIGNING - Kentucky's Twelve Days of Christmas**  
**Saturday, Dec. 6** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
James Goode and Stephen M. Vest, Editor & Publisher, *Kentucky Monthly* Magazine, Frankfort, KY

**POTTERY INLAY DECORATION DEMONSTRATION**  
**Saturday, Dec. 13**  
Cynthia Cusick, Irvine, KY

**FREE GUIDED GALLERY TOURS**  
**Saturday, Dec. 13** - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
Center Staff

**HOLIDAY MUSIC ON THE HARP**  
**Saturday, Dec. 13** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Jan Hill, Lexington, KY



### WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION

**Saturday, Dec. 20**

Berea Welcome Center Carvers

### HOLIDAY MUSIC BY SINGING TRIO - RAISON D'ETRE

**Saturday, Dec. 20** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Violet Rae Webster, Vickie Ellis, and Roberta Schultz, Wilder, KY

### CLOSED - CHRISTMAS DAY

**Thursday, Dec. 25**

### RECYCLED LICENSE PLATE BIRDHOUSE DEMONSTRATION

**Saturday, Dec. 27**

Ron Owens, Mount Vernon, KY

### CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Thursday, Jan. 1**



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Artisans are invited to submit information for future columns to:

[Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov)

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