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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Visitors from around the world have been enjoying the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea's brilliant red maple trees and burning bush shrubbery these October fall days, along with work by the state's talented artisans.

Our new exhibit "Put a Lid on It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans" is providing a great look at a wide range of container types and styles, and visitors continue to enjoy the bourbon exhibit in our lobby

Holiday preparations are underway for artisan demonstrations, books signings, and musical performances throughout the season. Be sure to also consider participating in the great hands-on experiences Berea has to offer. Details for a range of opportunities are provided in this newsletter. We hope you will join us for great Kentucky experiences and shopping.

For more information, be sure to visit our website calendar and [Facebook](#) pages.

We hope to see you often at the Center over the holiday season.

Victoria

*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.*

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## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



### **EXHIBITION: "PUT A LID ON IT: CONTAINERS BY KENTUCKY ARTISANS"**

Now through February 28, 2015

Containers have been used over the centuries for storage and transport and to hold special objects. "Put a Lid on It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans," showcases containers by 48 Kentucky artisans. Some works are purely functional while others offer new interpretations of the container form and are created from a variety of materials, including stone, clay, turned and carved wood, glass, metal, fiber and recycled materials.

The containers in this exhibit include ones that are whimsical, classical in form, use innovative materials, have surprising interior spaces and/or are interesting in a variety of other ways. The accompanying statements provide a fascinating look at the artisan's thoughts and processes. Many containers have found new homes with our customers, so new works continue to be added.

*Above: "Impromptu Syncopation of the Miniscule Chambers" by Robert Bagley, Berea, KY; made from Cuban mahogany.*

## **KENTUCKY BOURBON EXHIBIT DRAWS VISITORS**

Now through November 16, 2014

Kentucky's two-century-old bourbon tradition offers not only a wonderful array of distilled spirits, but also great destinations for travelers and inspiration for Kentucky artisans.



This lobby exhibit gives visitors a glimpse into the world of bourbon with text panels and photographs depicting Kentucky bourbon's history, processes, production today, and terms and definitions. Visitors can learn about everything from the "mash bill" or recipe, to the effect of bourbon's being stored in charred white oak barrels. The exhibit informs visitors about distilleries that are open for guided tours and is a great introduction to this unique Kentucky product.

Also showcased are many other unique bourbon products regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea. Foods include specialty sauces, seasonings, candy, mixes and more. In addition, the Center offers bourbon cook books, candles and history books. Kentucky bourbon adds a unique flavor, aroma and exciting

taste to many foods and recipes.

*Above Right: Charring barrels at Jim Beam distillery*



### **FREE GUIDED GALLERY TOURS OF EXHIBITS - NOVEMBER 8**

On Saturday, November 8, staff will provide tours of the Center's gallery exhibit "Put a Lid On It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans" and the lobby exhibit "Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration." During these tours, staff will answer questions about the techniques and processes used in the various objects featured. These tours are given at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

*Left: "Pixie House" by Tonya Vance in the exhibit "Put a Lid On It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans."*

### **THANKSGIVING WEEK HOURS**

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, but open regular hours (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) all other days that week, providing visitors with exciting possibilities for finding Kentucky-made gifts for that special person on their list. The Center's cafe will be open 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **MUSIC FILLS THE CENTER FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

To make holiday shopping even more enjoyable, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will offer musical performances on four Saturdays beginning Nov. 29. Performances will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Center with musicians playing holiday selections from their recordings for visitors to enjoy.

On Saturday, Nov. 29, Chattering Magpies will perform sets of music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Comprised of Lorinda Jones on Celtic harp and Appalachian dulcimer, and Cathy Wilde playing the Irish Uilleann bagpipes and flute, this duo will also talk to visitors about their music, their unique instruments and be available to sign their CD's. From toe-tapping renditions of holiday favorites to hauntingly beautiful traditional Christmas carols, visitors will enjoy this musical experience.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, Kyle Meadows and harpist Tisa McGraw will perform on Celtic harp and hammered dulcimer. This duo has been performing together for many years and their collaborative CD "Comfort and Joy: Music for the Winter Holidays," offers delightful selections. They will perform holiday favorites including traditional and sacred tunes, weaving together tight harmony and melodies into their Christmas repertoire.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, harpist Jan Hill, of Lexington, will play Christmas favorites from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Center. Hill has been a harpist and soloist for a variety of venues throughout the region. She has a holiday CD titled, "Christmas Harp Carols from the Hills" that is regularly available at the center.



Then on Saturday, Dec. 20, the musical trio Raison D'etre will perform at the center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Violet Rae Webster, Vickie Ellis, and Roberta Schultz are a trio of versatile musicians who put their fine vocal harmonies to good use in everything from Shaker hymns to swing tunes. Versatile as singers, they also play piano, drums, guitar and banjo to accompany their singing with fresh rhythms.

*Above Right: Lorinda Jones of Chattering Magpies performs at the Kentucky Artisan Center*

## **APPLICATION 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 8 - 9, 2014

### **HOME & HEARTH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Over 30 artisans and vendors participate in this 43-year-old family tradition of folk arts and crafts. Food and shopping! Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea, KY 859-893-9066 or 859-582-0832.

November 22, 2014

### **BEREA COLLEGE CRAFT HOLIDAY SALE**

This popular annual sale features handcrafted items at incredible prices. Mueller Building, 100 Dixie Court, Berea College campus. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 859/ 985-3220 or 800/ 347-3892. [www.bereacollegecrafts.com](http://www.bereacollegecrafts.com)

November and December - During the 4 weekends preceding Christmas

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

Let this year's gift come from more than the heart - give a gift from your hands! Master craftspeople will help you 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 enchanting 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

Recipients of the 2014 Governor's Awards in the Arts, the state's highest honors in the arts, each received a ceramic vessel created by Kentucky artist **Seth Green**, an assistant professor of art at Morehead State University. Among the Governors Awards in the Arts recipients was poet, playwright and columnist **Constance Alexander** of Murray, KY, who received the 2014 Media Award.

Internationally acclaimed glass-blowing artist Lino Tagliapietra, from Murano, Italy, begins a ten-day visit to Centre College in Danville on Friday, Oct. 24. As a guest of Centre College and professor **Stephen Rolfe Powell**, he will demonstrate his art on campus during a number of open studio classes from Oct. 27-31 and Nov. 3-4 twice a day at 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Jones Visual Arts Center hot glass studio on campus.

Kentucky author **Crystal Wilkinson** will lead a workshop titled "Poetry, Place, & Mining Memory" on Saturday, Nov. 1 as part of the Kentucky State Poetry Society meeting in Berea. That same day, the annual membership meeting will conclude with a poetry reading by Kentucky author **bell hooks**, and Berea College English professor and President of the Kentucky State Poetry Society, **Libby Jones** will moderate a poetry roundtable.

KACB artists **Mike Frasca, Kathleen O'Brien, Cynthia Carr, Mary Rezny and John Andrew Dixon** were featured in KyForward in an article covering their participation in the Open Studios ArtTour in Mercer and Boyle counties.

KACB artists **Dan Neil Barnes, Keith Chambers, Melissa Oesch and Elizabeth Worley** participated in the Waveland Art Fair held Oct. 18-19.

Studio potter **Amelia Stamps** was featured along with six other women artists in the exhibition "Southern Women Potters" at the Hamilton Williams Gallery in Morganton, North Carolina.

KACB artists **Stacey Chinn, Justine Dennis, Arturo Alonzo Sandoval, Laverne Zabielski and Jennifer Zurick** have works in the exhibition "Connecting Fibers" at the MS Rezny Studio and Gallery in Lexington

through the month of October.

Poet **Leatha Kendrick** was a featured author at the Kentucky Women Writers Conference held at the University of Kentucky in September.

Studio potter **Sebastian Moh** has his porcelain in an exhibition at Shaller Gallery in Michigan called "Brittany's Picks."

KACB author **Linda J. Hawkins** participated in an author showcase at the Bowling Green Public Library in September.

Sculptor **Julie Warren Conn** was featured in an article in *Kentucky Homes and Gardens* magazine and in a feature article titled "Tennessee Treasure Julie Warren Conn, Sculptor of Stone" in the *Slippery Rock Gazette of Tennessee*.

Studio potter and watercolorist **Henrietta Scott** won the purchase award from the Kentucky State Fair - the "Best of Show" for her watercolor painting. She also won the award for best watercolor from the Kentucky Watercolor Society, and First Place in the watercolor category.

Dulcimer maker and musician **Mark Eubank** was featured in the *Lexington Herald-Leader* in an article about his dulcimer making which included a video of Eubank by *Herald-Leader* photographer Charles Bertram, promoting the Berea July Craft Fair in which Mark was an exhibitor.

KACB artist and blacksmith **Craig Kaviar** has begun a series of blacksmithing classes at Kaviar Forge and Gallery in Louisville.

Author **Robert Powell** has released a new book of pen and ink drawings and narrative of landmarks in the Lexington area titled, "Lexington-Fayette County Sketchbook." Powell gave a talk and book signing at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in September.

KACB artists **Jeremy Colbert, Fox Hutt, Mary Rezny and Peggy Sherry** are exhibiting in the Danville Community Center's newest exhibition titled, "Horizon: Contemporary Landscapes" now through Nov. 14. In addition, a companion show titled, "H2O: Water, Water, Everywhere" includes the work of KACB artists **Cynthia Carr, Wayne Daugherty and Fox Hutt**.

Photographer **Ed Lawrence** signed copies of his book, *Kentucky 120* at the Morris Book Shop in Lexington, and will sign books at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea on Nov. 29.

Participating in The Incredible Food Show in Lexington were KACB food producers **Screamin Mimi's, Rattlesnake Hill Farm, Kenny's Farmhouse Cheese, Wiesenberger Mills, Cappy's Carmel Corn, Applecreek Specialty Foods, Devil John Moonshine BBQ Sauce, Mom Blakeman's, Ole Ray Sauces and Brownings Country Ham**. KACB author **Fiona Young-Brown** gave a presentation in the show's culinary seminar titled "Stack Cake: The History and Making of an Appalachian Tradition."

Basket artist **Jennifer Zurick** was recently awarded *The Founders Award*, one of four cash prizes won by

exhibitors at the **American Craft Exposition** (ACE) in Evanston, IL.

KACB artists **Walter Hyleck, Sebastian Moh, Rebecca Seigel and Trent Ripley** have works in the exhibition "Ritual and Residue: The Art of Drink" at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, the exhibit is on display through November 9.

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## CALENDAR

GALLERY EXHIBIT – Now through Feb. 28, 2015  
"Put a Lid On It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans"

LOBBY EXHIBIT – through Nov. 16  
"Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration"

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

### WOODTURNING DEMONSTRATION

**Saturday, Nov. 1**

Richard Adams, London, KY

### LINOLEUM BLOCK PRINTMAKING DEMONSTRATION

**Saturday, Nov. 8**

Debby Stratford, Louisville, KY

### FREE GUIDED GALLERY TOURS

**Saturday, Nov. 8 - (11 A.M. AND 2 P.M.)**

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### WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION

**Saturday, Nov. 15**

Berea Welcome Center Carvers

### BROOM MAKING DEMONSTRATION

**Saturday, Nov. 22**

Christopher Robbins, Berea, KY

### BOOK SIGNING - *Starbird's Special Gift*

**Saturday, Nov. 22 - (11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.)**

Jim Shields, Lexington, KY

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

CHATTERING MAGPIES MUSICAL PERFORMANCE ON CELTIC HARP, UILEANN BAGPIPES  
AND FLUTE  
**Saturday, Nov. 29 - (11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.)**  
Lorinda Jones and Cathy Wilde, Rineyville, KY

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

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.)**  
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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**

LICENSE PLATE BIRDHOUSE DEMONSTRATION

**Saturday, Dec. 27**

Ron Owens, Mount Vernon, KY

CLOSED - NEW YEARS DAY

**Thursday, Jan 1**



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