



KENTUCKY
ARTISAN CENTER
AT BERA

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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.

March 1, 2014

From the Director

Spring always brings many wonderful opportunities for those visiting Kentucky and the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea!

We have just installed a new gallery exhibit, "Repurposed & Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans," which features over 40 Kentucky artists. To be considered for this exhibit works had to include a minimum of 50% recycled or repurposed materials. The exhibit includes fascinating pieces created using everything from used tea bags to rusted metal roofing.

We also have a new lobby exhibit "Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation & Inspiration," which explores the Bourbon industry and its history as well as Bourbon-inspired artisan products. Demonstrations also continue to be held Saturdays, and if you "like" our facebook page you can enjoy weekly photos of these artisans at work.

On March 8 and 9 many of our artisans will participate in the Kentucky Arts Council's "Kentucky Crafted: The Market" at the Lexington Convention Center. Below are details for this great annual event.

We hope many of you can join us Sunday, March 16 from 1:30 to 3:00 for our Meet-the-Artists Reception for "Recycled & Repurposed: Works by Kentucky Artisans."

Please check our website calendar and [facebook](#) pages for news and events. And don't forget our cafe is a great place to relax with family and friends!

We encourage you to travel our way soon for one or all of these opportunities!

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Executive Director

Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW GALLERY EXHIBIT:

"REPURPOSED & RECYCLED: WORKS BY KENTUCKY ARTISANS"

Now through September 6, 2014

MEET-THE-ARTISTS RECEPTION

Sunday, March 16 1:30-3:00

Our new exhibit "Repurposed & Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans" opening March 1 showcases fascinating two dimensional and three dimensional art made from a wide array of unusual found and recycled materials. The exhibit includes works by 41 Kentucky artists, made from such materials as old children's building blocks, cigarette butts, antique weather vanes, cardboard, scrap metal, dried paint and dehydrated tree frogs – and reveals the amazing ingenuity of Kentucky's artisans.

Participating artists include: Lydia Allen, Pewee Valley; Mike Angel, London; Lisa Austin, Louisville; Thomas Blanck, Nicholasville; Linda Blumer, Lexington; Jane Bresser, Covington; Pat Brunner, Berea; Stacey Chinn, Lexington; Amanda Clark, Louisville; Sherrie Cocanougher, Parksville; Jeremy Colbert, Lexington; Wendy Currier, Lexington; John Dixon, Danville; Ronald Gosses, Richmond; Sam Greenwell, Georgetown; Vallorie Henderson, Louisville; Ann LeGris, Taylorsville; Deborah Levine, Louisville; Brandon Long, Lancaster; Kathleen Loomis, Louisville; Stephen Marks,

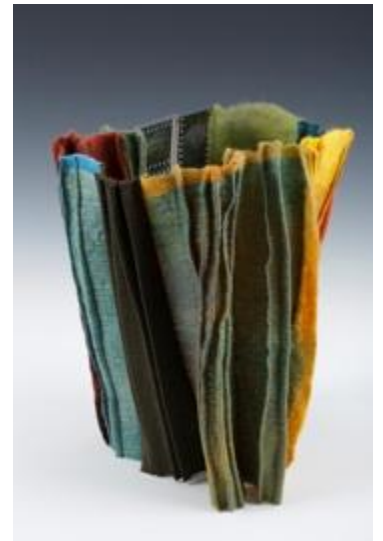
Owensboro; Alyce McDonald, Louisville, Helen Merrick, Louisville; Alan Mills, Berea; David Mohallatee, Richmond; Lonnie and Twyla Money, East Bernstadt; Dacelle Peckler, Paris; Gin Petty, Berea; Mary Reed, Irvine; Cathy Wade Ridge, Prospect; Ken Roberts, Cadiz; Felice Sachs, Louisville; Joe Sartor, Morehead; Christa Smith, Elizabethtown; Shawna Southerland, Berea; Kenneth Taylor, Paris; Norman Veech, Taylorsville; Cathy Vigor, Lexington; Jo Wolf, Monticello; Elizabeth Worley, Lexington, and Richard Kolb (Yardbirds), Louisville.

[More about this exhibit...](#)

Above right: "Bookworm Sitting on a Crate" by Twyla & Lonnie Money, made from repurposed dryer vent tubing, barn wood, found glasses, gourd, paint, caulk, vacuum cleaner tubing, metal aluminum scraps, old apple crate, old books, glue, 98% recycled materials.

Above Left: "Poaching Sucks" by Stephen Marks, made from repurposed old outboard boat motor, vacuum cleaner parts, old brush, table legs, beauty salon washing basin, bathroom fixture, wooden spoons, wire chain, screws, 98% recycled materials.

Right: "Previous Lives" by Vallorie Henderson, made from wool from WW II uniform, felt scraps, color negative slide film, thread, 90% recycled materials.





NEW LOBBY EXHIBIT:

"KENTUCKY BOURBON: DISTILLATION AND INSPIRATION"

Now through July 5, 2014

Kentucky's over 200-year Bourbon tradition offers not only a wonderful array of distilled spirits, but also offers great destinations for Kentucky travelers and inspiration for Kentucky artisans. This exhibit on display in the Center's lobby shares via text panels and photographs Kentucky Bourbon's history, processes, production today, and terms and definitions. The exhibit also includes information about distillery tours.

Also showcased is a selection of furniture made by Kentucky artists Jason Cohen and Karine and Matthew Maynard, who have used recycled Bourbon barrels to create unique chairs, stools and tables. Books on Bourbon cooking and history, and a wide range of Bourbon flavored food products are also featured. From specialty sauces to seasonings and candies Kentucky Bourbon adds a unique flavor to foods and recipes.

Photo: Bourbon barrel bar table by Karine & Matthew Maynard.

DON'T MISS OUR EXHIBIT AT KENTUCKY CRAFTED: THE MARKET

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will be participating in "Kentucky Crafted: The Market" as it returns to the Lexington Convention Center March 8-9 for its 32nd year showcasing great Kentucky craft and art, live music, books and foods. Produced by the Kentucky Arts Council, the market features the work of more than 200 Kentucky artists.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will present a special exhibit at the Market this year that will include a look at the Center's development from its beginning following the 1996 tornado in Berea to its celebration of 10 years in 2013. The Market is open to the public on Saturday, March 8 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and on Sunday, March 9 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

[For more information and to purchase tickets...](#)

TWO FOUNDING STAFF RETIRE

Two staff who helped open the center and have provided great services over our first ten years have recently retired from the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Debby Giannini was the Center's founding Assistant Director. She had participated in initial planning meetings as part of the Tourism Development Office of the Secretary's staff, and assisted throughout the Center's construction. Once the Center had opened, she served as the Center's personnel manager, assistant director, and marketing manager. Her expertise and University of Kentucky wildcats enthusiasm will be missed here at the Center!

Jenny Dodson joined the Center's staff a year before opening, serving as founding office manager. Jenny had worked for the Department of Parks prior to joining the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea's staff. She brought great experience to our new agency. Her expertise and attention to detail have been instrumental in our success as an agency and she will be missed.

We thank these staff for their many years of service and wish them very happy retirements!

KENTUCKY ARTISAN CENTER AT BERA EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY

Kentucky Artists are invited to submit work for "Put a Lid on It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans," which will be on display at the Center September 13, 2014 through February 28, 2015. **Entry deadline is June 21, 2014.** The prospectus and entry

form are [available on line](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN BEREA

April 25 - 27

Hands Four Spring Dance Weekend

This 11th annual event is one of the most popular contra dance weekends in the region. This year's featured band is *Wild Asparagus*, with caller George Marshall of Massachusetts. Held at the Russel Acton Folk Center and Berea Center for the Arts. 859/ 986-7584. [website](#)

June 7

L & N Day

A great event for railroad enthusiasts! Celebrate 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

Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen Spring Fair

Annual juried fair of arts and crafts by outstanding Kentucky artisans! Live music, great food, demonstrations and entertainment. Held at Indian Fort Theatre, just outside of Berea on Hwy. 21 E. 859/ 986-3192. [website](#).

ARTISANS IN THE NEWS

Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

Kentucky Poet Laureate **Frank X Walker** was the winner of a 45th annual NAACP Image Award. He was nominated in the "Outstanding Literary Work - Poetry" category for his latest book, *Turn Me Loose: The Unghosting of Medger Evers*. The NAACP Image Awards highlight achievements in art, entertainment, politics and culture. The nominees and winners of the Image Awards are selected by a group of NAACP members.

Painter **Robert Halliday** was photographed while he was painting on the breakwater in Provincetown last summer. The photo was published in "Endless Vacation" magazine.

KACB artist **Michael Terra** was the feature artist on the Kentucky Arts Council's website for February.

KACB artists **Scott Gilbert, Beth Hester, and Lonnie and Twyla Money** along with the band **Kentucky Wild Horse** participated in the Kentucky Art Council's "Arts Day" in Frankfort on Jan. 28. As a part of "Arts Day" in Frankfort, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea was introduced and recognized by legislators in the Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives for receiving the 2013 Governor's Award in the Arts - Government Category.

KACB musicians **Bob and Susie Hutchison, Roger Cooper, Carla Gover, and John Edmonds** will perform on March 8, and **Dale Pyatt, Jay Flippin & Gordon Towell, and Kentucky Wildhorse** will perform on March 9, at the Kentucky Art Council's annual *Kentucky Crafted: The Market* at the Lexington Convention Center.

KACB artist **Craig Kaviar** is offering a spring beginner blacksmithing class at Kaviar Forge and Gallery in Louisville on March 22 and on April 19.

The Kentucky Arts Council opened a display of works by 24 Kentucky artists in "Kentucky Visions at the Capitol" through April 18 in the offices of the Kentucky General Assembly and in the hallways of the Capitol Annex. KACB artists participating are **Marianne Brown, Philis Alvic, Wendy Currier, Steve Davis-Rosenbaum, Linda Fugate-Blumer, Elsie Harris, Shirley Jeter, Carol Shutt, David Toczko, Ying Kit Chan, Judy Rosati, Pat Banks and Bruce Frank**.

Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center's newest exhibition, "Kentucky Memories: Memory Paintings by Kentucky Folk Artists," is on display through March 29. Works by KACB folk artists **Janice Harding Owens and Joan Dance**

are included in this exhibit which is taken from KFAC's permanent collection.

Heart to Heart Publishing and KACB author **Linda Hawkins** is offering their first writers retreat on Florida's Amelia Island March 30-April 1.

KACB artist and painter **David Farmer** was featured in an article in the Community Arts Center's E-newsletter in November. **Farmer** was the Center's Artist in Residence when the Danville, KY organization's facility first opened.

Kentucky Crafted Program artists **Traci Cassilly, Judy & Gorgon Geagley, Jerry Hollon, Melissa Oesch, Cecilia Ridge, and Steve Scherer** participated in the Philadelphia Buyers Market: The American Made Show, as part of the Kentucky Art Council's business development program Jan. 18-21.

Author and photographer **Susan J. Mitchell's** new book, "Snapshots" was an award finalist with USA Booknews, in the Gift and Specialty books category.

KACB watercolor artist **Pat Banks** will be leading a 2 day pleinair watercolor workshop at Jordan Hill Farm on April 2 and 3. For more information [contact](#).

Kentucky Poet Laureate **Frank X Walker** gave the keynote address at Kentucky State University as part of the university's observance of Black History Month.

KACB artists participating in the Danville Community Center exhibit "New Year - New Art" are **John Dixon, David Farmer, Judith Jia, Brandon Long, Marianna McDonald, and Kathleen O'Brien**.

KACB tea expert and author **Bruce Richardson** teamed up with Woodford Reserve Distillery in Versailles, and chef in residence Ouita Michel, for the "Ultimate Tea Party" on January 24 and 25.

KACB musicians **Heath and Molly** performed at the Grand Opening of the Owensboro Convention Center.

Link Henderson, KACB potter and owner of Kentucky Mudworks in Lexington, KY, hosted the Potter's Council's workshop, "Covering the Clay Surface" on Feb. 7-8. Kentucky Mudworks was the venue for this workshop which featured 4 nationally known ceramic artists.

KACB authors **Bell Hooks and Libby Jones** presented "Spirit Talks: Writing and Spirituality" at the Loyal Jones Appalachian Center at Berea College.

ARTISAN OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline March 7

Bluegrass Biennial - (June 9 - Aug. 27, 2014)

The Bluegrass Biennial is a juried show open to all artists residing in Kentucky to showcase the strength and diversity of Kentucky's contemporary art. 2014 exhibit juror is Andrea Fisher, director of the Morlan Gallery at Transylvania University.

Deadline for entry is March 7. The prospectus PDF is [available](#).

Deadline March 15

Kentucky Arts Council Seeks Teaching Artists for Directory

The Kentucky Arts Council is accepting applications until March 15 for the Teaching Artists Directory, an online, adjudicated index of Kentucky artists who are qualified to conduct residencies in educational settings.

Individual and folk artists who reside in Kentucky and produce high quality artistic work are invited to apply. Applicants must have the skills and competencies needed to work with teachers and students to design and implement arts education programs. Artists working in any discipline or medium, including visual arts, performing arts, literary arts and folk arts are all eligible. Artists may apply in more than one discipline or medium, but must submit a separate application for each. [For more](#)

[information.](#)

Deadline March 17

Art We Use

The Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens, OH, invites submission of entries for the exhibit "**art we use**" to be held June 20-September 1, 2014. This international juried exhibition will feature artwork in a broad base of media with works in wood, clay, metal, glass, fibers, and more. Downloadable prospectus available [HERE](#) or visit dairybarn.org.

Deadline April 1

Kentucky Museum of Art & Craft - Kentucky Derby Poster Contest - (March 28 - June 1, 2014)

The Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft (KMAC) invites submissions for the KMAC Derby Poster contest held in conjunction with the upcoming exhibition [PRESS: Artist and Machine](#), March 28 through June 1. Poster designs should incorporate ideas from Eadweard Muybridge's innovative thought in capturing motion and the tradition of the Kentucky Derby. KMAC is partnering with local print shop [Hound Dog Press](#) to produce this year's poster in a limited-edition run. [For Submission Details](#)

CALENDAR

GALLERY EXHIBIT – March 1 - September 6, 2014

“Repurposed and Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans”

LOBBY EXHIBIT – Now through July 5, 2014

“Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration”

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

PAINTED AND CARVED GOURD DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, March 1

Donna and Donnie Smith, Waco, KY

HANDMADE PAPER SCULPTURE DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, March 8

Gin Petty, Berea, KY

FREE GUIDED GALLERY TOURS

Saturday, March 8

Artisan Center Staff - 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, March 15

Berea Welcome Center Carvers: Oris Stanton, David Buzzard & Ron McWhorter

MEET-THE-ARTISTS RECEPTION

Sunday, March 16 - 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Artists with work in "Repurposed & Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans" exhibit

WHIMSICAL JEWELRY DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, March 22

Theresa Kibby, Somerset, KY

REED BASKET DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, March 29

Elizabeth Worley, Lexington, KY

WOOD TURNING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, April 5

Pamela Rucker, Lancaster, KY

POTTERY ON THE WHEEL DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, April 12

Mike Ware, Hindman, KY

WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, April 19

Berea Welcome Center Carvers

STILL LIFE OIL PAINTING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, April 26

Louis Northern, Mt. Vernon, KY



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