



KENTUCKY ARTISAN CENTER at BEREA E-NEWS

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is a very busy summer at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea. We were privileged to create a satellite store in the Lexington Convention Center July 10-11-12 for the Southern Legislative Conference. Invited by Senator Robert Stivers to present the arts, the center merchandised the work of over 150 artisans to conference attendees from 15 states and the public.

A new exhibit program, "Reveal" will showcase large format two-dimensional works in our lobby. We have kicked off this new exhibit program with the works of Monica Pipia.

Another new addition is breakfast at the center - offering a variety of breakfast sandwiches from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Our Berea Tourism area in the lobby is being re-designed by the city with colorful walls, new photos and signage.



Come see artists demonstrate Keep up with our events and activities on [Facebook](#) or our [website](#) and we hope to see you soon at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea!

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Exhibits & Events

GALLERY EXHIBIT - “GREAT IMPRESSIONS: PRINTS BY KENTUCKY ARTISANS”

Now Through Sept. 10, 2016



The gallery exhibit “Great Impressions: Prints by Kentucky Artisans” showcases the work of 20 Kentucky printmakers.

Printmaking is one of the oldest forms of illustration and this exhibit includes works made with an array of printmaking techniques selected by each artist to translate their individual expression and style.

Tools, inks, blocks and a proofing press are included in the exhibit to allow visitors the opportunity to observe process and materials. An accompanying exhibit pamphlet features the history of printmaking and details the numerous print processes.

LOBBY EXHIBIT - “KENTUCKY CLAY: A CONTINUING TRADITION”

This exhibit showcases and explains how the wealth of clay deposits all across Kentucky gave rise to an abundance of potters, ceramic industries and clay traditions. Beginning with the origins of clay and early objects made from clay, the exhibit shows the development of tools and processes used in ceramics. Through text, photos and objects, the scope of Kentucky ceramics is covered from early Native American pottery shards to today’s contemporary ceramic works.



Stoneware from “Kentucky Clay”



FREE GUIDED GALLERY EXHIBIT TOUR - AUGUST 13, 2016

On Saturday, August 13, staff will provide tours of the Center's gallery exhibit "Great Impressions: Prints by Kentucky Artisans," the lobby exhibit "Kentucky Clay: A Continuing Tradition" and "Pipia." During these tours, given at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m., staff will answer questions about the techniques

and processes used and the various objects featured.

UPCOMING EXHIBIT

Sept. 17, 2016 - Feb. 25, 2017

Meet-the-Artists Reception - Sept. 25

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

"HAVE A SEAT: CHAIRS BY KENTUCKY ARTISANS"

Kentucky artists have submitted their entries and this new exhibit looks to be an exciting one! Chairs by 29 artists will be displayed and for sale, with 10 of the artists new to the center.



"Literal Chair" by Mark Needham

Artists have created chairs using a variety of materials and have also re-purposed existing chairs into colorful new works. Chairs both large and small will show a wide range of artistic imagination and interpretation with some chairs functional and others purely whimsical and visual.

A meet-the-artists reception will be held at the center on Sept. 25 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. This reception is free and open to the public.

SEPTEMBER 30 - DEADLINE FOR NEXT ARTISAN REVIEW

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 programs or the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen. Applications for the next review session are due September 30.

Application categories are:

- Visual Arts (crafts, and two-dimensional art)
- Books
- Music, Storytelling and other recordings/Films
- Kentucky Proud food products
- Beauty 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 or E-mailed to: gwen.heffner@ky.gov

Center News

“REVEAL” EXHIBIT PROGRAM KICKS OFF

The brain child of the center's executive director Todd Finley, the center will offer new two-dimensional Kentucky artists, as well as visual artists regularly featured at the center, the opportunity to showcase larger works with *Reveal*.

“This new exhibit program provides exhibition opportunities for Kentucky artists whose larger two-dimensional works cannot be accommodated within the center's regular retail spaces,” said Finley.

Reveal exhibits will become a regular part of the center's exhibition schedule through a statewide call-to-artists. Utilizing space in the center's lobby, these large format works will be shown and for sale over a four month period January through May each year.

Kicking-off this new program is a display of works by Monica Pipia. Her paintings and new prints are considered by some to be folk art and by others to be contemporary.

Using simple lines and often large areas of pattern, Pipia renders her two favorite subjects, dogs and horses, in a style that is almost dreamlike.

THE KENTUCKY ARTISAN CENTER AT BEREAS SATELLITE STORE

A special and distinctive array of works by Kentucky artists was on display and for sale July 10-11-12 at the Lexington Convention Center.

Initiated by Kentucky Senator Robert Stivers, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea created a satellite store as a showcase for the arts during the Southern Legislative Conference at the Lexington Convention Center.

New works were specifically selected for the store, with wood sculptures by Lexington's LaVon Williams, contemporary jewelry by Louisville's Mark Needham, ceramics by Patrick Dougherty of Bellevue, sculptural glass panels and bowls by Lexington's Dan Neil Barnes and much more. Several newly juried



artists were able to see their work on display for the first time July 10-12 at this satellite store.



The store also had demonstrating artists present all three days. Demonstrating artists were: Steve Wiggins, Elizabeth Worley, Janice Harding Owens, Bill Berryman, Rachel Savane and Melissa Oesch. Photographers Jeff Rogers and Linda Doane signed copies of their books and two large flat screens gave continuous video streaming of both artisan demonstrations and a visual introduction to the center.



Melissa Oesch demonstrates book binding

BEREA VOTED # 1 IN AMERICA'S TOP 10 TOWNS FOR CRAFT LOVERS

With over 47,789 Facebook votes tallied, craft lovers from all over the country voted Berea as their #1 favorite town for crafts. Beating out much larger cities such as St. Petersburg, Florida (#2), Asheville, North Carolina (#7), Louisville, Kentucky (#10), and Northampton, Massachusetts (#8), Berea fans logged onto the American Craft Week website to vote.

The contest was sponsored by the organization *Craft*, and the Craft Retailers Association, whose annual focus is the celebration of craft during American Craft Week October 1-16, 2016.

The town of Berea is synonymous with the word craft and was designated by the state legislature as the "Folk Arts and Craft Capital of Kentucky." Berea is home to Berea College which in 1883 started its Fireside Industries program which continues today as the Berea College Student Crafts Program.

The town is also home to numerous great destinations such as artisan studios, the Berea Arts Council, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen, a wide range of galleries and studios offering

exceptionally high quality art and craft, annual arts workshops, festivals and juried craft fairs.

“This contest really tapped into Berea’s sense of community pride, into Kentucky’s great network of artists, and into the amazing number of visitors who come to Berea, said arts consultant Judy Sizemore. “Even people who don’t live in this town - they take pride in Berea as a community and as craft lovers.”

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOWN OF BERE!

ARTISAN CAFÉ NOW OFFERING BREAKFAST

Visitors, travelers and the local community can now enjoy breakfast at the Kentucky Artisan Center from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The Artisan Café is now offering a variety of breakfast sandwiches and breakfast burritos along with fresh coffee for those out walking, running or stopping by in the morning. Staff picks are our fresh sausage biscuits and breakfast burritos!

SAV’S CHILL - ARTISAN CAFÉ OFFERS NEW ICE CREAM

A new selection of ice cream is now available at the Artisan Café from Sav’s Chill. Favorites so far are Bourbon Ball, Spanish Peanut Gelato and Chocolate Almond Coconut to name a few of the 8 flavors available.

NEW LOBBY DIGS FOR BERE! TOURISM

A new look can be seen in our lobby as Berea Tourism re-designs their information space at the center. New paint, photographs and signage give a more complete picture of what the town has to offer visitors.



Staff Favorites

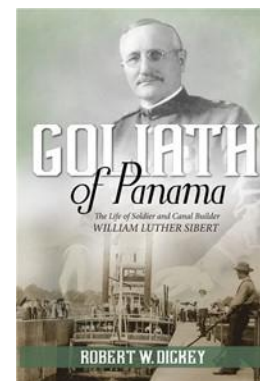
DIRECTOR’S READING LIST

Books make wonderful gifts. Here are three books our director is currently enjoying.

Madame Belle - by Mary Jean Wall

Goliath of Panama - by Robert W. Dickey

Spirits of Wickland Mansion - by Dixie Hibbs



NEW WORKS - STAFF FAVORITES

Staff has picked new works that are again available at the center.

LaVon Williams' wood sculptures

Jennifer Zurick's willow baskets

Rob Weingartner's jewelry

Dan Neil Barnes fused glass

Mark Needham's jewelry

FOODIE FAVORITES - STAFF PICKS

Our staff has favorite food products too. Here are some top picks:

Evan Williams Spicy Apple Grilling Sauce

Sav's Piment Sauce

Momma's Seasoned Grilling Rub

Mom Blakeman's Orange Pulled Candy

Mom Blakeman's Barbeque Pulled Candy

Mom Blakeman's Original Pulled Candy

Old Kentucky Chocolates - Chocolate Fudge

Broadbent's Country Ham

CAFE FAVORITES

Favorite dishes created by our café include:

Breakfast Burritos

Sav's Chill Chocolate Ice Cream

Sausage Biscuits

Hot Brown

Upcoming Events in Berea

August 19-20, 2016

BEREA CELTIC FESTIVAL

A city-wide gathering that focuses on traditional, authentic and grassroots Celtic music, drawing top-notch musicians and singers from near and far.

Russel Acton Folk Center, dances, concerts and sessions. 859-986-7584.

October 8-9, 2016

KENTUCKY GUILD OF ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN FALL FAIR

Find great works of art and craft by juried Kentucky artists and craftsmen. Live music, great food and demonstrations.

Indian Fort Theater. 859-986-3192 www.kyguild.org



October 14-15, 2016

CELEBRATION OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC

43rd Annual

Concerts, jam sessions and more held across the Berea College historic campus.

Hosted by the Loyal Jones Appalachian Center. Performers include:

Irish traditional singer Mary McPartlan along

with Bertha Hope, The Local Honeys, Generation Gap, Jeff Keith, Donna and

Lewis Lamb, The Carolina Colonels, Amythyst Kiah, Travis Stuart, Anndrena

Belcher, Berea College Music Ensembles and more.

859-985-3140 Visit the CTM [website](#).



Artisans in the News

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Author **Wendell Berry** is featured in “The Seer: A Portrait of Wendell Berry” a new documentary by filmmaker Laura Dunn and produced by Robert Redford. The film premiered on July 28 at the Kentucky Theater in Lexington to a sold out audience. Following the film was a Q & A session with the filmmaker Laura Dunn and Mary Berry of the Berry Center.

Studio Potters **Laura Ross** and **Judy Miner** have a selection of functional and sculptural ceramics in their exhibit 1 + 1 at the newly renovated and expanded Louisville gallery Craft(s) Gallery and Mercantile.

Director of the University of Kentucky Art Museum Stuart Horodner selected 29 artworks for the exhibit *Firmly Rooted 2016* at the MS Rezny Gallery in Lexington. Honorable mention was awarded to **Charlsa Hensley** of Berea who also has a print in the center’s exhibit “Great Impressions.”

Printmaker **Nicole Hand** showed her work in the Downtown Arts Center exhibit “Beveled Edges” an exhibit of works by Kentucky printmakers, guest curated by **Elizabeth Foley** June 10-August 7 in Lexington.

Traditional artist **Christa Smith** was selected again for Early American Life magazine’s Holiday Edition for her painted wooden boxes and wax ornaments.

Ceramic artist **Seth Green** accepted a teaching position at Indiana University. We are sorry to see him leave and wish him luck!

Musicians **Heath and Molly** will be performing at the Inaugural Rowan County PRIDE Fest in Morehead, KY. They will be performing in Flagstaff, Verde Valley and Cave Creek, AZ in October.

Musician **Sam Gleaves** played as the opening act for musician John McCutcheon in a concert at Union Church in Berea on May 27. A new CD by **Gleaves** titled "Ain't We Brothers" is now available at the center.

Woodworker **Ron McWhorter**, a member of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers, was awarded a *Citation of Achievement* by the Kentucky House of Representatives for his woodworking. **McWhorter** creates hand-hewn oval bowls using an adz and his bowls are regularly available at the center.

Textile artist **Marilyn Foulke** participated in the Louisville Visual Art Association's exhibit with over 200 artists who created works using an 8" x 8" canvas. Works were sold and donations went to LVAA.

Artist **Jana Kappeler** has her work "Whisper of the Mountain" accepted into "Landscape: A Sense of Place" an international juried art exhibition in New York City. The exhibition juror was Annette Rose-Shapiro, managing editor for ARTNews magazine.

KET was nominated for 14 awards by the Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Productions nominated were produced by Gary Pahler, Paul Smith, Steve Shaffer, Amy Hess, Matthew Grimm and Nick Helton.

Flame Run Gallery, partnering with Louisville's Rodolfo Salgado and Susanna Crum of Calliope Arts Printmaking Studio is creating an exhibit of hybrid glass and printmaking in conjunction with the Mid America Printmaking Conference to be held in Louisville in October. Works by **Devin French**, Johnny Gordon, Brandon Smith, Brad Vetter and Jayden Wilson will be featured in "Crystal Editions: An Intersection of Glass and Printmaking." The show will run Sept. 2 until Nov. 17 with a reception on Friday, Oct. 7 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

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LOBBY EXHIBIT

through Nov. 14

"Clay in Kentucky: A Continuing Tradition"

through Dec. 31

"Reveal: Monica Pipia"

AUGUST EVENTS - FOCUS ON SCULPTURE

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

STONE CARVING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, August 6

William Duffy, Louisville, KY

SCULPTING WITH LIMESTONE DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, August 13

Albert Nelson, Louisville, KY

FREE GUIDED GALLERY TOURS AT KENTUCKY ARTISAN CENTER

Saturday, August 13 - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Center Staff

WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, August 20

Berea Welcome Center Carvers

STONE CARVING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, August 27

Mike McCarthy, Louisville, KY

SEPTEMBER EVENTS - FOCUS ON JEWELRY

POLYMER CLAY JEWELRY DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, Sept. 3

James Rich & Diana Smith Thomas, Georgetown, KY

JEWELRY DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, Sept. 10

Sue R_____, Richmond, KY

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Saturday, Sept. 10 - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, Sept. 17

Berea Welcome Center Carvers

METAL REPOUSSE JEWELRY DEMONSTRATION
Saturday, Sept. 24
Sharon Major, Louisville, KY



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