



# KENTUCKY ARTISAN CENTER E-NEWS

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

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### FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is an exciting time here at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea as we enjoy preparing for the holiday seasons. There are lots of new items to find for your holiday gift giving from newly juried and regularly showcased artists. Come see our 15-foot Christmas tree decorated with ornaments by Joette Dunn.

We will be selecting large format works to be showcased in our lobby for our new “Reveal” exhibit Jan. 7 - April 30, 2017, and our gallery exhibit “Have a Seat: Chairs by Kentucky Artisans” continues to show the creativity of Kentucky’s artists.

December events focus on holiday music with performances on Dec. 3 and 10. Come early to enjoy breakfast and keep up with our events and activities on [Facebook](#) or our [website](#).

Check out our newly created billboard designs on I-75 featuring the glass work of Stephen Rolfe Powell. We look forward to seeing you often during the holidays here at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea!



### **TODD FINLEY**

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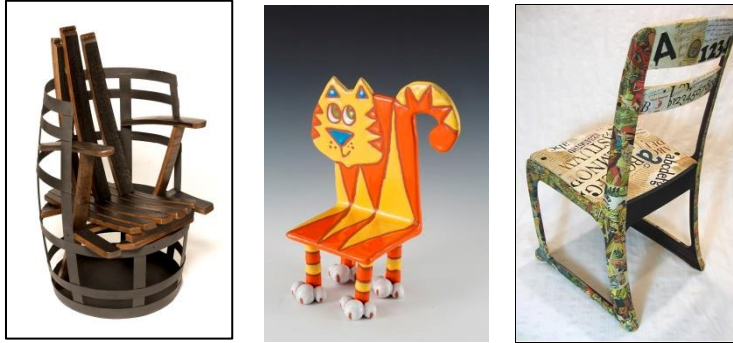
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# Exhibits and Events

## GALLERY EXHIBIT

### “HAVE A SEAT: CHAIRS BY KENTUCKY ARTISANS”

Now Through March 31, 2017



*Photos, L to R: “Sitting Bourbon Style” by Donnie Wittler; “Sit Fur a Spell” by Jana John; “Good Morning Mrs. Bradshaw” by John Andrew Dixon*

The center’s gallery exhibit “Have a Seat: Chairs by Kentucky Artisans” showcases the work of 33 Kentucky artists who have created newly made functional seating as well as non-functional miniatures, repurposed chairs and whimsical interpretations of the form.

The chairs in this exhibit are constructed from a wide range of materials and it has been widely popular!

## LOBBY EXHIBITS

### “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.



*Strider Deaver, Laura Poulette and sons enjoy the “Kentucky Clay” exhibit*

## “REVEAL: MONICA PIPIA”

Now Through Dec. 31, 2016

Large paintings and new limited edition prints by artist Monica Pipia are on display in the lobby at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Pipia’s paintings and new prints are considered by some to be folk art and others as 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.



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## Center News

### CENTER CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY - OPEN ALL WEEK LONG

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, but is 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.

Whether you are shopping for gifts or preparing your home for the holidays, the center, conveniently located off Interstate 75, offers a wide array of beautiful gifts created by more than 700 Kentucky artisans.

During this traditional kick-off to holiday shopping weekend, glass artist and jeweler Ann Klem, of Fisherville, will demonstrate how she creates her lamp worked glass beads. Using an oxygen-

propane torch, Klem will melt glass onto a mandrel to create the colorful beads she uses in her jewelry. Klem will be demonstrating on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Also on Nov. 26 the musical ensemble Raison D’Etre will be performing live from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Center. Come and hear your favorite holiday music sung in three-part harmony and accompanied with keyboards, guitars and percussion!



## CELEBRATING THE SEASON WITH KENTUCKY PROUD

Promoting Kentucky Proud products on live radio, Information Specialist Gwen Heffner, along with Melanie Blandford of the KY Dept. of Agriculture and Margery Baldwin of Baldwin Farms in Richmond, talked with John Hingsbergen on WEKU-FM radio's show "Eastern Standard." Listeners called in with questions and Gwen was able to talk about the many KY Proud products available at the Kentucky Artisan Center year round. [Listen in!](#)



## GIVE A GIFT MADE IN KENTUCKY

Berea is home to numerous great studios, shops and arts destinations, so a visit to Berea is the natural choice for holiday shopping! At the Kentucky Artisan Center you will find all kinds of beautiful gifts and every dollar you spend stays in Kentucky and helps Kentucky's artists and entrepreneurs.

Get into the holiday spirit in our lobby, graced with a large 15 foot tree, lit with lights, decorated with handmade ornaments by Joette Dunn and laced with grapevines. It's a Christmas Kentucky style with wreaths and decorations throughout the center.



The center has great gifts for everyone on your shopping list! We have a wide range of KY Proud specialty foods, cookbooks, pottery for the kitchen, beauty products and jewelry, men's hats, pocket handkerchiefs, ornaments, incredible chocolates, books, poetry, paintings, photographs, prints, sculpture and much more. Come and find the perfect Kentucky-made gift here at the Kentucky Artisan Center.

Bring your friends and enjoy holiday shopping, enjoy a meal in our café and listen to live music on Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. Demonstrating artists are on Saturdays to bring the creative process to life and live music will set the mood for the holidays!



*Cathy Wilde and Lorinda Jones of 'Na Skylark'*



## NEW ARTISTS AT THE CENTER

Eleven new artists were accepted at the October Artisan Review including: Justin Burton, Rachel Ballard, Jarod Cox, Johnny Gordon, Paula Keppie, Linda Kuhlman, Tom Petschke, Albert Scovern, Debbie Shannon and Jason Woodward. New author accepted is Gary Varner and new food producers are Staat's Bakery. See the following article for information on the next review.



*L-R: Marbled paper by Debbie Shannon; Horsehair Jar by Albert Scovern; Photo by Rachael Ballard*

## AUTHOR CRYSTAL WILKINSON WINS ERNEST J. GAINES AWARD

Author Crystal Wilkinson has been named the winner of the 2016 Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence for her novel "The Birds of Opulence." Named in honor of one of Louisiana's most beloved storytellers, the award serves to recognize rising African-American fiction writers.

The Gaines Award, initiated by donors of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, is now in its 10th year and has become nationally recognized in its role of enhancing visibility of emerging black fiction writers while also expanding the audience for this literature.



Wilkinson is the author of two short story collections: "Blackberries, Blackberries," winner of the Chaffin Award for Appalachian Literature, and "Water Street," a finalist for both the United Kingdom's Orange Prize for Fiction and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award. She serves as Appalachian writer-in-residence at Berea College and teaches in the Spalding University low residency MFA in Creative Writing program. "The Birds of Opulence," her first novel, was released earlier this year by the University Press of Kentucky.

## DECEMBER 31 - 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 December 31.

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](mailto:gwen.heffner@ky.gov)

## MATTHEW GADDIE CREATES GOVERNOR'S AWARDS



Studio potter Matthew Gaddie, of Bardstown, was commissioned by the Kentucky Arts Council to create the 2016 Governor's Awards in the Arts awards.

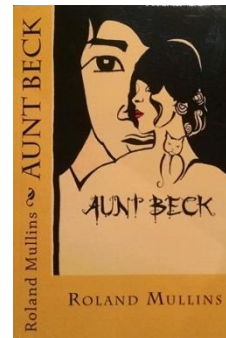
Gaddie made 10 large wood-fired platters that were given to each recipient at the ceremony held Oct. 21 at the capitol rotunda in Frankfort.

## Staff Favorites

### DIRECTOR'S PICK

Books make wonderful gifts. Our director is currently enjoying :

"Aunt Beck" by Roland Mullins of Mt. Vernon.



### NEW WORKS - STAFF FAVORITES

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

*Pottery by Albert Scovern*

*Ornaments by Joette Dunn*

*Santa woodcarvings by John Hendrickson*

*Mosaic works by Judy Rosenfield*

### FOODIE FAVORITES - STAFF PICKS

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

*Sav's Habanero Sauce*

*Kentuckyaki by Bourbon Barrel foods*

*Bev's chocolate covered Peanut Brittle*

## CAFE FAVORITES

*Favorite dishes created by our café include:*

*Breakfast sandwiches*

*Pork loin*

*Gardenburger*

*Corn pudding*

*Chicken and Dumplings*



*Right: John cutting dumplings out in the cafe*

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## Upcoming Events in Berea

*Weekends November 25 thru December 30, 2016*

### MAKE IT, TAKE IT, GIVE IT

Make It, Take It, Give It - offers so many ways to celebrate the holidays! With the guidance of expert artisans (and using their equipment), you can create a handmade gift worthy of becoming a family heirloom. Or you can “gift” a workshop to a special person and let them enjoy expressing their creativity. Better yet, come together and celebrate the joy of making something with your own hands and imaginations. More information [here](#).

*December 26 – January 1*

### CHRISTMAS COUNTRY DANCE SCHOOL

Learn traditional dance styles along with Appalachian clogging, square dancing, singing, music, crafts and parties. A great way to spend the holidays with family and friends - kicking up your heels! 859/ 985-3431 [www.berea.edu/ccds](http://www.berea.edu/ccds)

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## Artisans in the News

### KENTUCKY ARTISAN CENTER AT BEREA

Glass artist **Steve Scherer** was commissioned to create an ornament to go on the National Christmas Tree in Washington DC. He created a large cardinal glass ornament. The tree will be lit on Thursday, Dec. 1.

Author **Crystal Wilkinson** was guest speaker at Young Harris College in Young Harris, GA. **Wilkinson** also spoke at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford on Nov. 1

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A special section of booths at the annual *Winterfair Cincinnati* held Nov. 25-27 in the Northern Kentucky Convention Center will feature artists from Kentucky Crafted and photographer **Ed Lawrence** will sell and autograph his book, *Kentucky 120*. Kentucky artists at *Winterfair Cincinnati* are: **Amanda Bridges, Cappy's Carmel Corn, Mark Eubank, Lu Fuller, Enrique Gonzalez, Steve Heartsill, Chris Krauskopf, John and Byron Marks, Robbie Moriarty, Melissa Oesch, Mick Shambro, Nora Swanson, Michael Terra, Ralph Tyree, Fritz Wolf and Melissa Zimmerman.**

Kentucky artists participating in *Winterfair Columbus* are: **Amanda Bridges, Ann Porter Elliott, Jamie Donaldson, Lanette Freitag, Deborah Greene, Sharon Cartier Haines, Chris Krauskopf, Robbie Moriarty, Melissa Oesch, Lin Oglesby, Nora Swanson, Fred Wiesener, Greg Williams, Fritz Wolf and Caroline Zama.**

Artist **Bill Berryman** has an exhibit of his work at the first Presbyterian Church in Lexington. His drawings and paintings are inspired by the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, KY.

Children's book author **Evelyn Christensen** had her new book 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' reviewed in an article by Steve Flairty in the online newspaper *KyForward*.

Glass artist **Ann Klem** won 'Best of Show' at *Arts on CityPlace* in LaGrange for her cast glass work titled "Ice Story."

Printmaker **Joanne Price** gave a lecture titled "Out of the Wood" at the University of Kentucky's Margaret King Library. **Price** also gave a printmaking workshop at U.K. and had her wood engraving featured on the exhibition card for three printmaking shows held in conjunction at the Margaret King Library. **Price** is president of the *Wood Engravers Network* and was instrumental in bringing that organization's Triennial Exhibition to the venue.

Jeweler and lapidary artist **John Leeds** of Richmond, and **Lindy Evans** of Berea, were awarded Citations of Achievement by the Kentucky House of Representatives in October. Woodworker **Ron McWhorter** was awarded a Citation of Achievement from the Kentucky House of Representatives in April. Congratulations to these talented masterful artisans!

Well-known photographer **Guy Mendes** had his work showcased in an exhibit at the Cincinnati Art Museum. The exhibit is a major museum survey of the Lexington Camera Club's artistic achievements titled



*Kentucky Renaissance: The Lexington Camera Club and Its Community, 1954-1974.* The exhibit encompasses more than 150 photographs, books, prints and other objects.

Poet **Libby Falk Jones** answered the question “Where do poems come from?” at a Berea Arts Council event along with 4 other women poets on Nov. 3.

Kentucky potters **Robert** and **Sparkey Brigl** have moved their ceramics studio to Franklin, KY, near the Tennessee border. Their new business is called “Potters at Play.”

Studio artists **Matthew** and **Karine Maynard**, **Cynthia Carr**, and **Marianne Brown**, offered studio tours and sales during their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Trail, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Author **Linda J. Hawkins** gave a food demonstration at the Owensboro Convention Center.

Newly selected artists to the Kentucky Craft Program are KACB artists **Chad Balster**, **Johnny Gordon**, **Amy Henson**, **Laura Poulette**, **Gerald Price**, **Al Scovern**, **Shawna Southerland**, and **Sarah and Brian Turner** of Cricket Press.

Watercolor artist **Robert Berger** taught a beginning and intermediate watercolor class for the Berea Arts Council in early November.

Photographer and geologist **Dave Zurick** spoke at the Berea Arts Council’s *Conversation Café* on the subject of digital photo manipulation. **Zurick** also writes an interesting blog about photography and geology.

**Flame Run Gallery**, partnering with Louisville’s **Rodolfo Salgado** and **Susanna Crum** of **Calliope Arts Printmaking Studio** created an exhibit of hybrid glass and printmaking in conjunction with the **Mid America Printmaking Conference**, held in Louisville in October.

Works by **Devin French**, **Johnny Gordon**, **Brandon Smith**, **Brad Vetter** and **Jayden Wilson** are featured in “Crystal Editions: An Intersection of Glass and Printmaking” through Nov. 17 in the gallery at **Flame Run**.

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## *Calendar*

### **GALLERY EXHIBITS**

through March 31, 2017

**"Have a Seat: Chairs by Kentucky Artisans"**

## **LOBBY EXHIBITS**

Through Nov. 24

"Clay in Kentucky: A Continuing Tradition"

Through Dec. 31

A Country Christmas - Lobby Tree and Decor

Through Dec. 31

"Reveal: Monica Pipia"

## **NOVEMBER EVENTS - FOCUS ON GLASS**

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

### **LAMPWORKED BEAD DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, Nov. 26**

Ann Klem, Fisherville, KY

### **MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

**Saturday, Nov. 26** (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Raison D'Etire (Vicki Ellis, Roberta Schultz, Violet Rae Webster) Wilder, KY

## **DECEMBER EVENTS - FOCUS ON MUSIC**

### **GOURD ORNAMENTS DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, Dec. 3**

Paul Buhrmester, Bowling Green, KY

### **HOLIDAY MUSIC**

**Saturday, Dec. 3** (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Kyle Meadows and Tisa McGraw on Hammer Dulcimer and Irish Harp  
Cold Springs, KY

### **JEWELRY MADE FROM SILVERWARE DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, Dec. 10**

Sherrie Cocanougher, Parksville, KY

### **HOLIDAY MUSIC**

**Saturday, Dec. 10** (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

*Na Skylark* - Lorinda Jones and Cathy Wilde perform on harp, Appalachian Dulcimer, Irish Uilleann bagpipes and flute - Rineyville, KY

### **FREE GUIDED GALLERY TOURS AT KENTUCKY ARTISAN CENTER**

**Saturday, Dec. 10** - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Center Staff

### **WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION**

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

Berea Welcome Center Carvers

**CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Sunday, Dec. 25

**CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY**  
Sunday, Jan. 1



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