

Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

ARTS / EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2016

CENTER HOURS: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ARTISAN CAFÉ: 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Artisan Cafe is open for breakfast from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

CELEBRATE AMERICAN CRAFT WEEK – OCT. 1-16

GALLERY EXHIBITION

“Have a Seat: Chairs by Kentucky Artisans”

Now through Feb. 25, 2017

Meet-the-Artists Reception – Sunday, September 25 – 1:30-3:00 p.m.

A gallery exhibit “Have a Seat: Chairs by Kentucky Artisans” is on display at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, showcasing the work of 33 Kentucky artists.

The definition of a chair varies, but the most basic description declares that a chair has a seat or surface to sit upon and legs. This exhibit follows that sentiment, offering ingeniously designed chairs of all sizes. Artists have created newly made functional seating as well as non-functional miniatures, repurposed chairs and whimsical interpretations of the form.

Works in this exhibit are constructed from a wide range of materials including forged iron and steel, wood, sheet metal, felted wool, wire, natural vines and bark, clay, leather, acrylic, tree branches, recycled bourbon barrels, recycled Altoid boxes, as well as a variety of repurposed chairs that are sure to make this exhibit a favorite for visitors.



Photos, left to right: “Pagoda Chair” by Billie Bradford; “Literal Chair” by Mark Needham; “Sit Fur a Spell” by Jana John; “Good Morning Mrs. Bradshaw” repurposed children’s chair by John Andrew Dixon.

LOBBY EXHIBITS

“Reveal: Monica Pipia”

Now through Nov. 12, 2016

Large paintings and new limited edition prints by artist Monica Pipia are now on display in a kick-off showcase of large format works at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Reveal is a new Center program that provides exhibition opportunities for Kentucky artists whose larger two-dimensional works cannot be accommodated within the center’s regular retail spaces.



“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.

This exhibit also includes a focus on the history of pottery in Kentucky and the region, as well as current production centers and current clay programs at colleges and universities throughout the state. A display of works by contemporary Kentucky clay artists is also included.

Photo: Jug by G. W. Grinstead, Waco, KY circa 1864

DEMONSTRATIONS – EVENTS – GALLERY TALKS

OCTOBER - FOCUS ON POTTERY

October 1 – Saturday

Ceramic Artist Bill Whitt to Demonstrate Handbuilt Clay Bottles and Jugs at Kentucky Artisan Center

Waco potter Bill Whitt will demonstrate how he hand builds clay bottles and jugs on Saturday, October 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the center.

A native Kentuckian, Bill Whitt received a BA degree in ceramics from Eastern Kentucky University. He worked as the resident potter at Fort Boonesborough State Park for four years and owns and operates Flatwoods Pottery in a renovated barn next to his house outside of Waco. Bill creates high fired functional works from both stoneware and porcelain.



Potter Bill Whitt demonstrates at the Kentucky Artisan Center creating handbuilt jugs and bottles

October 8 – Saturday

Pottery on the Wheel Demonstrated by Alley Cat Potter Kristal Gilkey at Kentucky Artisan Center

On Saturday, October 8, Berea artist Kristal Gilkey of Alley Cat Pottery will demonstrate pottery on the wheel from 10:30 to 3:30 at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Gilkey makes a line of functional kitchen ware such as apple bakers, batter bowls, egg separators and cream-and-sugar sets. She fires her work in an electric kiln and uses smooth dishwasher-safe and oven-proof glazes. Gilkey's pie dishes and apple bakers are very useful for baking, and the choice of glaze colors available make them perfect for presentation at the table as well.



Photos, left to right: A variety of wheel-thrown pottery created during a demonstration by Kristal Gilkey at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea; Gilkey throws pottery on the wheel and talks with visitors at the Center; a finished yellow apple baker along with freshly thrown ones.

October 8 – Saturday

Free Guided Gallery Tours at Kentucky Artisan Center

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will offer visitors free guided tours through the center's gallery exhibit, "Have a Seat: Chairs by Kentucky Artisans" and the lobby exhibits, "Kentucky Clay: A Continuing Tradition," and "Reveal: Monica Pipia" on Saturday, October 8.

These free, guided exhibit tours will be led by Kentucky Artisan Center staff who will talk about the exhibits, the artists and individual works. Staff will answer questions about the techniques and various processes used, and the objects featured. Tours will be given at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.



The center's exhibit "Have a Seat: Chairs by Kentucky Artisans" displays works by 33 artists

October 15 – Saturday

Berea Welcome Center Carvers at Kentucky Artisan Center

Three members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers will demonstrate a variety of woodcarving styles and techniques on Saturday, October 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers live in many communities in central Kentucky, and their activities include carving classes, carving demonstrations at schools, monthly Kentucky Artisan Center demonstrations and special events.



Photos, left to right: Bark Carvings by Vince Harrison; Leaf pin by Eugene Barnes; the beginning of a carved head of a bear by Jack Gann – all members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers.

October 22 – Saturday

Ceramic Artist Robert Brigl to Demonstrate Pottery Face Jugs at Kentucky Artisan Center

On Saturday, October 22, Bowling Green ceramicist Robert Brigl will demonstrate how he creates his pottery face jugs from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Drawn to the traditional forms of American folk pottery, Brigl makes both functional and sculptural ceramic jugs and bottles on the potter's wheel. He sculpts these thrown forms with faces and figures by adding coils and pieces of clay to their surfaces. He sometimes makes the eyes and teeth from white porcelain clay.



Photos, left to right: Face jug by Robert Brigl; Brigl demonstrates sculpting his clay face jugs at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea; three unfired face jugs by Brigl

October 29 – Saturday

Ceramic Artist and Alice Lloyd College Professor Mike Ware to Demonstrate Carved, Wheel Thrown Pottery at Kentucky Artisan Center

On Saturday, October 29, Alice Lloyd College professor Mike Ware will demonstrate pottery on the wheel and his unique method of decorative carving from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Ware creates his pottery on a potter's wheel from stoneware clays. He often decorates his forms with images such as dogwood flowers, influenced by the woods near his home. His technique involves the use of an incising tool that cuts away clay and leaves intricate texture in his forms. Color is added using mineral oxides mixed with clay and brushed onto the surface before glazing and firing.

Born and raised in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, Ware came to Kentucky to attend Morehead State University, where he received a Master of Arts degree in studio arts in 1974. He is now a professor at Alice Lloyd College.



Photos left to right: Mike Ware carves texture and dogwood leaves onto a vase; Ware carves away clay to create leaves; a finished dogwood design bowl by Mike Ware

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