Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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Berea Welcome Center Carvers Cut-It-Up at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, Oct. 18, three members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers will demonstrate a variety of woodcarving styles and techniques 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.

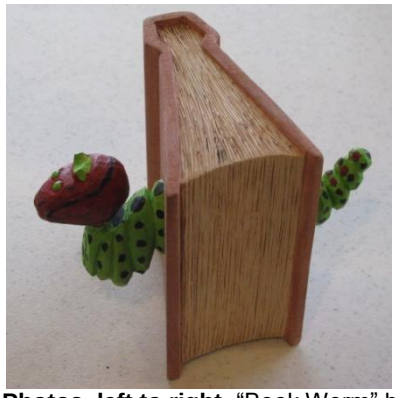
Members specialize in a wide variety of techniques and styles of carving. Carvers in the group often mentor each other, and all enjoy sharing their love of woodcarving, making their demonstrations at the Kentucky Artisan Center a mix of humor, technique and storytelling.

Woodcarving has many functional and decorative formats – from functional hand-hewn dough bowls to in-the-round caricature carvings, to decorative chip or low-relief carving on wooden tiles, spoons and walking sticks. Most woodcarvers begin their work using basic woodcarving knives. Some carvers use a chain saw while others use Dremel rotary tools to create precise details. The finished surfaces of carvings can be either left plain, oiled or painted, depending on the whim of the carver and the desired finished result.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include “Put a Lid on It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans,” through Feb. 28, 2015; and on display in the lobby, “Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration” through Nov. 16. For more information about events call 859-985-5448, go to the center’s website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea 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., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Photos, left to right: “Book Worm” by Keith Flowers; Oris Stanton shows a visitor a kaleidoscope; close-up of a figure being carved by David Buzzard, a member of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers.