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### **Kentucky Craft Luminaries: Sharing the Stories**

The Kentucky Craft History and Education Association (KCHEA) presents “Kentucky Craft Luminaries: Sharing the Stories”. The exhibit will run August 27 – October 10, 2015 at ArtsPlace, 161 North Mill Street, in Lexington. It features the works and stories from twenty of the state’s most recognized craft artists representing basketry, furniture, weaving, pottery, glass, wooden folk art, and stringed instruments.

The exhibit will be included in the LexArts Gallery Hop on September 18, 5-8 p.m.

Kentucky has a strong and rich craft history representing a diversity of artists working in traditional, folk, and contemporary forms. It also has a national reputation for the quality of work the state has produced and strong leadership and support for the artists who are part of our unique culture and heritage. The purpose of the exhibit is to communicate the message that KCHEA, as an organization, is striving to take the lead in documenting our craft history, bringing the stories to life, and making them accessible to the public in an educational format.

The exhibit features just some of the artists that have been interviewed over the last seven years as part of KCHEA’s Craft Luminary Project. The video interviews, which also include organization leaders and public officials, focus on their important contributions to Kentucky’s craft movement. A video presentation featuring a sampling of these interviews will be presented in conjunction with the exhibit. Many of the interviews were conducted in artist studios and with examples of their completed works.

Area schools are invited to attend and will be offered an Educator’s Guide based on themes that will provide teachers with pre-visit, on-site, and post-visit activities that are standards-based and grade appropriate.

The exhibit is funded, in part, through a LexArts 2016 Program Grant and with support from UBS, and numerous private contributors.

For more information, including a complete list of exhibiting artists, scheduling school visits, and the Educator’s Guide, contact Bob Gates, goetz305@me.com.

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The Kentucky Craft History and Education Association's (KCHEA) mission is to gather, conserve and present the history and ongoing impact of crafts in Kentucky.