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

The Kentucky Craft History and Education Association (KCHEA) partners with the Lexington Public Library to present “Kentucky Craft Luminaries: Sharing the Stories” exhibit. The exhibit will run March 11 – May 10, 2020 at the Central Library Gallery, 140 East Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. The exhibit will be included in the LexArts Gallery Hop on March 20, 2020, 5-8 p.m. Appalachian Studies Conference attendees will tour the exhibit while in Lexington, March 12.

The exhibit represents the works and stories of 24 of some of the state’s most recognized craft artists representing basketry, cornshuck flowers, furniture, weaving, quilting, surface design, pottery, glass, wooden folk art, woodcarving, jewelry, and stringed instruments.

The exhibiting artists are a sample of the more than 90 individuals interviewed over the last twelve 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 conducted in artists’ studios, show examples of their completed works.

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. With this exhibit, 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.

Area schools are invited to attend and will be provided an Educator’s Guide based on themes that provide teachers with pre-visit, on-site, and post-visit activities that are standards-based and grade appropriate. The Educator’s Guide is available at, [http://kchea.org/craft\\_luminary\\_exhibit/educators\\_guide](http://kchea.org/craft_luminary_exhibit/educators_guide).

This is the third presentation of this exhibit, with some significant additions. The first was at LexArts with a 2016 Program Grant providing initial funding with support from UBS, and numerous private contributors. In 2018, the show was featured at the Frazier History Museum in Louisville.

For more information, including a complete list of exhibiting artists, scheduling school visits, and the Educator’s Guide, contact [info@kchea.org](mailto:info@kchea.org).

Additional info online:

[http://kchea.org/craft\\_luminary\\_exhibit](http://kchea.org/craft_luminary_exhibit)

<https://www.lexpublib.org/gallery/upcoming-exhibits>

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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.