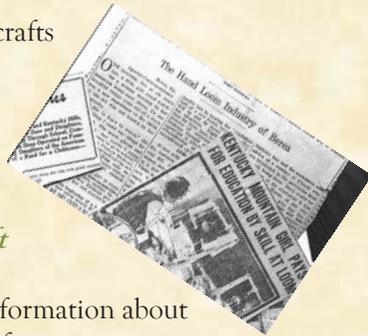


The virtual Kentucky Craft Encyclopedia will be a resource for:

- artists and craftspeople
- educators
- appreciators of crafts
- curators
- journalists
- cultural tourists
- scholars



The Kentucky Craft Encyclopedia will:

- be a portal to information about all aspects of craft
- link to more extensive information.
- be a model for similar educational craft resources for the other states.

Funding for the encyclopedia will be sought from individuals, corporations, foundations, and public sources.

The Kentucky Craft Encyclopedia will include information in the form of historical documents, photographs of objects and craft production, and media presentations.

The Kentucky Craft Encyclopedia website will be managed by a professional staff and governed by a committee representing different aspects of Kentucky crafts.

The Kentucky Craft Encyclopedia will encourage investigation and be attractive and easy to navigate.

For more information or to offer assistance toward the development of the Kentucky Craft Encyclopedia

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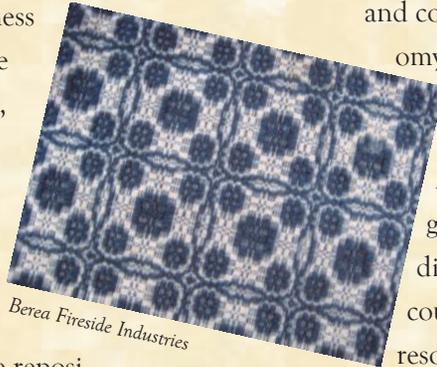
Kentucky Craft History & Education Association

Mission:

The Kentucky Craft History & Education Association gathers, conserves and presents the history and on-going impact of crafts in Kentucky.

KCHEA's vision....

The **Kentucky Craft History and Education Association** documents Kentucky's proud craft history. KCHEA facilitates collaboration with organizations to create public awareness about the role of crafts in the education, culture, economy, and history of Kentucky. KCHEA identifies the people, documents, and objects of Kentucky craft history and promotes the acquisition of crafts by existing state repositories. KCHEA encourages research, makes resources available, provides technical assistance, and advocates for the preservation of craft history. KCHEA engages in partnerships with other organizations in crafts, and the arts, education, and humanities to present Kentucky's craft history to diverse populations. KCHEA works to expand access to craft collections and resources through digitized formats and technology.



Berea Fireside Industries

KCHEA is working to build on a strong craft heritage...

Kentucky boasts a rich craft heritage and nurtures an active community of contemporary craft entrepreneurs. Institutions that fostered Kentucky's craft culture have produced craft leaders and model programs. A unique part of the state's cultural identity, crafts are interwoven throughout Kentucky's rural agrarian traditions, integrated into the development of creative communities, and contribute significantly to its current economy and tourism industry.

Gathering Input...

As a young organization, KCHEA drew together many organizations that dealt with different aspects of crafts to discuss ways they could work together. An online information resource emerged as a project that was doable and fit with the basic goals of KCHEA. After researching different online formats, KCHEA decided on a craft encyclopedia. A committee was formed to manage the effort and has outlined content, anticipated a variety of audiences, and considered the challenges of implementation.



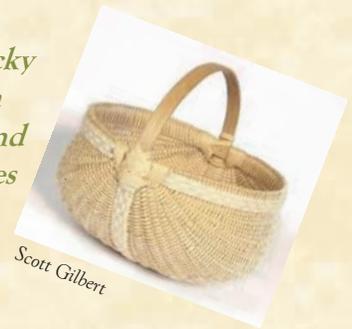
Bybee Pottery



A VISION FOR THE KENTUCKY CRAFT ENCYCLOPEDIA

The virtual Kentucky Craft Encyclopedia will be inclusive and embrace many types of:

- craft objects
- craft techniques
- craft makers
- craft supporters
- craft educators and education facilities



Scott Gilbert

The virtual Kentucky Craft Encyclopedia will include:

- organizations that exhibit and market, or provide services to craft makers
- crafts in historical periods
- crafts throughout the diverse areas of the state
- crafts in the arts, culture and economics