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Craft Luminaries Oral History Videos Available Online

The Kentucky Craft History & Education Association (KCHEA) is proud to announce that its craft luminary video oral histories are now available online.

In 2008, KCHEA received a transcription grant from the Kentucky Oral History Commission. As a result, the video interviews and the transcripts can be accessed via the Kentucky Historical Society's digital collection <http://kyhistory.com>, KCHEA collection [here](#). The collection represents interviews with more than 40 craft artists, organizational representatives, and government leaders that have been part of Kentucky's contemporary craft movement.

Sarah Milligan, Kentucky Oral History Commission Program Administrator says about the collection "We (KHS) are thrilled to be able to provide online access to this rich collection of individuals who have built and continue to shape the craft industry in not only Kentucky, but the region at large. The stories shared in this collection add greater insight to the history of collaboration and savviness needed to develop the strong craft infrastructure in this state. Lessons we can continue to learn from when looking forward to growing entrepreneurship and new economic models in this state."

Additionally, video excerpts from three interviews are available at kchea.org, [here](#). They include bead artist, Linda Fifield, McKee; former Department of Arts Commission and state government official, Crit Luallen, Frankfort; and luthier, Art Mize, Lexington.

This is the first installment of KCHEA's ongoing Craft Luminaries Program, which includes over 60 interviews. KCHEA received a second transcription grant in 2013 and the remaining interviews will also be placed online. A full list of completed interviews is available at kchea.org, [here](#).

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