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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 features the works and stories from 21 of the state’s most recognized craft artists representing basketry, furniture, weaving, pottery, glass, quilting, wooden folk art, and stringed instruments.

The exhibit, part of the **PNC presents the ArtsPlace Gallery Series**, will run August 27 – October 10, 2015 at ArtsPlace, 161 North Mill Street, in Lexington M-F, 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The exhibit will also be featured during 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 this exhibit is to affirm KCHEA's leading role in documenting this 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 who 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.

Craft Luminary artists included in the exhibit are:

Minnie Adkins, Isonville
Philis Alvic, Lexington
Dan Neil Barnes, Lexington
Dave Caudill, Louisville
Wayne Ferguson, Louisville
Linda Fifield, McKee
Sarah Frederick, Louisville
Susan Goldstein, Lexington
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Rebekka Seigel, Owenton
Fred Shepherd, Murray
Leona Waddell, Cecilia
George Wakim, Lexington
LaVon Williams, Lexington
Jennifer Zurick, Berea

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 artists' images, 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 mission is to gather, conserve and present the history and ongoing impact of crafts in Kentucky.