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Dear Stakeholders in the Arts,

**Arts Day in Kentucky** is coming Feb. 11, and here at the Kentucky Arts Council we are ready to celebrate!

This particular Arts Day is special because we are also celebrating the 50th anniversaries of the establishment of the Kentucky Arts Council by Gov. Edward T. Breathitt and the creation of the National Endowment for the Arts by Congress.

Because of those milestones, we are celebrating 2015 as the Year of the Arts. We encourage you to join us 9 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort. Arts Day is open to the public and is an opportunity for everyone who is a stakeholder in the arts — artists, arts advocates, patrons and enthusiasts — to share in the creative community whose work adds flavor and distinctiveness to the Commonwealth.

This is also an opportunity for those stakeholders to say "thank you" to the state legislators whose continued support of Kentucky art is important to our cultural heritage and legacy.

Several Kentucky artists will be performing or demonstrating their respective disciplines during Arts Day activities at the Capitol. Those artists are:

- Bob Gibson, wood carving, Lawrenceburg
- John Harrod, fiddle, Owenton
- Marianna McDonald, pastel art, Lexington
- Hong Shao, pipa, Nicholasville
- Squallis Puppeteers, Louisville
- Jennifer Zurick, basket making, Berea
- Doug Naselroad, Winchester, and Mike Slone, Mousie; dulcimer makers

While you are at the Capitol, take time to see the Kentucky Visions at the Capitol exhibit on the second, third and fourth floors of the Capitol Annex. The annual arts council exhibit features 56 pieces of artwork by 20 Kentucky artists, including three Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship recipients and 17 artists in the Kentucky Crafted program. A slideshow of work in that exhibit is on our [website](#).

We hope you can join us for what will be a truly outstanding celebration of the arts in Kentucky!

Sincerely,

*Lori Meadows*

Executive Director

**RECENT NEWS**



**We need volunteers for Kentucky Crafted: The Market!**



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**We invite you to join us in building a better South through the arts.**



**National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Resources**

**ART WORKS BLOG**

**Public invited to Arts Day in Kentucky Feb. 11 in Frankfort**

The Kentucky Arts Council and arts organizations from across the state will celebrate Arts Day in Kentucky, 9 a.m.-noon Feb. 11 in the Capitol Rotunda, 700 Capital Ave. in Frankfort.

**Kentucky poet, 12 arts organizations awarded more than \$300,000 in NEA grant funding**

A Frankfort poet and 12 Kentucky arts organizations have been awarded more than \$300,000 in funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in that organization's first round of grant funding for fiscal year 2015.

**Poetry Out Loud celebrates 10 years in Kentucky**

Poetry Out Loud, a poetry recitation contest sponsored by the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, celebrates its 10th year in Kentucky Schools in 2015.

**Deadline Feb. 15 for apprenticeship grant**

Folk and traditional art has a rich history of being handed down from generation to generation, and in recognition of this heritage, the Kentucky Arts Council (KAC) offers grants to folk and traditional master artists to help them pass knowledge to skilled apprentices.

**Music Scenes will give visual flare to aural medium**

Kentucky artists have a rare opportunity to submit works for possible inclusion in Music Scenes, a new visual arts exhibit to be featured during Kentucky Crafted: The Market.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Feb. 11  
Arts Day in Kentucky**

**Feb. 19  
Poetry Out Loud State Finals**

**March 7-8  
Kentucky Crafted: The Market**

**Through March 30  
Kentucky Visions at the Capitol**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**Feb. 9  
Music Scenes Exhibit Application Deadline**

**Feb. 15  
Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship**

**Feb. 15  
Arts Access Assistance Grant**

**Feb. 15  
Emerging Artist Award**

**Feb. 15  
Folk and Traditional Arts Apprenticeship**

**Feb. 15  
Performing Arts Directory**

**Feb. 20  
Governor's Derby Exhibit Application Deadline**

**ARTS ACROSS THE TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET**

**Recently posted:**

"Notable Quotable: Angélique Kidjo"

"That Time I Went to the National Storytelling Festival"

"Cultural Resolutions: NEA Staff"

**Pennyrile Forest Holding Landscape Oil Painting Weekend in February**

For those aspiring to be artists, Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park will be holding its "Landscape Oil Painting Weekend" Feb. 20-22, 2015.

**Fireside Chats During February at Fort Boonesborough State Park**

Fort Boonesborough State Park and the Fort Boonesborough Foundation will be holding a series of "Fireside Chats" with famous characters from Kentucky history beginning Feb. 7, 2015.

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