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Matthew and Karine Maynard
March Featured Artists



Kentucky Poet Laureate
George Ella Lyon



Poetry Out Loud
2015 state finalists



Kentucky Crafted: The Market is in our rearview mirror, and though we do not yet have numbers to tell us how we did, I already know it was a success based on testimonials from exhibitors and from the stellar performance by our staff during what can charitably be described as adverse weather conditions. We'll have more news on The Market soon, so keep an eye on your inbox.

Less than a week after we closed The Market, the Kentucky Arts Council hosted the state finals of Poetry Out Loud at the Grand Theatre in Frankfort. Champions from 15 schools vied for the honor to represent Kentucky at the Poetry Out Loud National Finals next month in Washington, D.C. When the scores were tallied, that distinction went to Haley Bryan of Grant County High School. We wish her the best of luck as she advances to the national finals.

The arts council has been advancing itself recently as well. In the past three months, we have welcomed three new staff members to our family.



Todd Cremeans is originally from Huntington, W. Va., and has lived in Kentucky for 11 years. He is married with two children. Prior to working at the arts council, he worked as a chiropractor serving the Frankfort community. In his spare time, Todd enjoys playing the five-string banjo, spending time with family and video editing. Todd's role at the Kentucky Arts Council is multifaceted and is an integral part of the

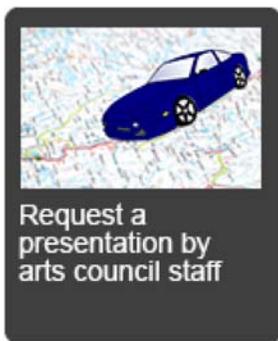
agency.

Wendy Linale-Cheatham has lived in Frankfort for 28 years. She is originally from Miami, Fla., where she graduated high school and enlisted in the military, serving in the United States Marine Corps. At the Kentucky Arts Council, Wendy is part of the financial management team. She is a mother of three children — two teenage daughters and a 29-year-old son. Some of her hobbies are gardening, writing, baking and helping out our four-legged friends through PAWS – Providing Animals With Shelter.



Tom Musgrave joined the arts council as communications director in December after almost three years with the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and 14 years as a professional journalist at publications in Lexington, Georgetown and Mt. Sterling. He studied music and journalism at Morehead State University. Tom lives in Georgetown with his two cats, Evie and Lulubelle. He enjoys

writing, reading and singing with a community choir in Lexington.



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CREATIVE COMMONWEALTH BLOG

Recently posted:

"Students shine at state Poetry Out Loud competition"

"Kentucky Crafted artists new to The Market 2015"

"How do we create enough art to sell at the Kentucky Crafted: The Market?"



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join us in building
a better South
through the arts.**



National Endowment

Say hi to these three folks if you see them at arts council events. They are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Lori Meadows

Executive Director

RECENT NEWS

George Ella Lyon named Kentucky Poet Laureate

Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed Lexington poet, author, lyricist and teacher George Ella Lyon as Kentucky poet laureate for 2015-16, the Kentucky Arts Council announced today. Lyon, a native of Harlan, will be formally inducted during a ceremony on Kentucky Writers' Day, April 24, at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

Kentucky Writers' Day planning guide available online

Kentucky Writers' Day is April 24, and for Kentuckians who can't travel to Frankfort for the celebration and induction of Kentucky's next poet laureate, the Kentucky Arts Council has created a planning guide for recognizing Writers' Day in your own communities.

Teaching Art Together grant brings professional artists to Kentucky classrooms

Kentucky educators who wish to enhance their lessons can take advantage of a Kentucky Arts Council grant that brings professional artists to the classroom for short residencies.

Poetry Out Loud champions advance to state finals March 12 in Frankfort

Fifteen school champions will advance to the Poetry Out Loud state competition March 12 at the Grand Theatre in Frankfort.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**April 24
Kentucky Writers' Day**

APPLICATION DEADLINES

**April 15
Teaching Art Together - Fall**

HOLIDAYS *(state offices closed)*

April 3 - Good Friday (arts council office closes at noon)

ARTS ACROSS THE TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET

Kentucky State Parks Hosting Easter Weekend Events

Kentucky State Parks will be serving their annual Easter buffets April 5, and several parks are planning other special events.

Berea Welcome Center Carvers Demonstrate at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

On Saturday, March 21, three members of the Berea

**for the Arts (NEA)
Resources**

ART WORKS BLOG

Recently posted:

"Notable Quotable: Big Read
#WomensHistoryMonth Edition"

"Why Arts Education Matters"

"How to Recite a Poem"

Welcome Center Carvers will demonstrate a variety of woodcarving styles and techniques from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

**FEI Show Jumping Events Return to Kentucky
Spring Horse Shows**

The Kentucky Horse Park will be full of action this spring, as the world-class facility hosts two weeks of world-ranking show jumping events. The Kentucky Spring Horse Show Series will be presenting an FEI CSI2* and CSI3* ranked week May 6-17, 2015.

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