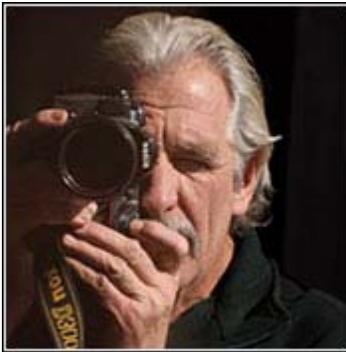


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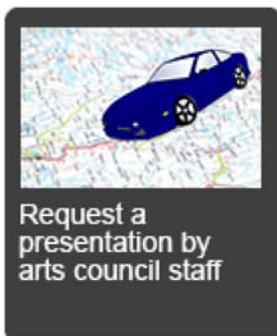
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**Dean Hill**  
April Featured Artist



**Kentucky Poet Laureate**  
**George Ella Lyon**



**Request a presentation by**  
**arts council staff.**



Spring is here in the Commonwealth, it's National Poetry Month and it's a great time to welcome our new Kentucky Poet Laureate, **George Ella Lyon**, who was appointed by Gov. Steve Beshear earlier this year.

I'm thrilled to be able to work with George Ella over the next two years, promoting the art and craft of writing in Kentucky and continuing to elevate our state's already stellar literary tradition from writers like Robert Penn Warren, Jesse Stuart and Hunter S. Thompson. We look forward to great contributions during her tenure as poet laureate.

**George Ella's induction** will be 10 a.m., April 24, at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort – **Kentucky Writers' Day**. I invite you to join us and all the living Kentucky poets laureate in celebrating Kentucky writers on that special day. Writers' Day is a time for Kentucky writers of all ages and disciplines to meet each other and exchange greetings and ideas. It truly is a celebration of the power of the written word.

If you can't make it to Frankfort, don't fret. You can still celebrate Writers' Day in your town. Teachers, writing circles, arts organizations and other interested groups should download our **Writers' Day planning guide**. The guide will provide ideas on how to recognize Writers' Day in your own community. So read our guide and let us know what you have planned for Writers' Day in your area by **submitting your event to our website**.

For remarks from George Ella on her appointment as poet laureate, **visit our blog**. And to hear readings from her, as well as past poets laureate, join us on Writers' Day.

Sincerely,

*Lori Meadows*

Executive Director

## RECENT NEWS

### **Calling all schools: Kentucky Arts Council wants your creativity for Derby Celebration**

The Kentucky Arts Council invites Kentucky schools to be part of the fun and excitement of the Kentucky Derby by decorating canvases for the Governor's Derby Celebration.

### **24 Kentucky artists chosen for Governor's Derby Exhibit**

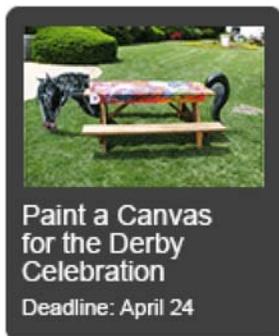
Twenty-four artists from across the state will show their work in the 2015 installment of the Governor's Derby Exhibit coordinated by the Kentucky Arts Council, part of the annual Governor's Derby Celebration in Frankfort.

### **Kentucky Arts Council announces booth awards for Kentucky Crafted: The Market**

The Kentucky Arts Council recognized three exhibitors at the



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### CREATIVE COMMONWEALTH BLOG

**Recently posted:**

"The 'Debut' of our new Poet Laureate"

"George Ella Lyon on keeping journals"

"Students shine at state Poetry Out Loud competition"



**We invite you to join us in building**

33rd annual Kentucky Crafted: The Market for their outstanding booth presentations.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 24**  
**Kentucky Writers' Day**

**Through May 4**  
**Governor's Derby Exhibit**

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

**April 15**  
**Teaching Art Together - Fall**

**May 15**  
**TranspARTation**

**June 15**  
**Kentucky Peer Advisory Network**  
*(application period opens April 15)*

### HOLIDAYS *(state offices closed)*

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

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

#### Announcing the 2015 Kentucky Center Academies for Arts Integration

Since 2000, The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts has partnered with the Kentucky Department of Education and KET to provide top quality Professional Learning Academies in the Arts and Arts Integration for Kentucky public school teachers.

#### Call for Entries for Fall Exhibit at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

Kentucky artists are invited to submit entries for the exhibit "It Takes Two: Collaborations by Kentucky Artisans" to be held Sept. 19, 2015 through Feb. 27, 2016 at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

#### Nominations sought for 37th Annual Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation Awards honoring excellence in preserving Kentucky's historic places

Nominations are now being accepted for the 37th annual Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation Historic Preservation Awards, honoring worthy individuals, projects and organizations for excellence in preserving Kentucky's historic places. The awards are presented each May during National Historic Preservation Month.

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**ART WORKS BLOG**

**Recently posted:**

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"Art Talk with Translation Fellow  
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