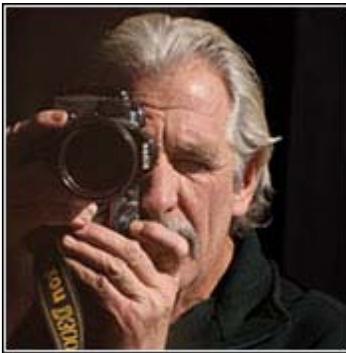


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Dean Hill
April Featured Artist



Kentucky Poet Laureate
George Ella Lyon



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Here at the Kentucky Arts Council, we are preparing for **Kentucky Writers' Day** and the induction of George Ella Lyon as Kentucky Poet Laureate at 10 a.m. April 24 at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort. If you are making the trip to Frankfort to celebrate with us, we look forward to having you as our guests. You can expect to hear readings from George Ella, as well as past poets laureate, and to meet other writers from around the

state.

If you can't make it to Frankfort, I encourage you to celebrate Kentucky Writers' Day in your own communities. **Our Writers' Day planning guide** can help you generate ideas for your own celebration. No matter where you are, we hope you honor the impact of the written word on this special day in the Commonwealth.

Close on the heels of Writers' Day is another great Kentucky tradition, the Kentucky Derby. The arts council is once again involved in the **Governor's Derby Celebration** in downtown Frankfort. From now until Derby Day, May 2, see the work of 25 Kentucky artists on display in the Capitol Rotunda as part of the **Governor's Derby Exhibit**. The building is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; and Saturday, May 2, during the Derby Celebration. The exhibit is open to the public.

You also can see the work of students from around the state on display at the celebration. Picnic tables on the Old State Capitol grounds will be fitted with horse heads and tails, and the canvases, or "Derby blankets," will be placed over the tabletops like a blanket over a horse. This is a special time for those students because they are always thrilled to see their work displayed in public. We hope you'll support them by coming to downtown Frankfort on Derby Day to enjoy their work.

During your visit, you can also see and purchase work by 10 Kentucky Crafted artists, who will show their work 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on the lawn of the Old State Capitol. The chosen artists represent a diverse sampling of more than 300 artists in the arts council's Kentucky Crafted program, an adjudicated program that provides assistance to Kentucky visual and craft artists through marketing and promotional opportunities and arts business training.

As you can see, there are plenty of ways to support the arts statewide in the coming weeks, so make plans to visit us in Frankfort for Kentucky Writers' Day, April 24, and the Governor's Derby Celebration, May 2.

Sincerely,

Lori Meadows

Executive Director



Governor's Derby Exhibit



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RECENT NEWS

Fine art and craft available at Governor's Derby Celebration

Ten Kentucky artists will exhibit and sell their work during the Governor's Derby Celebration, May 2, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on the lawn of the Old State Capitol.

Fiddler John Harrod highlights kickoff of 'Makings of a Master' exhibit in Barbourville

Master fiddler John Harrod will help kick off the arrival of the "Makings of a Master" exhibit at Union College April 17 in Barbourville.

Kentucky Writers' Day, poet laureate induction is April 24 in Frankfort

"Then you step out into footlight's / dazzle all hope and high hearts." Those two lines from Lexington writer George Ella Lyon's poem "Debut" are appropriate as she steps into the spotlight to be inducted as Kentucky's poet laureate at 10 a.m. April 24, in the Capitol Rotunda as part of Kentucky Writers' Day.

Kentucky Arts Council awards TranspARTation grants to 5 schools

The Kentucky Arts Council has awarded grants to five Kentucky schools to pay for transportation to and from arts-related field trips for students through the popular TranspARTation Grant.

Kentucky Arts Council features West Liberty artist in April

West Liberty artist Dean Hill has been selected as the Kentucky Arts Council's featured artist for April.

Kentucky Arts Council staff available to give presentations to art groups

Need tips on how to apply to the Kentucky Crafted Program? Interested in learning more about running sound at your outdoor music festival? Do you want to pursue a public art project in your town? The Kentucky Arts Council staff can help you answer these and many other questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24
Kentucky Writers' Day

May 2
Governor's Derby Celebration

Through May 4
Governor's Derby Exhibit

APPLICATION DEADLINES

April 15
Teaching Art Together - Fall

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

June 15
Specialists with Arts Tactics (SWAT)
(application period opens April 15)

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"Edith Wharton Did Not Approve This Playlist"

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"Art Talk with Translation Fellow Enriqueta Carrington"

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.

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