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Elsie Harris
May Featured Artist



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Dear Stakeholders in the Arts,

The Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs annually brings thousands of visitors to Kentucky as a top tourism destination in the state. It's appropriate, then, that it happens on the first day of National Travel and Tourism Week, May 2-10. In the spirit of that week, I'd like to encourage you to plan your weekend road trips in Kentucky around arts

destinations.

In western Kentucky, pay a visit to the International Bluegrass Music Museum in Owensboro, the Yeiser Art Center in Paducah and the Phoenix Theatre in Bowling Green. If central Kentucky is to your liking, go see the Headley-Whitney Museum, The Living Arts & Science Center and the Explorium of Lexington, head to Boyle County to visit the Community Arts Center in Danville, or take in a production from The Woodford Theatre in Versailles.

On your way to Louisville? Stop in Frankfort to see the Josephine Sculpture Park. Once you're in Louisville, there's plenty to do. Visit the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, the Speed Museum and Stage One Family Theatre.

The hills of eastern Kentucky are an ideal destination for an artistic road trip. You won't want to miss Appalshop in Whitesburg or the Appalachian Artisan Center in Hindman and take in a show at Artists Collaborative Theatre in Pikeville. And there's always something going on at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

So visit our [Kentucky Arts Partners page](#), get out your map and start planning your arts adventure for the summer. For other great ideas about Kentucky destinations, visit www.kentuckytourism.com.

Sincerely,

Lori Meadows

Executive Director

RECENT NEWS

[George Ella Lyon inducted as Kentucky Poet Laureate](#)

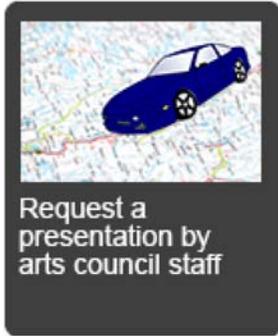
Joined by fellow writers, friends, students, teachers and state dignitaries today, George Ella Lyon was inducted by Gov. Steve Beshear as the Kentucky poet laureate for 2015-17 in the Capitol Rotunda.

[Kentucky Arts Council accepting applications for Kentucky Peer Advisory Network consultations](#)

Thanks to a Kentucky Peer Advisory Network (KPAN) consultancy from the Kentucky Arts Council, Frankfort-based Josephine Sculpture Park is on track for success.



**Kentucky Poet Laureate
George Ella Lyon**



**Request a presentation by
arts council staff**



Makings of a Master Exhibit



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 2
Governor's Derby Celebration**

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

APPLICATION DEADLINES

**May 18
TranspARTation Grant**

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

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

HOLIDAYS (state offices closed)

May 25 - Memorial Day

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

**Elizabeth Worley to Demonstrate Basketry at
Kentucky Artisan Center**

On Saturday, May 2, Elizabeth Worley, of Lexington, will demonstrate reed basketry from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

**Gourd Artist Sally Cammack to Demonstrate at
Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea**

On Saturday, May 9, Sally Cammack, of Cynthiana, will demonstrate how she designs and paints gourds, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

**Free Guided Gallery Tours at
Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea**

On Saturday, May 9, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will offer visitors free guided tours through the center's gallery exhibit, "Turn, Turn, Turn: Lathe-Turned Works by Kentucky Artisans" and the lobby exhibit, "Kentucky Murals by Frank W. Long."

**Berea Welcome Center Carvers Demonstrate at
Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea**

On Saturday, May 16, three members of the Berea 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.

“Kentucky Writers’ Day Month”

“Our writing places”



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through the arts.**



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

ART WORKS BLOG

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“Art Talk, Poetry Out Loud edition”

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