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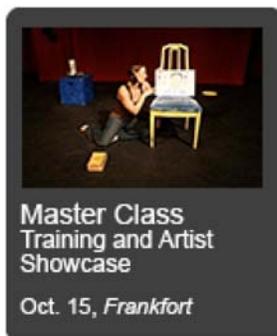
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Dear Stakeholders in the Arts,

Today we celebrate Arts in Education Week by launching an educational initiative that will involve all Kentuckians from youth to senior citizens. If you live in Kentucky and you have something to say about where you're from, this educational project is for you.

In 1993, George Ella Lyon, who this year was honored as Kentucky's poet laureate for 2015-16, published her poem "Where I'm From." It soon became a writing model for teachers all over the world. George Ella's poem has been instrumental in getting students to think about their surroundings and pride of place, but never until now has there been an effort to collect stories from cities and counties in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Arts Council and George Ella are encouraging organizations and agencies in each Kentucky county to collect submissions of "Where I'm From" poems. Each county will designate a group to select one poem to be included on the arts council's "Where I'm From" Web page. Poems may be submitted as Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF documents, [YouTube videos](#) or [SoundCloud audio files](#). In addition, each county is encouraged to create a public presentation of its community's poems as a part of the 2016 Kentucky Writers' Day, April 24. Ideas for presentations as well as information on how to submit pieces are included on the ["Where I'm From"](#) Web page, which includes a [link to Lyon's poem "Where I'm From"](#) for reference.

We hope you'll take the lead in your respective communities to make this happen, or that you will write your own poem about the place you call home, even if you aren't living there anymore.

Also this week, the arts council has opened registration for Kentucky high schools to take part in Poetry Out Loud, a valuable educational opportunity for high school students. Since starting in 2006, this poetry recitation competition has grown to include national participation from more than 365,000 students from 2,300 high schools in 2014-15. Kentucky's state competition will be Feb. 23 at the Grand Theatre in Frankfort. We hope to see many schools participate in this program.

You will see several posts to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages during Arts in Education Week, and we encourage you to take part in the many webinars and social media events associated with this week. If you have a special memory of a teacher – music, art, writing or other creative subject – who helped form you as a creative individual, feel free to share it on our Facebook page.

Sincerely,

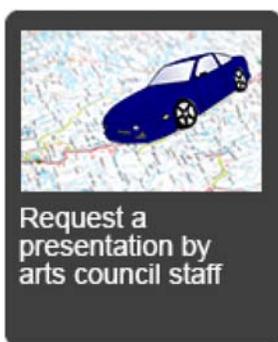
Lori Meadows

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are a professional event planner, the Kentucky Arts Council's Master Class is for you.

Sponsorship opportunities available for Kentucky's second annual Creative Industry Summit

The Kentucky Arts Council has several sponsorship opportunities available for its forthcoming Creative Industry Summit, Nov. 12-13 at the Owensboro Convention Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 15 Master Class: A Learning Lab on Connecting with New Audiences

Oct. 22 Governor's Awards in the Arts

Nov. 12-13 Creative Industry Summit

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Oct. 1 Teaching Art Together (Spring 2016)

Nov. 16 TranspARTation

ARTS ACROSS THE TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET

EXHIBITION: "It Takes Two: Collaborations by Kentucky Artisans"

A new exhibit, "It Takes Two: Collaborations by Kentucky Artisans" opens Sept. 19 at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea. This exhibit, on display through Feb. 27, showcases works by 66 Kentucky artisans who have paired up to create an array of 33 collaborative works that are most unique.

Berea Welcome Center Carvers Demonstrate Sept. 19 at Kentucky Artisan Center

On Saturday, Sept. 19, three members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers will demonstrate a variety of woodcarving styles and techniques from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Great American Dulcimer Convention at Pine Mountain

Pine Mountain State Resort Park will be where dulcimer players and lovers from across the country will gather Sept. 25-26 for the 39th annual Great American Dulcimer Convention.

Kentucky Outdoor Adventure Games To Be Held In October

The Bluegrass State's many outdoor recreational activities will be highlighted this October during a series of competitive events called the Kentucky Outdoor Adventure Games, First Lady Jane Beshear announced today.



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