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Right: Giraffe Cabinet by Mark Whitley



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Message From the President



Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is gearing up for a great year. Please mark your calendar for October 11-12 and be part of your organization's 2008 Fall Fair. We had a wonderful show last fall and I heard many great comments from those who participated as exhibitors.

The application is on the website: www.kyguild.org Presently, we have close to 60 booths that have been reserved. I know that we still have many of you that will be doing the show, but haven't sent in your application. I would ask that you sign up as soon as possible and commit to the KGAC.

Glenna has almost completed the handbook and those will be distributed in the next month after printing as been done. Membership is now closed for 2008. Anyone who did not renew their membership, no longer has membership status. Membership dues run from January 1 to December 31, therefore your dues should be paid as soon as your receive your first renewal notice. I suggest that you mark your December calendar now as a reminder to send them in on before January 1st.

Our fall postcards will be ready in a week or two. We have started making contacts with our advertising buyers and packages are being put together for purchase.

We are in the process of developing a brand new website and the first phase will be up and running very soon. The second phase will be for every member to have a page with three pictures of product and an extra of themselves, if wanted. We will be using a format for all pages. This will be at no extra cost to the members.

I will be sending more information soon about what you will need to do to get digital pictures ready and the size that will be needed. We will have to have some sort of plan to get this all done in a timely manner. So start getting your three digital pictures ready if you don't already have what you will want to use.

Our next jury session is August 2, 2008. This application is also on the website. If you know of anyone who is interested direct them to the website.

Our Spring KGAC show will take place on May 16-17, 2009. This inside show is now in the planning stage and the Fair Committee has big plans for a very successful show. The board hopes that you will take advantage of this opportunity to tap into a new venue and a new market.

Information will also be available soon about all the exhibits that are now in the works for the fall of 2008 and the year 2009. Our KGAC is moving forward, despite the set backs. I have always liked the saying, "If you build it, they will come". My wish is that when they arrive, you will be there to see them.

Jeannette

Upcoming Exhibits

An exhibit, **KENTUCKY BASKETRY**: The Tall and Short of It, is currently going on at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea and will run through June 1, 2008. The following juried KGAC members have works in the exhibit: Scott Gilbert, David Glenn, Donna Glenn, Beth Hester, Janet Northern, Virginia Petty, Robin Reed, Pamela G. Smith, Patricia Truett, Eliza beth Worley, and Jennifer Heller Zurick. I thought this would be newsworthy for the spring guild record. Thanks. Pamela G. Smith

Congratulations...

At the Awards Reception presented by the Kentucky Arts Council's Kentucky Craft Marketing Program on March 7, Larry Watson, Joanne Hobbs and Dave Cuadill were selected to receive the 2008 Kentucky Crafted Emeritus award. The other recipients were. Mathhew Gaddie was presented with the Best New Exhibitor Award.

Mark Whitley's display case, "Giraffe Cabinet" won second place in the First Annual Juried Exhibit of ArtWorks held at The Gallery at 916 in Bowling Green, Ky. Mark's "Museum Bench #1" was also recently added to the permanent collection of the Joseph Downing Museum.

Upcoming Workshop: The Appalachian Artisan Center Hosts Artists Gathering 2008

Building the Artists Community in Eastern Kentucky

The Appalachian Artisan Center is hosting Artists' Gathering 2008: Building the Artists' Community in Eastern Kentucky on Friday, April 11 through Saturday, April 12th. The Gathering begins on Friday evening with supper, round table discussions, networking and a dance with live music by Kentucky Wild Horse.

- **Extended Deadlines**
- **Scholarship registration forms must be received by March 17, 2008**
- **All other registrations must be received by April 4, 2008**
- [Download the registration form \(Word\)](#)

Saturday will be a full day of workshops, round table discussions, studio tours and networking. This is a great way to get to know your fellow artists in the region and beyond.

Topics for the Gathering will include: E-commerce and product pricing, writing artist statements and product descriptions, the jurying process and mentoring programs, product presentation (packaging and labeling), preparing for festivals and events/booth design, working with clients (commissions, studio visits, hospitality), marketing for performers and publishing options for writers.

An art exhibit in the Gallery of the Kentucky School of Crafts will feature pottery by Mike Ware and Larry Watson, handcrafted furniture by Terry Ratliff and Todd Partridge, jewelry by Jan Stanfill and Jamison Brumm, corn shuck crafts by Mary Reed, watercolors by Pat Banks and others

Registration fees range from \$25 to \$70 depending on the need for accommodations and scholarships are available. Make plans now to join us in Hindman to celebrate the rebirth of spring in the mountains.

For more information contact the Appalachian Artisan Center at (606) 785-9855.
<http://www.artisancenter.net>.

Matthew Gaddie of Meadows Pottery Creates Wood Fired Kiln



Following Matthew's design, construction of the 120 cu. ft. wood kiln began in May 2007. The last brick was put into place in late September with the first firing taking place the week of December 3, 2007. He felt blessed to have the help of his friends Page and Tim Candler, Roger Crady, Matt Hoyse, Jim Champion, Steve Goodwin, Beau Leonard, and Davie Reneau in the construction phase. Others including David Waltz joined in the first firing and we loaded over 500 pieces of work. The kiln lived up to their hopes and she produced some amazing potts. They were all impressed with the efficiency of the kiln burning only a cord and half of wood. Taking five days to fire the kiln, they worked in 6-hour shifts with two people sharing a two hour portion of the shift.

The second firing was equally as successful and took place in early February 2008. The same group of potters returned and were joined by Link Henderson (Kentucky Mudworks) and a few others. The next firing is tentatively scheduled for late May or early June. The Meadows Pottery wood kiln is located on the family farm in Bardstown, Kentucky. Matthew's work from the first firing can be viewed on his web page, www.meadowspottery.com as well as some pictures of the entire construction process, loading, firing, and unloading.

47 Years of KGAC Excellence and evolution through the eyes of Marie Hochstrasser

Artist and educator, Marie Hochstrasser has been an active member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen since it began in 1961 and has witnessed and participated in a wide variety of educational and promotional events. "When I joined the KY Guild of A & C at its beginning, I thought how important it would be to network the craftsmen around the state to get to know them, to bring greater awareness of them on a statewide basis, and to build our craft generated income. Governor Bert Combs had written us, as art educators along with the craftsmen that they had identified, to come together for economic and educational purposes."

She has served several terms as board member and president, and has participated in the evolution of art fairs, workshops, and a member run gallery in Lexington. She is proud to note that amongst its many accomplishments, the organization has been the recipient of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in order to strengthen its presence in the Arts Community.

"Through the years, having an artist run organization has given many of us leadership experience in many ways. I served as president of the board for 3 terms in the mid-70's, and again as V.P. in the mid 90's, as well as serving on the Long Range Planning Comm. All these provided opportunities to develop personally and professionally."

Today, she remains an active member of the guild as well as several other prominent arts organizations, and continues to support artist development education across the state.

KGAC Thanks its Supporters

These are the members and businesses who have given generously this spring in support of the KGAC. We would like to take this time to thank each one:

Peoples Bank, Bill Whitt, Josephine Richardson, Toss Chandler, Sherrie Cocanougher, Enrique Gonzales, Donna Sharp, and Emily Wolfson.

These Spring contributions total \$1,835. Don't forget that any member can give at anytime during the year. Just make out your check to the KGAC and memo it donation. Send it to: KGAC, P. O. Box 192, Berea, KY 40403.



Above: Pottery by Larry Watson