



ART NOTES from the HILLS

**PIKE
COUNTY
ARTISAN
CENTER**

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HOURS

Monday: By appointment
Tuesday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Letter from the Director, Summer 2009

As the new director of the Pike County Artisan Center, I am excited to share with you our first newsletter—and it's just one of the new things happening here at the Artisan Center in downtown Pikeville!

We have recently moved out of our old building at 163 Main Street and are now enjoying a temporary space provided by SouthEast Telephone. You are invited to come and visit us in our new home, where, as always, we have a variety of regional art for sale in our public gallery.

In the meantime, Summer 2009 is quite busy for the Artisan Center. We recently



**LAHLA
DEAKINS,
director**

hosted our first-ever Summer Arts Camp, plus we have a community arts activity planned for the Fourth of July celebration in Pikeville City Park, and a free art activity for kids at Kids' Day in Park for Hillbilly Christmas

in July on the 18th.

The past month has been a time of transition for the Center. We've set regular business hours, revamped our web site, and we're working hard to be more visible and more involved in community life here in Pike County.

To learn more about what's happening, visit us on Facebook, on the web at www.pikeartisancenter.org, and look for this regular quarterly newsletter about current events.

Thank you for your continued support! Sincerely,

Lahla Deakins, Director

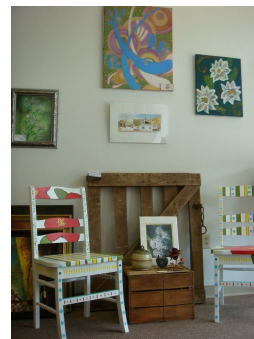
Pike County Artisan Center

WE'VE MOVED!

The Artisan Center has just moved to a new, temporary location in the old Corvettes and Classics building at 211 Main Street.

SouthEast Telephone, the owner of the building, is housing the Center for a few months while a permanent location is determined.

There is a display area for artists' work, as well as an office area for the director.



Exterior and interior views of the Pike County Artisan Center at 211 Main Street in Pikeville

Special points of interest:

- Lahla joined the Artisan Center as director at the end of April, 2009.
- We're on Facebook! Become a fan to RSVP for events, post and view photos, and lots more!
- Summer Arts Camp was a huge success! Look inside for photos and details!

Summer Arts Camp 2009

The Artisan Center's first-ever Summer Arts Camp was a huge success, thanks to creative kids and wonderful volunteers.

Director and artist Lahla Deakins was joined by local artist Justine Bradford, SouthEast Telephone's Amanda Bridges, and Belfry High School teacher and Artisan Board Member Brian Sohn to lead campers in three hours of art, learning, and lots of fun each day during the week of June 8-12.

The culmination of the camp experience was an exhibit curated by the campers themselves. Families of participants attended opening night on June 13, and the exhibit is on display until June 30.

Projects included digital photography and photo collage, clay pencil cups, pastel self-portraits, torn paper mosaics, and a group mural painting among many others.

"The camp experience was great," Deakins said. "The kids were not only talented, creative, and excited about art, but also really nice young people who were a pleasure to be around for the week."

The Artisan Center thanks SouthEast Telephone and all the volunteers, parents, and children who helped make Summer Arts Camp possible!



SUMMER ARTS CAMP 2009 PARTICIPANTS

Jacob Adkins
Amanda Arts
Lynne Atkins
Megan Bailey
Ali Blackburn
Christian Cole
Miah Elswick
Nicole Johnson
Andrea Mullins
Jazmine Habern
Cameron Wright



Artisan Center Board of Directors News

The Artisan Center's Board of Directors has seen some changes to its membership in recent months.

New Board members include: Jeff Vanderbeck, publisher of the Appalachian News-Express; Mark Sohn, former Pikeville College psychology professor; Brian Sohn, Belfry High School teacher; and Cindy Wheat, director of Pike County Tourism.

Artisan Center Board of Directors

Judy Backus, Treasurer
Darrell Maynard, President
Julian Slone
Tim Smith
Brian Sohn
Mark Sohn
Jeff Vanderbeck
Cindy Wheat

New board members are nominated and voted on by existing board members.

The board helps guide the Artisan Center's organizational agenda, and assists with fundraising, volunteering, and other projects.

Regular board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. For more information, e-mail info@pikeartisancenter.org.

COMING THIS FALL!

Children's After-School Art Classes at the Artisan Center



Each month to focus on a different theme or art form—learn about clay, drawing, painting, and more!

Meeting one day a week, four lessons per month.

Details to come—visit www.pikeartisancenter.org to learn more.

"Art, like morality, consists of drawing the line somewhere."
—G.K. Chesterton

First Fridays are back again in August 2009!

The Artisan Center has taken a break from its regular First Friday events for the summer while getting settled into its new location and focusing on other programming.

But beginning August 7, the regular monthly art exhibit and social gathering will kick off again with a show featuring work from David Appalachian Crafts. Textile items such as quilts and woven rugs, as well as other crafts from the organization's artists will be on display

at the Artisan Center for the month of August.

First Friday programming provides the Pike County community with an opportunity to view a variety of artworks, often meet with the artists, watch artist demonstrations, and enjoy refreshments, all free of charge.

This fall, First Fridays will also feature art raffles, through which guests can purchase tickets to enter to win a free art lesson or piece of art. Specific de-

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tails will be available at each event.

The Artisan Center also invites the public to participate in First Friday events by nominating churches, civic organizations, and schools to provide the artwork for featured exhibits. If your organization would like to participate, please call the Artisan Center for more information.

Visit www.pikeartisancenter.org to keep up to date on First Friday events.

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Upcoming Events

June 30: Kentucky Traditions Silent Auction Fundraiser

July 4: Community Art Activity in City Park

July 18: Kids' Day in the Park with Hillbilly Christmas in July

August 7: First Friday featuring David Appalachian Crafts

Who We Are

Our Mission is to create economic, educational, and cultural opportunities for our community through participation in the arts.

Our Vision is to inspire, facilitate, and nurture the arts in the region.

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