



# ART NOTES from the HILLS

**PIKE  
COUNTY  
ARTISAN  
CENTER**

## Letter from the Director, Fall 2009

Welcome to the second issue of the Pike County Artisan Center's newsletter!

We've finished up an eventful summer and are well into a busy fall season here at the Center, and I'm excited to share all of our news with you.

Our time of transition continues at the Center, as we will be moving once again, this time to a more permanent location.

We're also planning to add even more classes and workshops to our schedule, and will be offering something



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for adults and kids of all ages in the coming months.

As always, any help from our community that enables us to keep up the creative work is

greatly appreciated, so I hope you'll read the segments about volunteering and donations in this newsletter, and consider what the Artisan Center and its programs are worth to you. Could you give two hours a week of your time to help out? Could you afford to put a few dollars in our donations box when you visit?

I hope you find some news in this letter that will bring you the Center soon!

Sincerely,

Lahla Deakins, Director  
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### HOURS

Tuesday-Friday  
2-5:30 p.m.

## We are moving ... again!

In the short time since the Artisan Center's last newsletter was published and the new, temporary location was announced, the Center has located another building in downtown Pikeville to call home.

The building is owned by the Dawahare family and is located on 2nd Street, in the old Brewster's location.

While a move-in date has not



yet been determined, the Artisan Center looks forward

to offering studio space to artists again, as well as classroom space, a main gallery, and gathering places for visitors.

With more room, the Center will be able to offer more classes and arts programming for the community. Be on the lookout for our official moving notice, and come visit us in the new location soon!

The Center is currently still open at 211 Main St.

### Special points of interest:

- We're on Facebook! Become a fan to RSVP for events, post and view photos, and lots more!
- Check out the First Friday lineup and photos of past events inside!
- We've just finished the first month of the After School Arts Program! Photos and details inside!

# Recent Events, Summer & Fall 2009

- **June 30: Kentucky Traditions Fundraiser** Maker's Mark Bourbon tasting and a wonderful silent auction hosted by SouthEast Telephone made this event a great success for the Artisan Center. Thanks to everyone who helped out and donated funds!
- **July 4: City Park Fourth of July Celebration** Although it was a little soggy from all the rain, families enjoyed painting T-shirts and leaving their handprint on the Artisan Center's American flag community art project.
- **July 18: Hillbilly Xmas in July Kids' Day in the Park** Kids of all ages got to make their own paper plate hats during this free event for a good cause. Lots of fun!
- **August 7: First Friday, David Appalachian Crafts Showcase** The Floyd County organization displayed some its finest crafts for this exhibit of quilts, wood carvings, painted gourds, and more.
- **September 4: First Friday, Community Art Night** Kids and adults alike had a blast creating their own art from a sheet of paper with two circles for a starting point. Everyone is an artist at heart!
- **October 2: First Friday, "A Native American Pottery Experience"** exhibit Students from the After School Arts Program show off their pottery at this fun exhibit.



Some of the auction items included paintings, gift baskets, and more at the Kentucky Traditions Fundraiser in June.



Artisan board member Brian Sohn helps with T-shirt painting in the park, July 4, above.



Three young artists show off their hand-mode hats at Hillbilly Xmas in July, right.



Abrial Read paints her pottery in September's After School Arts Program.



David Appalachian Crafts, August First Friday



Guests work on their drawings at September's First Friday Community Art Night.

## The Artisan Center at work in our Community...

The Artisan Center is proud to announce several new partnerships that help the Center give back to the community, and help the community learn about the arts.

- **Traveling Exhibit: East Ky Expo Center, Pikeville** This collection of paintings from the Center features works by Sally Scott, Mary James Keene, and others, and is usually on display in the 2nd floor lobby of the Expo. Thanks to Steve St. John and his staff for making this possible!
- **Traveling Exhibit: Artists Collaborative Theatre, Elkhorn City** A collection of works from Lahla Deakins, Sally Scott, and Mary James Keene is on display in the main lobby of the theater. Thanks to Stephanie Richards and the volunteers at ACT for helping promote the arts!
- **Pike County Artisan Center & Christ Central Training School and Academy Partnership** This collaboration allows the students in Laura Kegan Gallion's 6th-9th grade art class to participate in special projects and field trips to the Artisan Center to broaden their arts experience.
- **Phelps High School Pottery Program** Phelps HS had ceramics materials, but no art teacher, so teacher Debbie Stiltner arranged for Artisan Center Director and potter Lahla Deakins to come and help the school learn to use their resources. This workshop series will take place in November and help get teachers and students on track to continue arts education at their school.
- *Is your school or group interested in partnering with the Artisan Center for special projects? Call to learn about pricing and details for Scout troops, after school programs, and more!*

## After School Art Program Schedule Fall 2009



October: Watercolor Painting

November: Collage

\$45 per student per month;

classes meet on Tuesdays for 5-8 year olds and Thursdays for 9-13 year olds  
4-5:30 p.m.; Fall classes taught by director Lahla Deakins

Spring Schedule (beginning in February) to come soon!  
Visit [www.pikeartisancenter.org](http://www.pikeartisancenter.org) for registration forms and details



### Opportunities for Artists and Teachers

- Artists are always welcome to apply to sell and/or display their work at the Artisan Center. There is an application and review process, so please contact the Center for details on getting started.
- Teachers and artists who are interested in leading classes for children, teens, or adults are invited to apply to become Artisan Center course instructors. Contact the Center for details. Teaching positions are paid positions!

### Volunteer Corner: Help out and have fun!

Welcome to our newest volunteers, Pikeville High School students **Charles Mims** and **Tara Leisure**! Charles and Tara help out with the After School Arts Program and other work around the Center.

The Artisan Center has also partnered with the Pikeville College Work Study program again this year, and is pleased to welcome back Pikeville College student **Shana Taylor** as the Center's 2009-2010 work study. Shana helps out around the Center with exhibit setup and general upkeep, and helps keep the

doors open for regular business hours.

We love our volunteers! The Artisan Center operates almost entirely on volunteer power, and we can use your help! To find out about becoming a Pike County Artisan Center volunteer, call the Center or visit our web site for an application and more information.

Volunteer opportunities are available for those with bookkeeping experience, reception desk duties, exhibit setup, and more. **We will also soon need help MOVING!**

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**Upcoming Events**

**October 2:** First Friday—Works from After School Art Students

**November 6:** First Friday—Big Sandy Community and Technical College Student Showcase

**December 4:** First Friday—Pam Oldfield Meade Exhibit

**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.



**Visit the Artisan Center to do  
your holiday shopping! Hand-  
made makes the best gift!**



**Board of Directors**

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The board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ the Artisan Center, 5:30 pm.