

Foothills Craft Guild News

January 2011

Foothills' February Exhibition

The Arts & Culture Alliance and Foothills Craft Guild proudly present "Fine Craft in February," a showcase and sale of works by Foothills Craft Guild Members, February 4-6, at the Emporium Center. This show highlights the handmade, original work of 35 East Tennessee craft artists working in a variety of media including: clay, jewelry, metal, fiber, lamp-worked and blown glass, leather, wood, photography, and mixed media collage. The Emporium gallery provides an ideal environment in which to view the work and meet the artists.

The Show hours are: Friday, February 4, 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM; Saturday, February 5, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; and Sunday, February 6, 12:00 - 5:00 PM. Admission is free. A public reception takes place on Friday, February 4, from 5:00 - 9:00 PM as part of First Friday activities in downtown Knoxville. The Foothills Craft Guild is proud to partner with the Arts & Culture Alliance in sponsorship of this show.

"Fine Craft in February" is on display at the Emporium Center, 100 S. Gay Street (corner of Gay/Jackson). For more information, please contact the Arts & Culture Alliance at (865) 523-7543 or visit www.knoxalliance.com.

Announcing the Officers of Foothills' Board of Directors

At their January meeting, the Foothills Craft Guild Board of Directors elected the officers for the upcoming year. Effective February 1, the Guild's officers will be:

- Robbie Gentry, President
 - Ann Lacava, Standards Chair and Vice President
 - Linda Folks, Treasurer
 - Jim Gentry, Secretary
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Special Events Committee

York Haverkamp has agreed to be the committee chair of Special Events. This committee will help to make Foothills Craft Guild more visible to the community. When opportunities arise for us to make an

appearance or tell Knoxville and surrounding communities about the Guild, this committee will make it happen. York will act as a liaison and coordinate who handles what and when. We still need volunteers.

Currently two people have stepped up to help on one capacity or another. Ten volunteers are needed with a commitment of about 5-6 hours spread out over the year. This committee can only be successful with you! Please consider volunteering. Your Guild needs you; it is time to step up! Contact York Haverkamp (yorkpottery@gmail.com) or Robbie Gentry (robbiegentry@comcast.net). We look forward to hearing from you--the more the merrier! --Robbie Gentry, President

Fine Crafts Needed for the Foothills Craft Guild Permanent Collection

I would like to ask you to help FCG grow its Permanent Collection. As I mentioned at our General Membership meeting during this last fall show, I would be very grateful and proud for any donation to our collection. We are a group of wonderful artists and I, along with your Board, would like for the public to see just how wonderful we are. Please consider donating a piece of your work. It can only be a win/win situation for both parties. Please feel free to contact me at (865) 922-2480-h or (865) 803-3471-c with your questions or donations.

I look forward to hearing my phone ring! --Molly Durr, Historian and Past President, Foothills Craft Guild

Opportunities

The **Dogwood Arts House & Garden Show** will be held on **February 11--13** at the Knoxville Convention Center. A few spaces remain for "Artisans in Action" in which artists demonstrate how they create artwork for the home and garden. In particular, spaces are available for a sculpture artist, potter, illustrator, and wood carver. Booth space is 10x10, booth fee is \$350 (discounted from the usual vendor price), and artists are allowed to sell their work. For more information about the House and Garden Show in general, please visit http://www.dogwoodarts.com/house_garden.html. For application forms and information, please contact Jill Stone Ravenelle, 865-406-1817, or by email jill@jillstonestudios.com, as soon as possible.

The Appalachian Arts Craft Center in Norris, TN, a nonprofit center that has been promoting traditional artists and crafts for 40 years, is looking for new members to sell their handmade arts and crafts in the Craft Center gallery. Anyone interested in going through the jurying process should bring three samples of their work to the center between **Friday, January 21, and noon on Thursday, February 3**. The jurying will take place on Tuesday, February 8, and items must be picked up by February 18. Each person going through the process must fill out a form and pay a nonrefundable \$25 jurying fee. For more information, call 865-595-9854 or visit www.appalachianarts.net.

The Rossini Festival, an Italian street fair with performing arts, fine art, and food will be held on April 9th, 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. The Festival, which draws 50,000 people in the spring every year, is looking for fine art vendors. Application forms are available at <http://www.KnoxvilleOpera.com> or <http://www.RossiniFestival.org>, or can be obtained by calling Don Townsend at 865-599-7961.

The 7th Annual Gatlinburg Fine Arts Festival, May 14-15, 2011, is an outdoor event open to professional US artists working in fine art and craft media including baskets, ceramics, digital art, drawing, pastel, fiber, glass, printmaking, photography, jewelry, metal, sculpture, watercolor, wood and mixed media. The

application deadline is January 31, 2011, and information and application can be found at <http://www.gfaf.net>. Contact Dana or Robert Batey if you have questions, 865-774-5955, or info@gfaf.net.

Next Jury Fest

The dates are in for the spring 2011 Jury Fest at Foothills Craft Guild. Submissions can be made on April 4 and 5, 2011; jurying will take place on April 6, 2011. It's time to talk to your artist friends and find the business cards you collected from the fine artists at shows you've done and help us get new talented members into the Guild. Spread the word!! Remember--if you see impressive handcrafted work, get the information about the artist and we'll send out an invitation to Foothills' jury fest. If you have any questions, email or call Ann Lacava, Standards Chair, at alacava@frontiernet.net or 865-938-4180 (H) or 776-3902 (C) or visit the Foothills website, <http://www.foothillscraftguild.org>. --Ann Lacava, Standards Chair

Dues Reminder

February is the month when your dues are due. So, if you didn't take advantage of the early payment opportunity at the Fall Show, or if you haven't paid them since, please mail your check (\$45 for individual memberships or \$90 for center memberships) to Foothills Craft Guild, P.O. Box 5650, Knoxville, TN 37928. If you have questions, contact Jackie Mirzadeh, mirzadehj@earthlink.net. --Jackie Mirzadeh, Membership Director

Mark Your Calendars

The Oak Ridge Art Center show, which would have conflicted with the new Foothills date, will move back one week to Saturday, November 12. Most of the folks in the Oak Ridge show are Foothills members so this will give you a heads up until the mailing comes out--Judy Kidd

Craft Business Items for Sale/Wanted

For sale: Penn State Dust Collector and Filter (1.5hp), Model/Series # DC3. Numerous pieces of duct-work are included. Please contact Molly Durr, (865) 922-2480-h or (865) 803-3471-c.

Wanted: Slab roller. Contact Dennis McAvoy, 865-436-4575 or dennis@smokymountainpottery.com.

Foothills Artists in the News

Susan Parry was selected as the 2010 artist to represent Tennessee at the national tree lighting ceremony in Washington DC. Susan had her own tree (as did all the artists from the other states) and we had one ornament placed on the White House Visitor Center's tree. Susan writes: "My husband and I went to the tree lighting ceremony and it was quite exciting."