



Folk Art Center in Asheville, NC

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heritage held by the Southern Highland Craft Guild is sponsored by WNCW and features traditional crafts accompanied by music and dancing. Hours are: Sat., 10am-4pm and Sun., noon-4pm.

A highlight of the weekend is the 37th Annual World Gee Haw Whimmy Diddle Competition on Saturday, from 2 to 3pm. A whimmy diddle is an Appalachian mountain toy traditionally made from two sticks of rhododendron. Notches are carved into one stick and a propeller is attached to the end. Rubbing the notches with the second stick makes the propeller spin. Can you get it to gee (spin to the right) and haw (spin to the left)?



Lyle Wheeler signing up for the Gee Haw Whimmy Diddle competition

During the World Gee Haw Whimmy Diddle Competition contestants are judged on the number of rotations between gee and haw they can complete during a given time. They may be asked to switch hands or whimmy diddle behind their back. All ages may compete with trophies given for best child, adult, and professional. Winners receive a Moon Pie, a t-shirt, and bragging rights.

Ongoing demonstrations will include traditional woodworking with traditional tools, weaving, spinning, dyeing, broom making, stone carving, and print making. Visitors will have the opportunity to try their own hand at some of the crafts and an activity table will encourage young people to create.

On Saturday, Anthony Cole will be on hand to shear sheep throughout the day, and on Sunday, Joe Parham will bring animals to demonstrate how he trains dogs to work sheep at 1 and 3pm. A music stage will provide further entertainment with blue grass and gospel music. Local cloggers will



Collene Karcher stone carving

display the energy and fancy footwork that goes into the mountain dance tradition. A quality lunch will be available from Farmhouse BBQ, selling delicious barbecue and tasty side dishes.

The Blue Ridge Parkway's Folk Art Center is the ideal place for Heritage Weekend! There is free parking and a grassy area for picnics and relaxation. Spend an early autumn weekend in WNC honoring and learning about the crafts of yesteryear. Tour the Folk Art Center and maybe take a walk through the woods.

The Folk Art Center is located at Milepost 382, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, just north of the Highway 70 entrance in east Asheville, NC.

The Southern Highland Craft Guild is a non-profit, educational organization established in 1930 to cultivate the crafts and makers of the Southern Highlands for the purpose of shared resources, education, marketing and conservation. The Southern Highland Craft Guild is an authorized concessioner of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Guild at 828/298-7928 or visit (www.craftguild.org).

Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, Features Works by Judy Rentner

Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, will present *Radiant Fall*, featuring works by Judy Rentner, on view from Sept. 1 - 30, 2017. A reception will be held on Sept. 1, from 5-8pm.

Judy Rentner works in oils, using a palette knife to create intricate texture when applying her colors. Rentner says of her technique, "Painting with a palette knife has been delightful. It has allowed me to use color as I have never done before. The process is spontaneous, intuitive, and freeing. Using this means of applying paint fits so well into interpreting the landscape in a way that captures light and shadow, infusing it with more color than is actually there."

After receiving her art degree, Rentner taught in the California public school system. She has taken many workshops in various media to learn techniques, composition, and color theory. After moving to North Carolina, she taught classes in watercolor, acrylics, and oils.

Of her life's work Rentner says, "When someone asks how long did it take to paint a particular painting, I respond, 'Oh, about 40 years, more or less.' That usually gets a laugh or a puzzled look. In truth, it has taken many years of learning and many years of experimentation to settle into the style of painting that I currently use." She added, "A person can look at a piece of art and appreciate what the artist has done, but



Work by Judy Rentner

evoking an emotional response is altogether different. This is what I desire when someone views my work, a positive, uplifting, emotional response."

Rentner's work, as well as the paintings of the other 30 gallery members will be on display and for sale through the month of September.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listing, call the gallery at 828/251-5796 or visit (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).

Groveswood Gallery in Asheville, NC, Offers Exhibition to Benefit Childhood Cancer Awareness

To highlight Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Groveswood Gallery in Asheville, NC, will host an Arts For Life children's exhibition and benefit, Sept. 2 - 17, 2017. Arts For Life is an Asheville-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting people facing serious illnesses and disabilities. Arts For Life helps children in four cities across North Carolina, and locally partners with Mission Children's Hospital.

An opening reception, sponsored by The Hop Ice Cream Café, will take place at Groveswood Gallery on Sept. 2 from 2 - 5pm (free and open to the public). All featured artwork will be for sale, and 100 percent of proceeds will benefit Arts For



Life. Groveswood Gallery will also donate 10 percent of all gallery sales and offer a 10 percent discount on all ceramic art during the opening day of the exhibition.

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