

Katy Days Heritage Crafters 2018

What distinguishes our heritage crafters? We look people who practice traditional crafts or skills - and then ask them to explain what they do and demonstrate how they do it.

So feel free to pull up a hay bale and ask away! Many will have items for sale as well.

Look for them under the two tents on the north side of the park.

Hand-made Mountain Dulcimers

Lonnie Crow and Brenda Egbert

Oronogo, MO & McCune, KS

Lonnie enjoys building instruments and will show the various stages of building a mountain dulcimer. He will also have some on display for people to try out. Be on the lookout for other creative handmade instruments he has made, such as a bowed psaltry and a xylophone made out of wrenches! There will probably be some music coming from this booth!

Blacksmiths

Brian Boman and Tryston Stevens

Purdy, MO & Coffeyville, KS

It's been many years since we've had a blacksmith at Katy Days and this year we will have two! Brian and Tryston will be working side by side, each demonstrating their particular way to create items out of wrought iron or steel. Come by and take a look.

Tatting

Catherine Hannah

Cherryvale, KS

Catherine will be demonstrating the art of tatting. (According to Wikipedia: Tatting is a technique for handcrafting a particularly durable lace from a series of knots and loops. The lace is formed by a pattern of rings and chains formed from a series of cow hitch or half-hitch knots, called double stitches over a core thread. Gaps can be left between the stitches to form picots which are used for practical construction as well as decorative effect. Tatting dates back to the 1700's.) Catherine will be happy to teach anyone who wants to sit down and learn a bit, and has developed many creative uses for her tatting such as earrings, necklaces, etc.

Hot Glass Marble Making

ChaGlaz - Keith & Charlean Wilson

Parsons, KS

Marbles are one of the world's oldest toys. Using modern equipment, Keith and Charlean will make glass marbles. They will explain the total process and make 10-12 marbles throughout the day. They will also demonstrate a few other forms of hot glass work and will have items for sale.

Quilting

Quilters Guild of Parsons

Parsons, KS

These are the quilters that have put on the wonderful quilt shows in the rec center gym. This year they are taking a break from the show, but are still demonstrating hand-tying quilting and possibly some hand quilting. They will have handmade quilted items for sale and some fun things for kids too.

Knitting

Jessica Moss

J Baby's Pretties

Parsons, KS

Knitting's origins lie in the basic human need for clothing to protect against the elements. One of the earliest known examples of true knitting was found in Egypt from the end of the first millennium AD!! (according to Wikipedia) Jessica Moss is a talented knitter. Watch her work and enjoy her creativity in the dish cloths, baby bibs, dish towels and tissue holders she has on display and for sale.

Treadle Sewing Machine

Christy Palmer

Fredonia, KS

Christy will be demonstrating how she uses her 100-year-old Damascus treadle sewing machine. She will also have for display and sale items she has sewn on her machine, such as dolls, toys, doll clothes, placemats, and coasters. She started a red and white quilt at Katy Days 2017 and she will have it on display.

Shaving Horse

John Olson

Parsons, KS

John has been interested in and collecting woodworking tools all of his life. He retired as a shop teacher at PHS after ?? years. He has also been a member of the Heritage Crafter committee for many years. *This year he will be demonstrating a shaving horse. The shaving horse is a foot-operated clamping device. It is a relative of the saw horse. The wood being worked is held between a stationary table and the movable clamp head. It is primarily used to hold wood while shaping it with the draw knife or a spoke shave. The shaving horse that will be demonstrated is made from the framework of an early Katy wooden boxcar.*

Natural Wool Dyeing over wood fire

Leslie Carroll-Bartlett and Gerald Bartlett

Nevada, MO

Leslie and Jerry do natural dyeing of yarn in the traditional way; in a pot over a wood-burning fire. This year they will demonstrate dyeing fabric, cotton and silk in an ancient Japanese technique creating beautiful designs on the fabric. They will also show Merino and Shetland wool yarn dyed for reds and blues.

Woodcarving

Ernie Loganbill

Independence, KS

Ernie is a wood carver. His display will consist of Welsh love spoons, walking sticks, wooden chains and more. Ernie loves to do wood carving and he also loves visiting with people. He's been part of Katy Days for 4 or 5 years now and is happy to show and tell about how he does what he does!

Rope Making

Roy Parsons

McCune, KS

Roy should win the award for the hardest working man at Katy Days. He has a hand-cranked rope-making machine and spends all day Saturday helping children make a souvenir length of rope. This year he will be found in the "Heritage Crafters" tent on the north side of the park.

Wheel-Thrown Potter

Benjamin & Caleb Newton

"Newton Brothers Pottery"

Parsons, KS

Twins Benjamin and Caleb have enjoyed creating clay artwork from an early age and discovered the potter's wheel at age seventeen. They love encouraging creativity and want to do so at Katy days. They will demonstrate how pottery is made on a wheel and visitors may have a chance to give it a try as well. They will also have some of their work for sale.

Old Time Office

Rotary dial phone? Manual typewriters? Adding machines? Whaaat?? Come visit the "Old-Time Office." Experience how people communicated before computers and cell phones. This year in the Heritage Crafters tent!