

## **Katy Days Heritage Crafters 2019**

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 20x40 tents on the east side of the park - across from the swimming pool.

### **Tinsmith**

***Robert Stone***

***Pea Ridge, AR***

A tinsmith, sometimes known as a tinner, tinker, tinman, or tinsmith worker is a person who makes and repairs things made of tin or other light metals. Tinsmith was a common occupation in pre-industrial times.

Mr. Stone will be demonstrating making tin and copperware using antique machinery and hand tools. He will fabricate tinware (copper & brass also) from flat sheets of tin. He will cut, form, solder and rivet and create candle holders, cups, scoops, pitchers, and cookie cutters.

This is his first year at Katy Days after many years of inviting, and we are thrilled to have him.

### **Spinning**

***Cindy Ford***

***McCune, KS***

Cindy will set up a spinning wheel to demonstrate spinning techniques, and have spinning accessories to show. She will make it look easy, but it's harder than you think! She will also have examples of raw fibers that can be spun, and will show natural dyestuffs and samples.

### **Felting**

***Carol Ann Parker***

***Raymore, MO***

From the practical to the whimsical, Carol Ann Parker is a delightful and talented felter. See how separate wool fibers become fabric. It's almost magic.

### **Train Set Painting and More**

***John Hare***

***Gladstone, MO***

John grew up in Parsons, but now plies his trade in the Kansas City area. He does wonderful paintings of many different subjects, but usually specializes in trains for the

Katy Days weekend. Many of his train paintings can be “joined together” and mixed and matched. He will have items for sale and will also be demonstrating his process for painting. <http://www.johnhareart.com/>

## **Blacksmithing**

***Tryston Stevens, Michael Cook, Dan Columbia  
Coffeyville, KS, Altamont, KS and Claremore, OK***

It's been many years since we've had blacksmiths at Katy Days. But last year we had two, and this year we will have three!

Tryston, Michael and Dan 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.

## **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.

## **Wood Carver**

***Keith Guffey***

***Neosho, MO***

Keith makes a variety of spoons and other intricate carved items. He will be working using a shaving horse, mallet, chisels and knives to make spoons on site. This is his first year at Katy Days and we're excited!

## **Wood Carver**

***Jerry Sloan***

***Altamont, KS***

Jerry will display carvings he has completed in a variety of different styles. Some are done in the round, others in relief and others in natural wood with the subject entered into the wood. This is Jerry's first year and we are glad to have him.

## **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 in their new location on the east side of the park.

## **Pottery**

***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. This year they will demonstrate how pottery is built by hand 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 as you type away on a manual typewriter. This year in the Heritage Crafters tent!