

Oklahoma Forest Heritage Center Museum

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Masters at Work: Beads of Courage

Visitors to the Forest Heritage Center are in for a treat during the Masters at Work: Beads of Courage competition, happening on September 13-15. While partnering with the Beads of Courage Program, our artists will provide arts in medicine for children with serious illnesses. The Beads of Courage Program is designed to support and strengthen children and families coping with serious illness. Through the program, children tell their stories using colorful beads as meaningful symbols of courage that commemorate milestones they have achieved along their unique treatment path. The turnings created by wood artists will be presented to the children as a safe-keeping treasure box for their beads.

During the two day competition on Friday and Saturday, five Master Woodturners will compete in four competitions. This year the cast of female turners will showcase the diversity among woodturning styles with spindles, platters, lidded containers, and an always exciting turner's choice category. The weekend provides an excellent opportunity for the public to see wood art being created from start to finish, interact with some of the area's most talented wood artists, and purchase some great wood art gifts. The exhibit will open to the public with a special reception on Sunday, September 15 at 1:30 p.m. to announce the winners of the competitions.

Along with the competitions, the Forest Heritage Center will host an art retreat. Talented artist Jamie Carter will have a Painting Workshop: "Capturing Nature's Beauty" for adults, beginners or advanced painters on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14. Participants may take the painting workshop for one or both days. For more information or to register, visit www.ArtLessonsWithJamie.com or contact Jamie at 903-674-2018.

This special exhibit promises to be an enjoyable event that will showcase the unique form of wood art. The woodturning competition will be held September 13 and 14 from 8am until 5pm at the Forest Heritage Center Museum with an opening reception on September 15 at 1:30 pm. The exhibit gallery will be open free to the public until October 20. Gallery hours will be Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m. For more information contact the Forest Heritage Center at 580-494-6497, email fhc@beaversbend.com or visit us at www.forestry.ok.gov/fhc.

This exhibit is made possible by the Forest Heritage Center Advisory Board, Oklahoma Arts Council, Oklahoma Forestry Services, Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department and members of the Forest Heritage Center Association.

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The Forest Heritage Center has been a community anchor in Southeast Oklahoma for over 40 years. It was built by a group of foresters with a vision of sharing the history of the forest. Today we are continuing the mission of the founders by educating the public through programs, special events, gallery exhibits, and telling of the positive impact of the forest and its products on our daily lives. Situated in a part of the state where opportunities to experience art and culture are few and far between, we are the Wood Art Capital of Oklahoma and the ever-important first impression to Beavers Bend State Park.