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The Center for Appalachian Philanthropy *AppaPhil: For the Love of Appalachia – People & Place*

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This Saturday Boneyfiddle Arts Center Artists Provide Mentorship to AppaKIDS™

On Saturday, February 19th, children of all ages will have hands-on learning opportunities with regional artists during the AppaKids “Exploring Appalachian Heritage Through the Arts” event scheduled to take place in downtown Portsmouth and the Boneyfiddle Historic District.

“Our goal is to elevate all children in Appalachia and provide them with equal opportunities to succeed in life. This is a free event where hands-on skills are taught through mentors with myriad talents,” says AppaPhil Executive Director Mandy Hart. “Our many partnerships and collaborations along with our supporters make it possible for us to facilitate these kinds of wonderful educational programs at no charge to the children in our communities.”

Arts activities include:

- Lego Robotics for children ages nine to fourteen with Mark Riley, IT Specialist at Ohio University
- River Cane Keepsake Bottles for children ages eight to twelve by Mike Johnston, Native American artist
- A Rhythm Circle for children ages four to eight conducted by Laura Womack, performing artist
- Pendant Making with polymer clay for ages eight to eighteen by Jeanie Begley, jewelry artist
- 3-D Pet Rock Creation for ages five to ten by Tam Ishmael-Eizman, visual artist and photographer
- Styrofoam Sculptured Heads for ages eight to thirteen with Deborah Doll, sculpter and visual artist
- Handcrafted Bracelet and Earrings for ages thirteen to fifteen by Diana Teeters, jewelry artist
- AppaKidpreneur for ages six to thirteen with Duane Thomas, creative entrepreneurship instructor
- Native American Miniature Breastplate for ages thirteen to eighteen with Jim Great Elk Waters, Native American artist
- Exploring Watercolor for all ages by Jamie Benedict, visual artist

Additional programs may be offered. To register, contact Carolyn Kean with The Center for Appalachian Philanthropy at (740) 876-4262. Signup sheets will be available at the Boneyfiddle Arts Center on Saturday morning beginning at 10 a.m.

The AppaKids “Exploring Appalachian Heritage Through the Arts” event is a collaborative initiative between the Center for Appalachian Philanthropy and The Boney Fiddle Arts Center and is made possible through a donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, New Boston Club #2271. Tom Lindsey, Secretary, says, “This Eagle’s organization is proud to promote programs that inspire children.”

The Center for Appalachian Philanthropy exists for the purpose of connecting people’s time, talent and treasure for the good of Appalachian Communities. AppaPhil’s primary goal is to attract philanthropic investment in Appalachia by offering networking platforms and educational support services to nonprofits and by providing and attracting resources that help organizations fulfill their missions to better their communities. AppaPhil provides services through five primary program areas: (1) Health and Human Services, (2) Nonprofit Resources, (3) Building Community, (4) Faith-Based Partnerships, and (5) Growing Philanthropy. More information can be found on the web at www.appaphil.com.

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To learn more about these activities or to support AppaKIDS exploration of Appalachian heritage and the arts, please contact Mandilyn Hart at (740) 876-4262.

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