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

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MiAppa Artists Conduct Free Art Classes for Children at Heritage Arts Station

Children will have the opportunity to work side-by-side with real artists on Saturday, June 25 from 10 am to 2 pm on the patio at Heritage Station in Huntington, WV. AppaKids activities are hosted by The Center for Appalachian Philanthropy (AppaPhil) and its MiAppa (Made in Appalachia) artisan membership and support program.

This AppaKids event will feature the following activities. Additional classes may be announced later:

Nature Art with artist Joe Bass
Native American Arts with artist Richard Barnhouse
Beadwork with artist Jeanie Begley
Jewelry Making with artist Sandee Lloyd
Drumming and Rhythm with Laura Womack
Oil Painting with Knives (Demonstration) Kathy Hollett

“AppaKids is a monthly program that gives children of all ages and socioeconomic status the opportunity to learn art forms from established artists throughout Appalachia. In addition to teaching the children something about various arts and crafts, the program is also designed to give them a strong sense of pride for, and teach them about, their unique Appalachian heritage,” says Mandy Hart, AppaPhil Executive Director.

The activities are free and pre-registration, though not required, is recommended. For more information, or to register, contact Dennis Lambert at lambertdg@gmail.com or at 740-479-2266. Interested individuals may also sign up at Heritage Arts Station, which is in shop #7 at Heritage Station in Huntington, WV.

About MiAppa Artisans

Instructors for these monthly AppaKids activities are members of MiAppa, a non-profit organization designed to provide support for artists throughout the Appalachian region. MiAppa is a division of The Center for Appalachian Philanthropy and services to artists/artisans include education, marketing support, mentoring, funding opportunities, networking and a chance for members to build their customer base. Artists/artisans who would like additional information should contact Tammi Holbrook at tammi.holbrook@yahoo.com or 606-474-6922.

About The Center for Appalachian Philanthropy

The Center for Appalachian Philanthropy is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that 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.