

Scooting Around Town

We've compiled a list of must-see galleries, artist studios and organizations in and around Berea, Ky. For an extended history of Berea College, visit www.americanstyle.com and click on the October issue.

OLD TOWN

Berea Welcome Center

3 Artist Circle, 800-598-5263

Gastineau Studio

135 N. Broadway St., 859-986-9158
<http://gastineastudio.stores.yahoo.net>

The Glass Studio

217 Adams St., 859-985-0150

Haley-Daniels

119 N. Broadway St., 859-986-7243
www.haleydaniels.com

Honeysuckle Vine Gallery

2 Artist Circle, 859-986-2411

Osolnik Machinery & Supplies

120 N. Broadway St., 859-986-3453
www.osolnikmachinery.com

Top Drawer Gallery

202 N. Broadway St., 859-985-2907
www.topdrawergallery.com

Weaver's Bottom Craft Studio

140 N. Broadway St., 859-986-8661
www.weaversbottomcraftstudio.com

COLLEGE SQUARE

Appalachian Fireside Gallery

127 Main St., 859-986-9013

Boone Tavern

100 Main St., 859-985-3700
www.boonetavernhotel.com

Log House Craft Gallery

200 Estill St., 859-985-3226
www.berea.collegecrafts.com

Visitors Center at College Square

107 Jackson St., 859-985-3145
www.berea.edu

Warren A. May

110 Center St., 859-986-9293
www.warrenamay.com

OUTSIDE BERA

Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

975 Walnut Meadow Road, 859-985-5448
www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov



Three-quarters of a mile from Old Town, along Chestnut Street, is College Square, situated on the edge of the Berea College campus. The Log House Craft Gallery (200 Estill St.) dominates the square, and showcases traditional crafts. You can find everything from a hand-carved key ring whistle to Shaker-style furniture.

Turn left when you leave the Log House and cross over to Center Street where you'll likely find Warren A. May (110 Center St.) working on a dulcimer—he's made more than 15,000 in the last 30 years—and surrounded by his exquisite furniture.

May's designs feature hand-cut dovetails, delicate maple-wood inlay escutcheons and classic finishes.

Craft galleries are centered in two distinct areas: Old Town and College Square.

Turn the corner to reach Appalachian Fireside Gallery (127 Main St.) in what was once the Main Street Bank. Today the vault is filled with different treasures—hand-dyed





It's not uncommon to find Berea's artisans at work in their studios. Warren A. May works on a dulcimer, left, and Neil Colmer can be found at his loom, right. The Log House Craft Gallery, below left, considers itself "the premiere showplace for Berea College and other fine regional crafts," while the Kentucky Artisan Center, above, features work by more than 650 skilled Kentucky artisans.

silk and handwoven cotton garments, as well as Kentucky quilts and pottery.

Time your stroll through College Square for mealtimes: the recently renovated 1909 Boone Tavern (100 Main St.) offers sophisticated Southern cuisine. But before you partake of the spoonbread, a real Kentucky treat, peek into the gallery, which features work by Berea College students.

On your way in or out of town, visit the Kentucky Artisan Center (975 Walnut Meadow Road), conven-

niently located just off I-75. There you'll get a preview or review of the state's crafts and have the chance to see demonstrations by some of the artists it represents. There's a shop, exhibition area and all the amenities of a more common rest stop.

But, as you'll come to learn, there is nothing common about the "folk arts and crafts capital of Kentucky." ●

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IF YOU GO

Situated in Kentucky's famed Bluegrass region, Berea is 39 miles south of Lexington and 132 miles north of Knoxville, Tenn. Berea is located just off I-75, which connects to the nearest airport in Lexington.

There are two visitors centers in town, one on College Square and one in Old Town. These are the two areas where most craft galleries and studios are located. They are separated by three-quarters of a mile along Chestnut Street, which is lined with antique shops and craft shops, studios and the town's historic public buildings.

To plan your trip, consult the Berea Tourism Center (www.berea.com), the Berea Arts Council (www.bereaartscouncil.org) or the Kentucky Guild of Artists & Craftsmen (www.kyguild.org) for information about the city, and its artists and galleries. —K.C.



Indian Fort Theater in Berea, Ky.