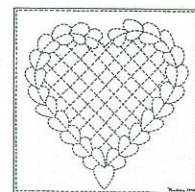


SPRING EXHIBIT

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART:

A Folk Art Sampler of Western Illinois



An exhibit featuring the work of ten contemporary folk artists of Western Illinois is on display in the first floor galleries. "Straight From the Heart: A Folk Art Sampler of Western Illinois" was researched and planned by folklorist Sherry Pardee assisted by photographer Lisa Wigoda, graphic designer Sally Poole, and the museum staff. After interviewing and photographing many folk artists of the area, Pardee and Wigoda selected ten whose work is reflective of the traditional folk arts found in Western Illinois. A banjo-maker, rag rug weaver, model builder, decoy artist, wood carver, quilter, crocheter, gospel choir, weaver, and basket maker are featured. The exhibit includes photo-panel narratives, samples of each artist's work, tools, materials, a video tape, and a 24 page catalogue.

The museum is also hosting a series of Sunday afternoon demonstrations, performances and lectures by several of the featured artists and experts in the field of folk art. The exhibit is open weekends from 1-5 p.m. through June 24. Group tours and weekend visits may be arranged through the museum office. Call 224-6873 for more information on the exhibit and its special events.

Jim McElfresh holding one of his hand made baskets.

PROGRAMS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Sunday Afternoons at the Museum

April 22, 2:00 p.m.
Gospel Choir Concert -First Baptist Church

April 29, 2:00 p.m Lecture -
Merle Glick, Illinois Folk Art Historian

May 6, 1-5 p.m.
Miniature Model Making -John Kennedy

May 13, 2:00 p.m.
Lecture - Sherry Pardee-Folklorist & Project Director

May 20, 1-5 p.m.
Bobbin Lace Making -Anna Bagent & Daughters

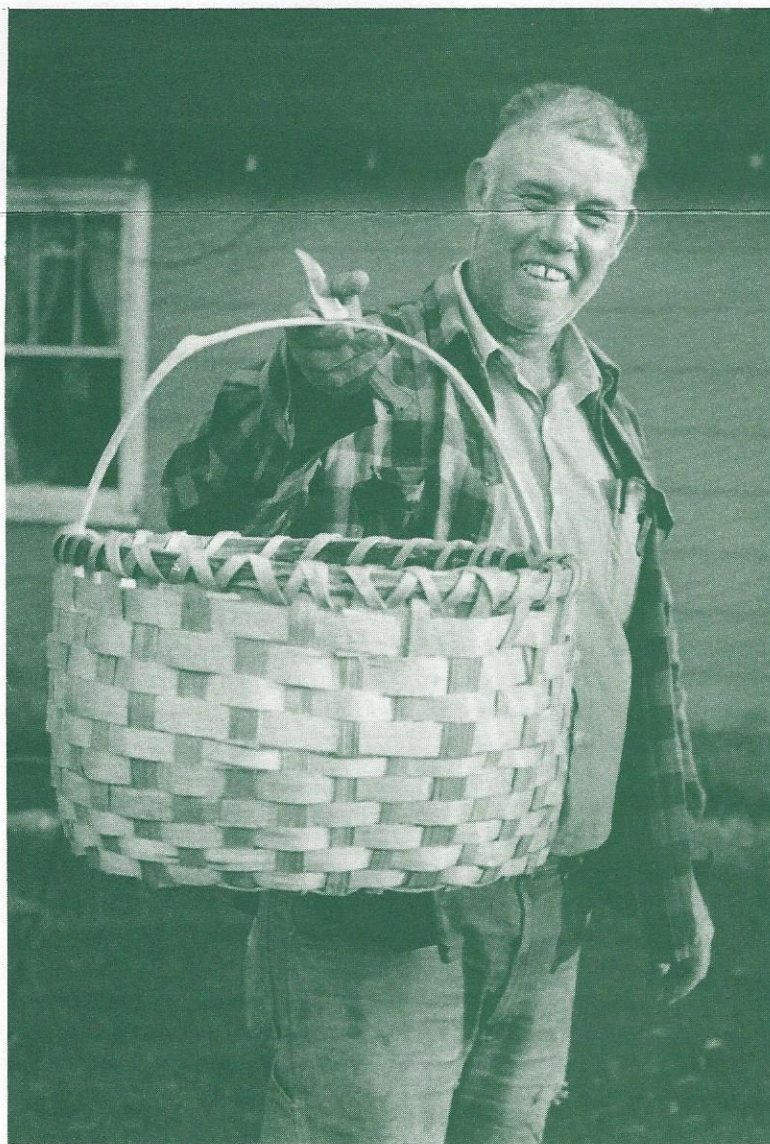
May 27, 1-5 p.m.
Basket Making-Jim McElfresh

June 3, 1-5 p.m.
Quilting Circle -Ferris Christian Church

June 10, 1-5 p.m.
Banjo Making - Harry Kingery
2:00 & 3:30 p.m.
Bluegrass Concerts

June 17, 1-5 p.m.
Decoy Carving - Floyd Neuser

June 24, 1-5 p.m.
Wood Carving-George Parsons



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