

OVER 80 YEARS IN THE MAKING: A History of the Great Smoky Arts & Crafts Community

No one planned it when the Great Smoky Arts & Crafts Community developed in Gatlinburg, it just happened. For years, artists and craftsmen practiced their specialty in downtown Gatlinburg. Sometimes in studios and galleries and more often, out on the street, where visitors and residents could watch them develop their creations. People came and watched, they crafted. Around 1937, John Cowden and several other craftsmen increased traffic, excessive commissions were impacting their ability to decide to move their craft shops out to the Glades, where many of them owners and set up their own shops, studios, and galleries, in or near their homes. They invited the visitors to Gatlinburg to come out to the Glades to see their facilities and to look at their wares.



Early Gatlinburg



The "Glades"

more and better work, because of the availability of home and family. Shortly after John Cowden, artisan and member of the community, Carl Huskey, opened the Village Craft Shop in the Glades. Soon craftsmen started migrating toward this new center of activity, and

Arts & Crafts Community. As the Glades in search of locally created sculptures, candles, dulcimers, scrim-artistic creations. As the visitors The community continued to grow the ever growing number of artists built to accommodate the hundreds and the Great Smoky Mountains to get married. Then even more facilities were built to meet the



Wiley Oakley Painting

demand for lodging when many of those same couples returned with their families, for vacations, in later years. Between May and October of 1982, over 11 million people visited the area while attending the Knoxville World's Fair (officially known as Exposition) and one of Gatlinburg's best kept Community, was discovered. That's just how community of artists and craftsmen has become the largest artistic community in



Mrs. James Watson spinning

men, dozens of eateries, quaint lodging, wedding chapels, and acres on your visit to the Smokies. trolley route (the Yellow route) for are located on an 8 mile loop, (also known as the East Parkway), see us, or take the trolley and see made in America; it's a step back visiting the beautiful Great Smoky



Noah McCarter chair maker

From downtown Gatlinburg, go east on Highway 321 North (the East Parkway). Go three miles to the beginning of the Great Smoky Mountains Arts & Crafts Community. Follow Glades Road to Buckhorn Road, and back to Highway 321... turn right, and you will complete the eight mile loop when you return to Glades Road. Don't forget to stop along the way to see the hundreds of hand crafted items featured in this historic shopping district.



Clay & Shirl Compton Woodwhittlers

could watch them develop their creations. and the craftsmen did what they do best; John Cowden and several other craftsmen increased traffic, excessive commissions



Lee Ogle Family broom makers



Sally Compton Basketmaker

lived. They left downtown to the shop They soon realized they could do even of their tools and supplies. Not to close to the comfort and surroundings made the move, another long established a furniture maker, followed suite and after that, dozens of other artists and the seeds were sown for the Great Smoky

word spread, more and more visitors to the area found their way to the art, carvings, furniture, brooms, pottery, shaw, and dozens of other locally created increased, so too did eateries and lodging. and new facilities were built to house and craftsmen. Several chapels were of young couples coming to Gatlinburg



Elizabeth Reagan weaver

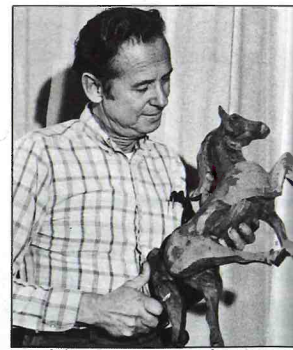


Claude Huskey & shaving horse

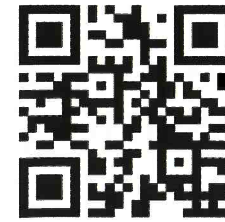
the Knoxville International Energy secrets, the Great Smoky Arts & Crafts it happened. For over 75 years this continued to grow and prosper and has America. With over 100 artists and crafts- of free parking; the Glades is a must see If you'd prefer, there is also a dedicated your convenience. All of the members of this unique organization bordered by Glades Road, Buckhorn Road, and State Highway 321 as outlined on this map. Drive out to what everyone's talking about. Its hand in time; and it is all here for you while Mountains.



Charles Huskey & Dick Whaley



John Cowden woodcarver



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