

# Foothills Craft Guild News

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## Foothills artists in the news

Former Membership Director, **Charlie Mead** passed away on Monday. In his words, "After a very full and exciting life, I died today, June 22, 2009. My life has been a long series of adventures which I am grateful to have had the opportunity to experience. Even this last adventure has been one that I would not have wanted to miss." (Full obituary from the Knoxville News Sentinel:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/knoxnews/obituary.aspx?n=charles-grandison-mead&pid=128882818>)

During his life adventures, Charlie Mead took the time to encourage many of us to join the Guild, when we didn't think our work would qualify; to continue our work in craft, when we got discouraged; and to think outside the box, when we concentrating on the normal, the standard procedure, the traditional.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 29 at 7:30 pm at the West Roane County Volunteer Fire Department (1303 Pumphouse Road; Rockwood, TN 37854). The family will receive friends Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 pm prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the West Roane County Volunteer Fire Department in memory of Charlie Mead at PO Box 417; Rockwood, TN 37854 ([www.westroane.com](http://www.westroane.com)).

Foothills will be honoring Charlie's long service to the Guild with a donation in his name to the West Roane County Volunteer Fire Department. We know that many of our members who were especially close to Charlie will be sending their own memorial, but if you wish to remember him as part of the Foothills donation, you may mail your contribution to Charlie Mead Memorial c/o Foothills Craft Guild, P.O. Box 5650, Knoxville, TN 37928 (make the check out to Foothills Craft Guild and write "Charlie Mead" on the memo line), and we will include your name when transmitting the donation to WRCVFD next week.

**Emily Allison**, who became a member during the JuryFest at the Fall Show in November, received the Best New Exhibitor Award at the TACA Spring Fair last month.

And, kudos to **Lynnda Tenpenny**, whose mixed media painting/collage "On the Way to the Sea", won Best of Show in the Arts & Culture Alliance's "Smoky Mountain Visions" show.

**Jeri Landers** recently returned from Book Expo in NYC, where her newest book "The Journey of Bushky Bushybottom" was the recipient of several book awards: a gold "Moonbeam" for best illustrator, a silver "Benjamin Franklin" for children's book with audio CD, and a bronze "IPPY" award for children's picture book (all ages). Earlier in the year, the book was honored with a "National Best Books" gold award for children's book with audio CD (given by U.S. Book News) and a gold "Dragonpencil Award" for superior illustration.

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**Fall Show Reminder:** Beginning July 1, booth fees for the Fall Craft Show will go up \$25. If you haven't submitted your contract, please do so by June 30 to get the regular rate.

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## Opportunities:

Guild member Denise May writes: **Owl Tree Gallery** will soon be opening in Lenoir City. The shop is in the old downtown at 117 East Broadway (Hwy. 11) near Allen's Antiques. It is the former Mashburn/Malin jewelry store. It has lots of great showcases, glass enclosed shelving as for china display and a huge display window. There is an alarm system, a working surveillance camera and a large safe in the shop. It's across from the firehall too. The landlord will be replacing the facade and either restoring the original brick or covering it with glass bricks.

This should be a great venue since it gets good pedestrian traffic and is near Rarity Bay, Tellico Village and Farragut. There is a nice little cafe/diner on the corner for lunch and a bank with a gazebo on the greenbelt of their parking lot directly across the street.

We will be spending this week cleaning, painting and arranging things. We have limited wall space for paintings, photography, etc., but some of the smaller things may fit in the tall shelving. Beginning the week of the 29th we will begin taking submissions. Drop by for a visit. We will probably be there working every day this week. I look forward to working with you.--Denise May, 865-591-2763 or [dcmdesigns@dcmjewel.com](mailto:dcmdesigns@dcmjewel.com)

**American Craft Council** is now accepting applications for their wholesale and retail shows through Application (deadline July 31). For information, visit their webpage, [http://www.craftcouncil.org/index\\_apply.html](http://www.craftcouncil.org/index_apply.html).

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**Upcoming JuryFest** The next JuryFest is in August, with the drop-off dates for submitting craft items & application of August 21 and 22 (Friday and Saturday). For more details, visit the Guild webpage, <http://www.foothillscraftguild.org/jury-info.pdf>, or contact Jo Marie Brotherton (865-584-2833 or [jbrotherton@dean-smith.net](mailto:jbrotherton@dean-smith.net)) or Robbie Gentry (865-670-0990 or [robbiegentry@comcast.net](mailto:robbiegentry@comcast.net)). Please pass this information along to your fellow craft artists who aren't members, and mark your own calendar if you'd like to submit items for jurying in another medium.

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**Exhibitions:** Two major craft exhibitions are/will be in Knoxville this summer. "Arms, Legs, Feet, Heart & Soul: The Cumberland Furniture Guild" is currently on display at the Knoxville Museum of Art (through August 9, [www.knoxart.org](http://www.knoxart.org)). Coming July 22 through 25 is the American Quilter's Society's 2009 Quilt Expo to be held at the Knoxville Convention Center ([http://www.americanquilter.com/shows\\_contests/knoxville/2009/general\\_info](http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/knoxville/2009/general_info)).