

Traditional Arts & Folklife in New Hampshire



National Heritage Fellowship Recipient
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Traditional Arts Program

Identify traditional artists through fieldwork

Document through photography & audio recordings

Support traditional arts & artists through grants

Honor traditional artists through awards

Technical assistance to artists and non profit organizations

Educational outreach through special projects: exhibits, workshops & the New Hampshire Folklife website

What Are?

- traditional arts
- folklife
- living cultural heritage



Leadership in the support of traditional arts & folklife

- National Endowment for the Arts
Folk & Traditional Arts Program



- Smithsonian Institution
Center for Folklife & Cultural Heritage



- Library of Congress
American Folklife Center



❖ **traditional arts** - crafts, music and dance.



folklife - a broad range of activities including foodways, farming, and traditional occupations.



Because folklife & traditional arts are kept alive & meaningful by people, they are sometimes called our **living cultural heritage**.



folklife & traditional arts

- ❖ emerge over time from a cultural or ethnic group, community, occupation or geographic area;
- ❖ are passed on from one generation to the next.



- ❖ Usually reflect a community's sense of what is "right", well done, beautiful and useful
- ❖ are usually learned informally right in the community from which the tradition emerged.



Traditional arts & folklife traditions are often a source of identity & pride for the community from which they emerged.



Many of the folklife & traditional arts found in New Hampshire grew out of the Colonial settlement of the 1600s. These Yankee traditions are shaped by . . .

- ❖ strong families.
- ❖ small townships with a strong sense of community
- ❖ ethics of hard work, self-reliance, ingenuity, resourcefulness & frugality.
- ❖ love of history, language & things hand made.



Traditions of home & community . . .





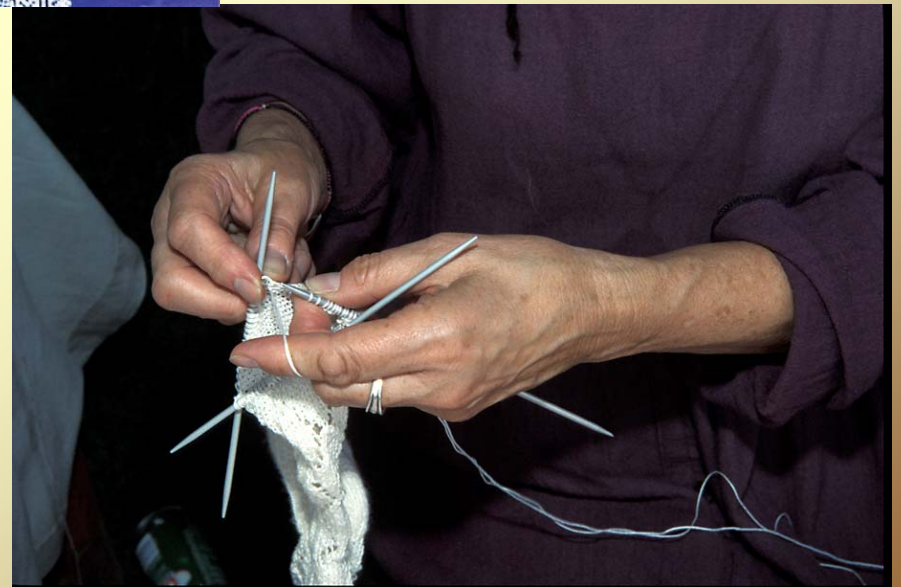
Spinning & Dyeing



Knitting

Donna Larson
Berlin, NH

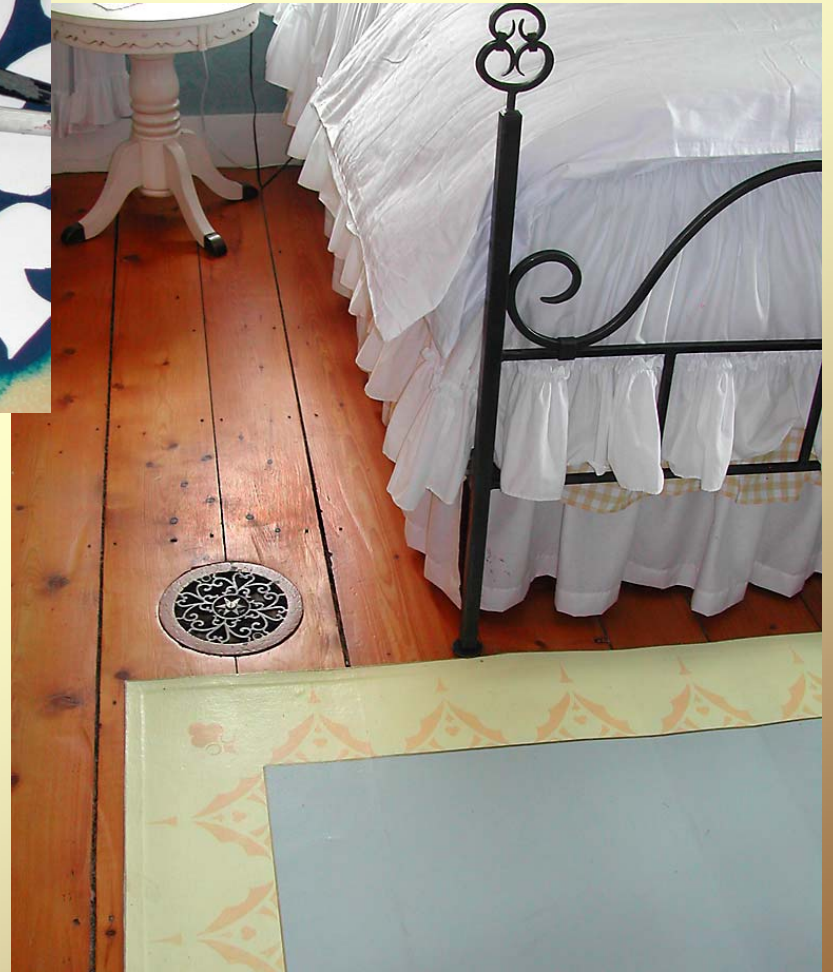
Demonstrator, Canterbury
Shaker Village – Wool Day





Painted Floorcloths

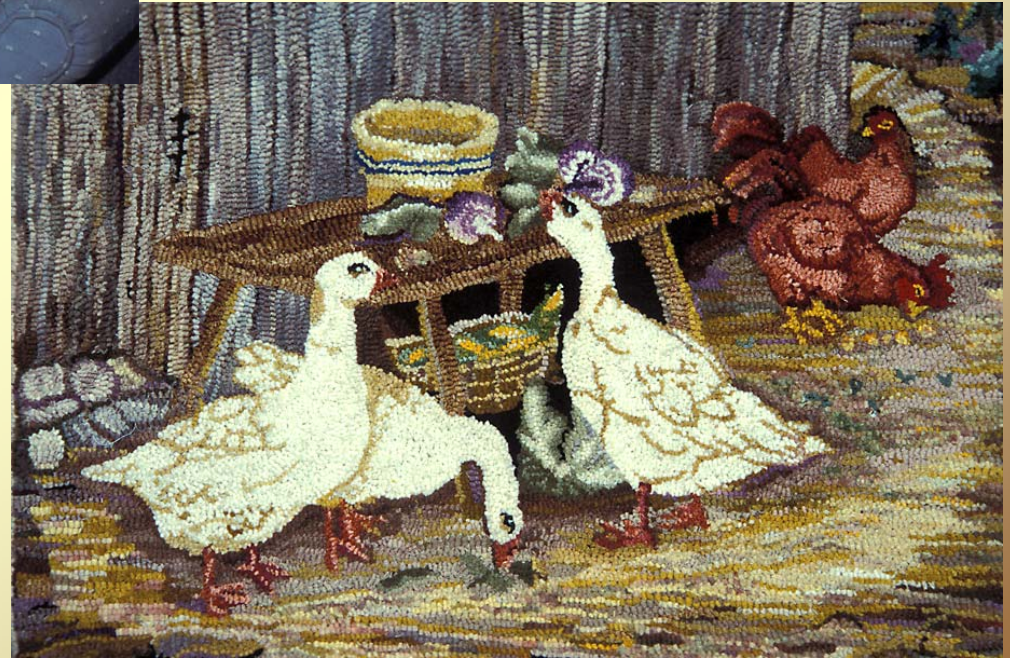
Marilyn Paige
Sutton Mills, NH





Rug Hooking

Dorothy Towle
Intervale, NH





Rug Braiding

Leona Dorsch (above)
Loudon

Barbara Fisher (below)
Sunapee, NH





Quilting

Soonipi Quilter's Guild
Sunapee, NH



Decorative Painting

Beverly Nemetz
Rumney, NH

Wreath Making
Sandra Yacek
Berlin, NH





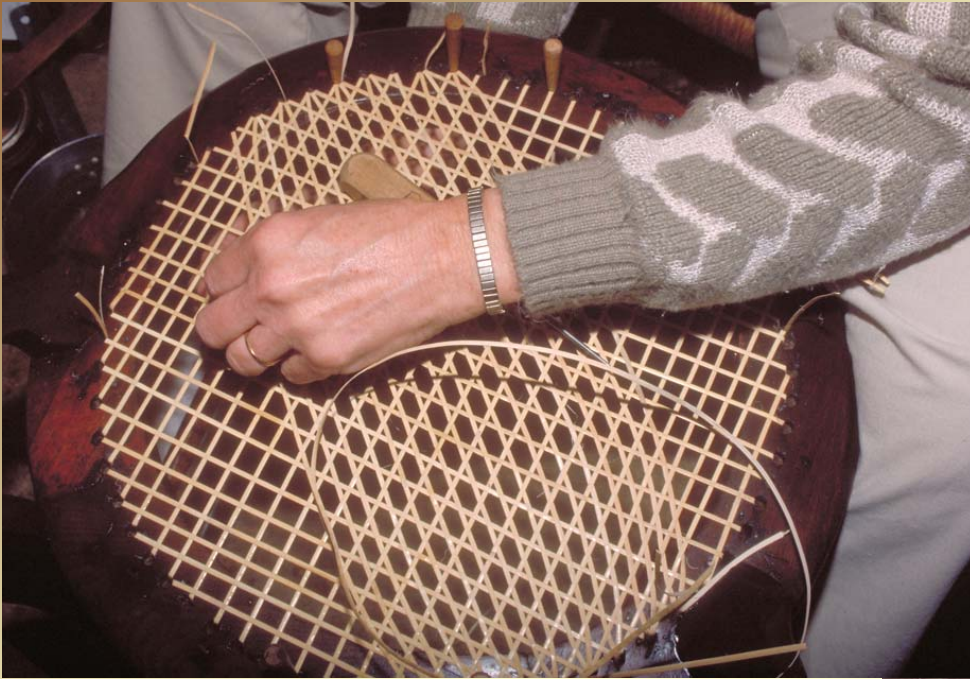
Ash Basket Making

Newt Washburn
Bethlehem, NH

Furniture Making

Furniture Master
Omar Clairmont,
Gilmanton, NH





Chair Caning & Upholstery

Betty Blanchard (above)
Concord, NH

Mimi Wiggins (below)
Warner, NH





Decoy Making
Fred Dolan
Strafford, NH





Russian Iconography

Marina Nazarova Forbes

Rochester, NH



New England Country Dance

Two Fiddles: Dudley & Jacqueline Laufman
of Canterbury, NH & Orzechowski family of
Newport, NH



Contra Dance
Francestown



French Canadian Music

Cote Family

Auburn, NH



French Canadian Music

Fiddlers at a soiree at the Cote house, Londonderry, NH



Irish Music
Regina Delaney
Exeter, NH



Polish Music

Gary Sredzienski

Portsmouth, NH / Kittery, ME



African American Gospel Music

Olga Tines &
the late Lydia Mann,
Nashua, NH



Vietnamese Dance

Kim Chi Vu Potter with students, Merrimack, NH



Indian Classical Dance

Samita Mohanasundaram, Nashua, NH



Puerto Rican Music
Hector Canales & friends
Southern NH



Haitian Music

R Brothers

Manchester, NH

In ways people work



Logging & Milling

Barry Kelly, White Mt Lumber
Berlin, NH



Historic Restoration

Town of Washington
(above)

Adams & Roy (below)
Portsmouth, NH





Covered Bridge Restoration & Building

Squam Bridge, Ashland, NH
& Corbin Bridge, Newport, NH
Graton Family, Ashland, NH





Timber Framing

Sanborn Mills, Loudon, NH

Timber Framers Guild
President Joel McCarty





Stone wall Building
Kevin Fife, Canterbury, NH





Blacksmithing

Russell Pope, Newmarket, NH



Boat Building

Jeff Fogman
Barnstead, NH



Gill Net Making

Antanavich Family
Rye, NH

On farms . . .





Maple Sugaring
Hutchinson's Sugar House
Canterbury, NH



Draft Animals

The Draft Horse & Pony Assn's Spring
Plowing Contest

Stratham, NH

Hugh Fifield holding draft horse
harnesses
Canterbury, NH





Training Oxen
Brian Patten Family
Springfield, NH

Ox yoke Making
Bob Boynton
Dunbarton, NH





Beach Hill Farm
hosts music events throughout the summer
Hopkinton, NH



Agricultural Fairs

Grange Displays

Sandwich Fair, NH



4H Sheep Exhibits & 4 H Working Steers

Stratham Fair, NH





Farmers Hitch
Cornish Fair

Horse pulling
Lancaster Fair, NH



Skills preserved at history & farm museums . . .



Musterfield Farm

North Sutton, NH



Cooperage (Wooden Barrell Making)

Ron Raiselis at Strawberry Banke

Portsmouth, NH



Shaker Oval Box Making
Barbara Beeler at Canterbury Shaker Village
Canterbury, NH



Flax Preparation

Shirley Walker at American Independence Museum
Exeter, NH

In the outdoors . . .





Dog Sled Making

Laconia Sled Dog Races
Laconia, NH

Joel Nordholm
Tilton, NH



Snow Shoe
Making
Treflee Boudouc,
Albany, NH





Boat Building

Jay Traynor (above)
Warner, NH

Kenny Martin (below)
Epping, NH





Fly Tying

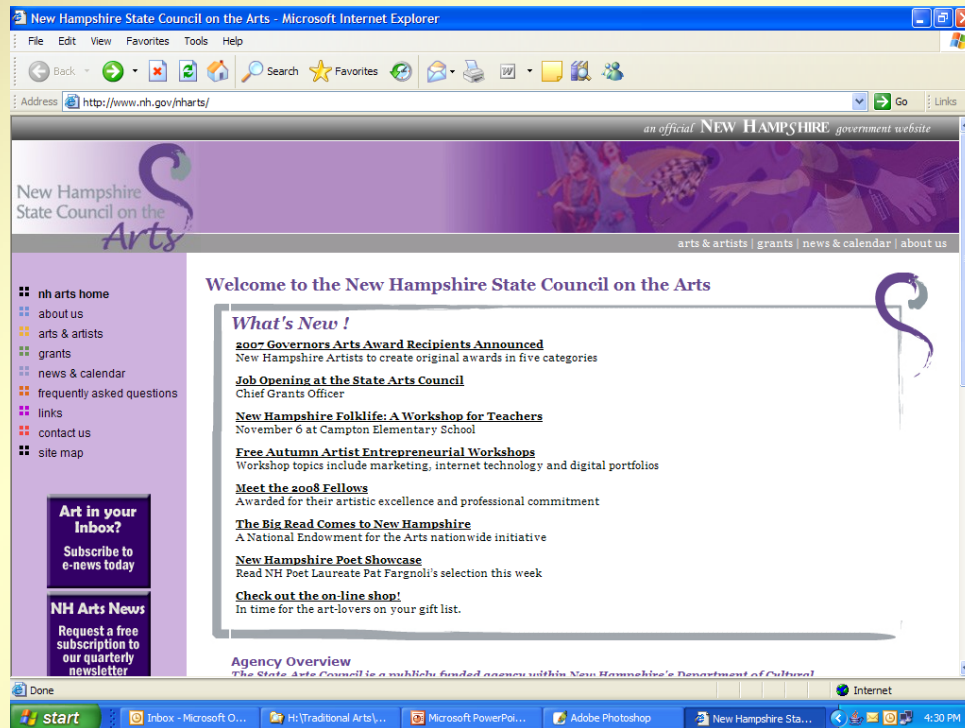
Ellis Hatch (above)
Rochester, NH

Mark Favorite (below)
Rochester, NH



Support for Cultural Heritage Through Grants

www.nh.gov/nharts



Grants for Individual Artists

Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants
up to \$4,000 per team



Grants Available to Schools:

Artist in Residence Grants \$1,000 - \$5,000

(Annual deadline)

Mini Grants \$250 - \$1,000

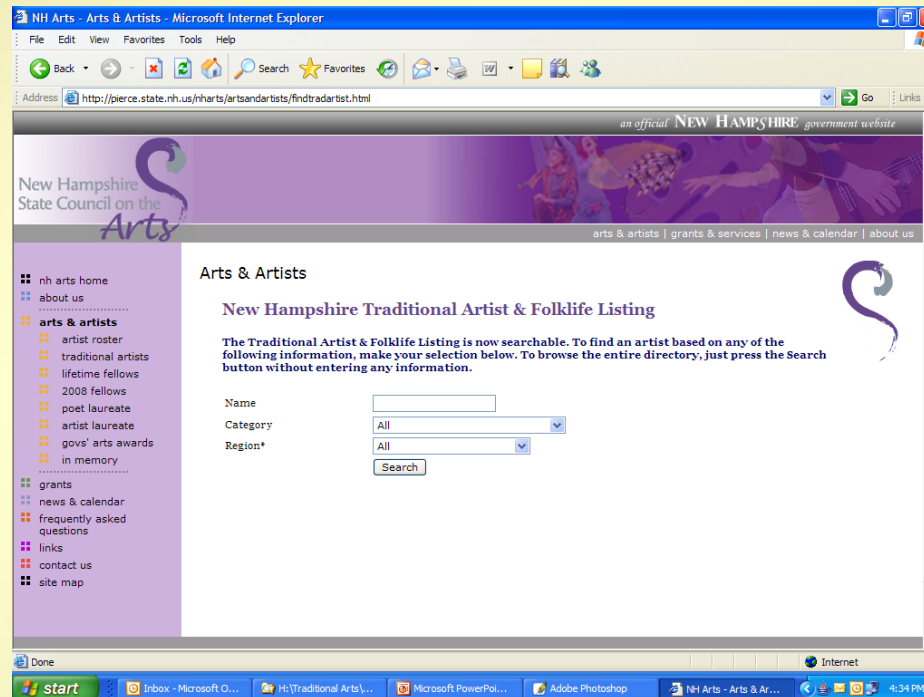
(Quarterly deadline)



Finding a Traditional Artist

Click on: Arts & Artists

The Traditional Arts & Folklife Listing



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the website for the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. The address bar shows the URL: <http://pierce.state.nh.us/nharts/artsandartists/findtradartist.html>. The website header includes the text "an official NEW HAMPSHIRE government website" and the logo for the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. The main content area is titled "Arts & Artists" and "New Hampshire Traditional Artist & Folklife Listing". Below the title, there is a search form with the following fields and options:

- Name:
- Category:
- Region*:
- Search:

The search form is accompanied by a small graphic of a stylized 'S' logo. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items:

- nh arts home
- about us
- arts & artists
 - artist roster
 - traditional artists
 - lifetime fellows
 - 2008 fellows
 - poet laureate
 - artist laureate
 - gova' arts awards
 - in memory
- grants
- news & calendar
- frequently asked questions
- links
- contact us
- site map

The taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications: Inboxes - Microsoft O..., H:\Traditional Arts..., Microsoft PowerPol..., Adobe Photoshop, and NH Arts - Arts & Ar... The system clock shows 4:34 PM.

An Online Resource for Teachers, Students and Families

New Hampshire Folklife Website

www.nh.gov/folklife

