

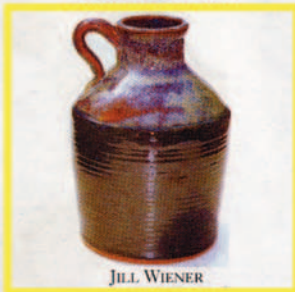
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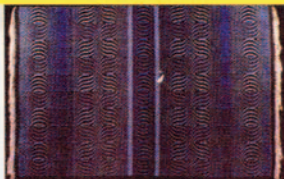


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# Colors & Crafts



Jill Wiener of Earth Girl Pottery in Callicoon Center makes wheel-thrown earthenware and stoneware. Her studio is on "The Artisan Path" tour.

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# 'The Artisan Paths'

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**CATSKILLS:** Autumn is a great time to visit these picturesque hills and mountains, where craftsmen and artisans abound.

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The Catskills, an area often associated with Rip Van Winkle, trout fishing and the Borscht Belt, is adding a new aspect to its identity. Whether or not the casinos ever show up in the Catskills, people are flowing into Sullivan County (and beyond), drawn by the natural beauty, the uncrowded land and the relatively low cost of real estate. One growing segment of the population is artists of all kinds — painters, sculptors, actors, musicians and crafters.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Catskill Colors & Crafts Blockade, sponsored by the Catskill Art Society and the Catskill Mountain Craft Collective, is part of a monthlong celebration of autumn and crafting. October is New York State Craft Month, and this event is a great way to kick off the observance.

On Saturday, you can take a self-guided tour of eight studios in Sullivan County on "The Artisan Paths."

lective is basically an economic-development organization. McGuire and her husband moved to the Catskills from Chicago a few years ago, and they were impressed with the amount and quality of culture in the area. Connections with artisans in the community lead her to join in the fledgling efforts of the craft collective.

"Our goal is to keep developing the handicraft industry which is already here," said McGuire.

She said that studio tours such as "The Artisan Paths" are great for cultural tourism. And cultural tourism is great because, like agri-tourism, it goes beyond bringing people to a particular attraction; it shows tourists some things about

how an artist (or a farmer) lives.

"Part of what we do is raising consciousness," said McGuire. "And the craft industry is similar to farming in that the products leave the area, but the money stays here."

Artists and artisans featured in the Saturday tour will be potters, sculptors, a woodworker, a quilt-maker, a paper-maker and a furniture maker. But these terms don't begin to describe the wonders performed by these artisans' gifted hands. You'll have to visit a few studios to begin to grasp the beautiful things being

created by these people.

Another kind of creative endeavor will be the Saturday-evening performance of excerpts from Tennessee Williams' "27 Wagons Full of Cotton," presented by a pair of Equity players who make up the Oasis Theatre Company. After the show, which will be at the Catskill Art Society auditorium in Hurleyville, you can meet four artists exhibiting work at the CAS and see the exhibit.

On Sunday, you'll find a group of crafters under one roof at the Craft Village of the Fall Harvest Festival being held from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Bethel, at the site of the original Woodstock Festival on Hurd Road. The event will include live music, a corn maze, farmers' market and all that good harvest stuff.

Colors & Crafts, indeed, Sullivan County will be shining with both beauties this weekend.



A wood bowl by Joseph S. Babicz Jr.



## 'The Artisan Paths'

The following are the stops on the Craft Artist Studio Tour. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 5 in the Catskills. Tickets and maps for the tour cost \$10, \$8 for CAS/CACC members. Tickets are available from the Catskill Art Society, Sullivan County Museum, 205 Main St., Hurleyville, or at any stop along the route.

► Cecily Fortescue, ceramics, 210 Hospital Road, Callicoon, 687-5740.

► Jane Blake, painted silk, 507 Gabel Road, Callicoon/Jeffersonville, 887-4666.

► Joanne Ayla Maloney, Honey Hill Pottery, 119 Dani Road, Callicoon/Jeffersonville, 482-5260.

► Jill Wiener, Earth Girl Pottery, 92 Bayer Road, Callicoon Center, 482-5178.

► Carolyn Duke, pottery, 853 County Road 93, Roscoe, 607-498-5207.

► Joan Giordano, sculpture (handmade paper, beeswax, metal), 40 Crowley Road, Roscoe, 607-490-4555.

► Richard Rulli, sculpture, 153 Thunder Hill Road, Woodbourne, 985-2397.

► John Parella, Katrok Woodworks, 500 Alpha Road, Grahamsville, 985-0283.

### Related events

► Liberty Museum and Arts Center, 46 S. Main St. Liberty. Noon-4 p.m. Fri.-Sun. Craft exhibit Oct. 4-Nov. 3, with 20 artists showing rugs, tile, wrought iron, jewelry, stained glass, more. 292-2394.

► Oasis Theatre Company performs excerpts from Tennessee Williams' "27 Wagons Full of Cotton," 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5, Catskill Art Society, Sullivan County Museum, 205 Main St., Hurleyville. Tickets \$8. \$6 for senior citizens, students. 434-4227.

► Sullivan County Museum, 205 Main St., Hurleyville. New exhibit of works by Mary Loftus, creator of many kinds of folk crafts, including four-person craft arts exhibit in auditorium, opening 8:30 p.m. Oct. 5 with a meet-the-artists reception following Oasis Theatre performance. 434-8044.

► 17th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party & Children's Parade, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 5, Grahamsville Fairgrounds, Route 55, Grahamsville. Children's costume parade and giant pumpkin party on Main Street and at the fairgrounds. Music, hayrides, crafts, haunted house, food, book sale, games, contests, petting zoo, pony rides. Rain or shine. 985-7233.

► Trout Country Antique and Design Show, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 6, Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, 1031 Old Route 17, Livingston Manor. Rustic and lodge-decor antiques and design material presented by largely upscale exhibitors. 439-4810.

► Craft Market at the Fall Harvest Festival, Hurd Road, Bethel. Open 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Oct. 6. More than a dozen craft makers exhibit here. Family activities, Specialty retail at the site.