

ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Tennessee Craft is a statewide non-profit organization founded in 1965 to continue and create our handmade high-quality craft tradition.

A YEAR OF COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPACT

Our Core Values: Community High Quality Tradition Support Connection Invitation

Our Strategic Goals: Strengthen and Expand the Network and Mission Opportunities and Programming.
Ensure Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Who We Are and What We Do.
Market Tennessee Craft and Craft Artists.
Ensure Financial Stability.
Build Organizational Capacity.

POPULATION SERVED

115,774 **6,246** **122,020**
Adults Children/ Youth Total

OUTREACH AT STATEWIDE CULTURAL EVENTS

20,175
Engagement with all ages

TENNESSEE CRAFT MEMBERSHIP (FY2023)

633 **6**
Members Active Chapters
Chapters: East, Plateau, Midstate, Northeast, South, Southwest

VOLUNTEERS

2,698 hours served by **418** volunteers



L to R:
Shop Black Fest-
Memphis with Demo
Artist: Lester Jones,
and Governing Board
Member and Artist
Patricia Schwarz

SE Community Days -
Antioch with Demo
Artist: Cesar Pita
WE Fest at The
William Edmondson
Homestead- Nashville

with Demo Artist:
Roger Smith; *Black On*
Buchanan-Juneteenth
2023 Community
Mural Project
pictured with
Governing Board
Member and Artist
Courtney Stone.

Blue Plum Festival -
Johnson City with
Artist Demo: Pam
Faw, Tennessee Craft
Todd Herzberg, and
Governing Board
Member and Artist
Nancy Fischman



PARTNERSHIPS FOSTERING SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

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MASTER ARTIST APPRENTICESHIPS

Tennessee Craft, in partnership with the Tennessee Arts Commission, presented the MAAP pairing three Master Artists with Apprentices for an immersive six-month apprenticeship, for artists to learn traditional and contemporary craft art skills from master artists.

3 **3** **\$12,000** **404**
Master Apprentices Direct Stipends Total Hours of
Artists to Artists One-on-One
Study



Columns:
Master Louise
Nuttle (Jonesborough) and
Apprentice Aja Bain (Nashville),
Fiber.
Master Louis Colombarini
(Dowelltown) and Apprentice
Victory Folsom (Watertown),
Clay.
Master Jim Masterson
(Memphis) and Apprentice
Dace Ruthven (Memphis), Metal.

TENNESSEE CRAFT FALL & SPRING CRAFT FAIRS

Centennial Park, Nashville

44th Annual Fall Fair, October 7-9, 2022

52nd Annual Spring Fair, May 5-7, 2023

188

**Fall Fair 2022
Exhibiting and
Demonstrating
Artists**

182

**Spring Fair 2023
Exhibiting and
Demonstrating
Artists**

95,000

**Estimated Fall 2022
and Spring 2023 Fair
Attendance**



Right: Best of Show Spring 2023: Mehmet Kesimli-Fiber/Textile

Kids' Tent

2,877

Children

2,539

Adults

2,127

**Artworks
Created**

28

**Partners and
Arts Organization
Instructors**

ARTS EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS

Two arts educational pilot programs successfully launched in Spring 2023. The Artists In Schools elementary school-age program and the Intro to Craft Careers higher-ed program. The programs work with school systems and colleges, throughout Tennessee, where additional art programming is most needed.

Artists In Schools

Emma Levitz, whose studio is in Cookeville, TN is a stone carver, visual artist and member of Tennessee Craft. She was selected to share her process using primarily locally sourced natural stone. She engaged interactively with the students at Celina K-8 and Hermitage Springs Elementary on February 24, emphasizing cultural heritage and fostering creativity.

Intro to Craft Careers

Three interactive sessions of six artists, who are successful professionals in their field, introduced craft art careers and explored real-world business skills to students of the Department of Art + Design at Tennessee State University on February 8, March 1, and April 6.

Artists In Schools

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Adults

135

**Children/
Youth**

Intro Craft Careers

55

College Students and Presenters



Artists In Schools:
Artist Emma Levitz
inspired students in
Clay County.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS and SCHOLARSHIPS

With the generosity of arts education partners, scholarships were awarded to member applicants for summer study at Appalachian Center for Craft, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, and Shakerag. Year-long Member Scholarships were awarded for workshops at a center of choice by artist applicants. Scholarships were awarded to artist applicants from underrepresented populations.

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**Awarded Scholarships
and Summer Study**

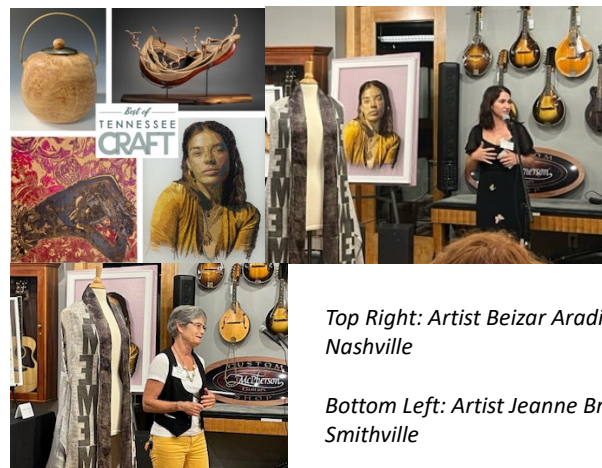
Each Tuesday in February and November a 4-week one-hour virtual Lunch & Learn workshop was presented, featuring art and craft industry leader presenters who shared their secrets to success.

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**Lunch & Learn
"Crafting Your
Professional Toolkit"**

CRAFT STARS RECEPTION HONORED AWARDED ARTISTS

A Kurdish-themed evening of celebration for the 2021 Biennial: Best of Tennessee Craft Exhibition artist award winners was held at Gruhn Guitars in August 2022 where guests enjoyed art talks from the honored artists, mingling among their prized artwork on display at the event, and partaking in a fascinating tour of Gruhn Guitars studio workshops. The Craft Stars event was made possible by the generosity of Gruhn Guitars, BuddhaBee Collection, Craig Nutt Studio, and contributions from our Collectors Circle.



Top Right: Artist Beizar Aradini,
Nashville

Bottom Left: Artist Jeanne Brady,
Smithville

BLACK CRAFT HISTORY PROJECT

Contracted Karlota Contreras-Koterbay as our program researcher for our Black Craft History Project as we research and explore into the work and contributions of Black Craft Artists in Tennessee of the last century. Karlota, Director of Tipton and Slocumb Galleries at East Tennessee State University and an accomplished curator, is compiling extensive essays on the history of Tennessee Black Craftspeople and their work in craft mediums as she catalogs information alongside of museums, organizations, educators, artists and families, and the public who she has partnered with throughout the state.

CRAFT ARTISTS AT THE HEART

Tennessee Craft first met Ta'Miracle Carruthers, known as TC, two years ago through their work with Courtney Adair Johnson at Tennessee State University (TSU) & the McGruder Social Practice Artist Residency (M-Spar). After making video for Tennessee Craft of a collage demonstration featuring Wilma Rudolph for our 2021 Virtual Fair as only a freshman, TC continued to be involved with the Kids' Tent. As their work in the community gained momentum, Tennessee Craft was excited to invite TC back for the Spring Fair as our featured artist in the Kids' Tent and TC connected with Buchanan Arts onsite, and then became a part of. Another Kids' Tent partner, Frist Art Museum, then began working with TC in their galleries. TC went on to receive a Tennessee Craft's Underrepresented Populations Scholarship. TC's time with Tennessee Craft began as a student and connections made continue to be woven through the local art community with exponential artist career impact.



Artist TC demonstrating and instructing at Spring Tennessee Craft Fair.

GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS as of June 30, 2023

President Vice-President **Past Board President**
JoEl LoGiudice Audry Deal-McEver Linda M. Nutt

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Candice Gooch-Ward Reneau Dubberley

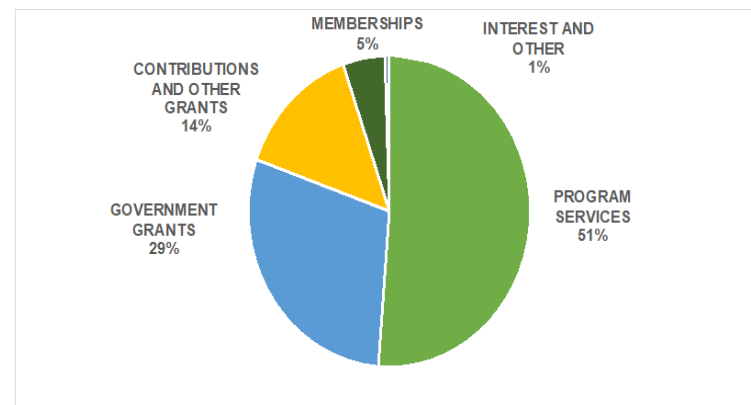
Tiana Boisseau-Palo, East Chapter Representative; Evan Brown; Nancy Fischman, Northeast Chapter Representative; Shaun Giles; Jessica Hagar, Plateau Chapter Representative; Kelly Hider; Allison Letson; Vincent Lillegard; Paige Ward Moore; Patricia Schwarz, Southwest Chapter Representative; Courtney K. Stone, Midstate Chapter Representative; David Taylor; Christi Teasley, South Chapter Representative; Carlton F. Wilkinson; Jessica Wilson; Donna L. Woodley

Honorary Members *Remembering those who are deceased.

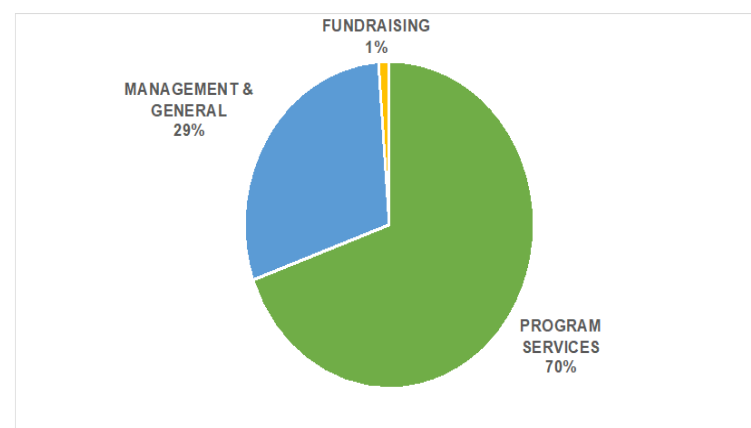
Teri Alea; Sue Barnes*; Pat Beaver; Greg Belz; Sandra Blain; Akira* & Larry Blount; Olen Bryant*; Duncan Callicott; Mimi Semmes Dann*; Persis Grayson*; Russell Harris; Marian Heard*; Harry Hearne; Clara Hieronymus*; Sylvia Hyman*; Claudia Lee; Alice Merritt; Pat Moody; Louie, Terry & Mark Newberry; Craig Nutt; Roy Overcast; Bets Ramsey; J. Stanley Rogers*; Lewis D. Snyder; Lenore Vanderkooi; Mahaffey White*; Anne White-Scruggs*

TENNESSEE CRAFT FINANCIALS For the Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

FY23 REVENUE \$605,941



FY23 EXPENSES \$565,033



TOTAL IN-KIND VALUE: \$85,796.40

Tennessee Craft is a 501(c)(3) organization. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Information reflects audited financials for the period indicated.



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