

# Featured Artists and Craftsmen

Sunday -- 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 27 & Sunday, November 28 Chris

Christmas Open House

(2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. both days)

#### Grace Harris, Osborne

Grace Harris started seriously painting two and one-half years ago after she retired. She has never had any lessons and her only training was a year of art in high school. Although, Grace won a scholarship to Lindsborg in Art she was unable to attend and went to Fort Hays where she became a teacher and taught for six years in rural schools before she married her husband, Dean. Grace enjoys painting on old wood because she likes the history of the boards and her style of painting is enhanced by the old wood. She usually includes a history of the piece and an old nail from the building if possible. Many of her boards came from "Lapp's Place" which is mentioned in the book the "Sod House Days. Grace has been a featured artist at the Dane Hansen Craft Show.

#### Velma Cooper Purdy, Lyons

Velma Cooper Purdy displays the work of her late husband, Frank A. Cooper creator of "It Happened In Kansas", a regular cartoon feature in the 1940's. Velma has published four books containing six hundred and fifty of Cooper's cartoons. James J. Fisher of the *Kansas City Star* said of Cooper, "Frank Cooper was an artist. He painted. He made prints, -- Frank was a student of history, an avid reader, a man who loved facts. If he said 'It Happened In Kansas,' well, it did." Cooper was a native of Lincoln, Ks.

## December 5, Shirley Flick, Great Bend

Shirley Flick has been making crafts since she was 8 years old. She started by making her own Barbie doll clothes. In the past few years, she has been making unique Santas and other holiday crafts. Much of the materials that she uses are recycled or no longer wanted items, such as old wool coats and skirts, buttons and trims. Shirley's entire family gets into the act when it comes to looking for unique pieces of wood for the "Christmas Spirit," clay sculptures. Shirley says she loves Christmas twelve months of the year.

### December 12, Karen Dumler, Dighton

Buddy and Karen Dumler started their stained glass business as a hobby about 12 years ago. They have furnished three churches with stained glass windows. Their speciality is slumped glass that is fired in a kiln, creating dimensional irises and daisies. The Dumler's are self-taught and enjoy experimenting and creating their specialties. They make their own molds for many of their pieces. The Dumlers attend shows in Kansas, Colorado, Missouri and Oklahoma.

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