



Featured Artists and Craftsmen *Sunday -- 2 to 4 p.m.*

April 17, John and Wilma Tompkins, Ellsworth

John and Wilma Tompkins attended classes in lapidary work at Kellogg Community College to learn the basics of cutting and polishing semi-precious gemstones. Many of the stones they use have been collected locally. John cuts and polishes while Wilma sets the stones in jewelry. She uses the smaller stones to make flowers for pictures. Together the Tompkins produce their unique gemstone trees. John also handcrafts all the frames that they use for their pictures. The miniature gemstone pictures have been sold to customers from Germany and Japan as well as from all over the United States. In December, 1993, thirty-five of their gemstone trees were purchased at Kansas Originals to be used as Corporate gifts for a company in New Jersey. The Tompkins will be demonstrating their work.

May 1, Don & Lucille Scott, Beverly

Don and Lucille Scott operate their business, Post Rock Art, on their farm near Beverly. The Scotts work together to create custom limestone posts, and small limestone slabs featuring original paintings. In 1988 the Scotts filled 40 orders for posts. In six months of 1990 they did 135 posts. Since the Scotts were featured in *Kansas!* magazine, the first issue 1994, Lucille says they have been getting inquiries from all over. The Scotts will be demonstrating their small slabs with painting and discussing their business.

May 15, Home On the Range Jerkey, Lori Robbins, Scott City

Lori Robbins has always made jerkey at home on the range. She received so much praise for her jerkey that she did some test marketing which proved to be successful. In June 1993, she started her business "Home On the Range and Co." and put the processing facilities at home on the range. Lori does it all -- the manufacturing, selling, bookkeeping and marketing; although her family helps her in a pinch. Her jerkey is made from both beef and buffalo. Lori says she keeps everything high quality using only natural ingredients with no preservatives. She uses inside round steak with all the fat trimmed. Her vacuum-packed product needs no refrigeration and has a shelf-life of nine months. Lori will be talking about her product and giving out samples.

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