

James “Kimbo” Dryden, the 2022 Arkansas Living Treasure, learned pottery as a child while working with his father in the Dryden Pottery factory in Hot Springs in the 1960s. This self-proclaimed “World’s Largest Wheel Thrown Vase,” created in 1978, stands 9 feet tall and is on display at Dryden Pottery.



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Dear Friends,

For the past 21 years, the Arkansas Arts Council annually recognizes a master crafter or traditional folk artist, but we can't do it without you.

Please take a moment to fill out this form and nominate the next Arkansas Living Treasure. We need someone who embodies a craft or traditional folk art in a way that showcases mastery and continues the tradition for future generations. We know someone in your community deserves to be recognized – whether it's the leader of the quilting circle at your church or the pottery professor at your school. All are welcome, so nominate today and help us celebrate the people behind Arkansas's creative heritage.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ralston
Director



Call for Nominations

Eligibility

The Arkansas Living Treasure Award program annually recognizes, honors and celebrates masters of traditional crafts and/or folk arts in Arkansas with the goal of highlighting and preserving Arkansas's unique identity, culture and history.

Guidelines

1. Living in Arkansas at least one year at the time of nomination.
2. Longstanding histories of quality traditional craft or folk art in their communities.
3. Have a minimum of 10 years' experience in their chosen traditional craft or folk art.
4. Contributes to the perpetuation of their chosen craft or traditional art.

For more information, or to make a nomination, please visit arkansasarts.org or call 501-324-9150.





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2023 Nomination Form

Postmark Deadline
Friday, Jan. 6, 2023

NOMINATION PROCESS:

- Mail this completed form to The Arkansas Arts Council at 1100 North St., Little Rock, AR 72201. Note: No self-nominations are accepted.
- At least one recommendation letter (up to five are accepted). A video can be substituted for a letter by adding a link to the form or sending a 1-minute or less video to scarlet.sims@arkansas.gov.

For additional nomination forms, or to submit an online form, please visit arkansasarts.org or call 501-324-9150.

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Discipline: _____

(e.g. basket making, quilting, wood carving, traditional dance, etc.)

Nominator: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

What is your relationship to the nominee? _____

An independent panel of professionals in the field of craft and traditional folk arts will make the selection. Current Arkansas Arts Council Advisory Board members and staff of the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism or their immediate families are not eligible to nominate or be nominated. Posthumous nominations will not be accepted. For more information, please contact Scarlet Sims, at scarlet.sims@arkansas.org or 501-324-9348.

MAIL ALL MATERIALS TO:

Arkansas Living Treasure Nomination

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Past Arkansas Living Treasures

2002 Bea Stebbing, stained glass, Siloam Springs
2003 Irma Gail Hatcher, quilter, Conway
2004 Violet Hensley, fiddle maker, Yellville
2005 Leon Niehues, basket maker, Huntsville
2006 Larry Williams, wooden hand planes, Eureka Springs
2007 James R. Cook, bladesmith, Nashville
2008 Robyn Horn, wood sculptor, Little Rock
2009 Doug Stowe, woodworker, Eureka Springs
2010 Peter Lippincott, potter, Fort Smith
2011 Winston Taylor, potter, Russellville
2012 Jim Larkin, potter, Hot Springs

2013 Dallas Bump, chairmaker, Royal
2014 Robert Runyan, log cabin construction, Winslow
2015 Lorrie Popow, pysanky, Winslow
2016 Eleanor Lux, weaver and beader, Eureka Springs
2017 Louise Halsey, weaver, Oark
2018 Hank Kaminsky, metalworker, Fayetteville
2019 LongHua Xu, woodcarver, Hot Springs
2019 Honorary Living Treasure, Jerry Fisk, bladesmith, Nashville
2020 Michael Warrick, metal sculptor, Little Rock
2021 Not Awarded
2022 James "Kimbo" Dryden, potter, Hot Springs