

Arts abound in Alleghany County

If you enjoy exploring arts and crafts, check out the quality offerings by Alleghany's fine artists and craftsmen. They make everything from fine guitars to exquisite stained glass and much more. For information, contact the Alleghany Chamber of Commerce at 336-372-5473.

Mountain Arts Adventure, a group of local artists, offers two studio tours, July 19–21 and Oct. 18–20. Pick up a brochure at the Alleghany Chamber of Commerce, 58 S. Main Street in Sparta, and follow the map to over a dozen studios where artists will demonstrate and talk to guests. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See the advertisement on Page 11.

The Alleghany Arts Council hosts Backwoods Beat Art Show on Main on June 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fine handcrafted wares by local and regional artists are showcased on Sparta Presbyterian Church's lawn,

160 South Main St. Visit www.alleghanyartscouncil.org for more information.

The Alleghany Arts and Crafts co-op gallery at 18 South Main Street in Sparta features the works of many of Alleghany's diverse artists and craftsmen in one place. It showcases photography, paintings, fiber arts, quilts, jewelry and more. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Little River Gallery is a co-op of eight local artists who present their arts at a store on 33 North Main St. in Sparta. Quilts, photography, pottery, fiber arts, baskets, jewelry and an assortment of other wares are available. It is at 33 North Main St.

The Blue Ridge Fiber Fest, a showcase of fiber arts, spinning and more, will be held June 7-8 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Alleghany Fairgrounds. www.Blueridgefiberfest.com.



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