Last October as I sat scrolling through the endless images of holiday crafts on my phone, which like many women is my nightly ritual, I suddenly stopped at a photo of several rustic Christmas trees made from vintage wooden doors. “Ohhh these are Stinkin Cute!” I told Kerry. “Can you make me one of these?” I asked him. And with that “Stinkin Cute Trees” was born.

With always a joy for craft making and repurposing old furniture, at the time we had a booth in an antique shop in Columbiana Ohio so after locating some antique doors we decided to make a few and see if they would sell. 21 trees were originally cut, framed and mounted on bases from several solid wooden doors with the hopes of selling at least a dozen of them. Little did we know what we had started.

Showing our creations to family, and friends at my job at the hospital, then delivering several to the antique shop, all 21 were gone in just 3 days. Kerry and I looked at each other in shock as more requests began to pour in. Seven days a week for the next 6 weeks we worked to create as many of these hit trees as possible. 171 were made in all, selling every one before the season was up and with requests still coming in. After a few days to catch our breath and many discussions concerning the possibilities of producing them on a mass scale, it was decided to close our antique booth and focus all of our efforts on the trees. On January 1st, 2020 we began.

 Anyone starting their own business will tell you that the first year is always the toughest. Discussing the venture endlessly, we thought we had covered every possible pro and con of starting a business of this nature but little did we know that as we were in our infant stages of creation, a monster determined to destroy everyone’s way of life was riding with a first class airline ticket on its way to America. Covid-19.

Presenting our items for consideration to several major events and receiving overwhelming enthusiasm, several storage trailers were purchased along with masses of tools and supplies. Our “veranda” was enclosed as a “tree room workshop” and a huge overhang was added to the back of our home.

In today’s world of repurposing, we feel good about giving these discarded doors a new life and an all new purpose to carry on. Each tree is handcrafted with no two the same. Many retain their original colors.

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First, thank you for helping to make Christmas in the Woods the #1 Classic & Contemporary Craft Show in the nation, as ranked by Sunshine Artist Magazine. We were overwhelmed, given the thousands of craft shows that are held throughout the country. Your support of Christmas in the Woods’ crafters made ALL the difference. We are truly blessed.

This has been a challenging year to say the least. Everything has been affected by the coronavirus pandemic, including Christmas in the Woods. You’ll notice some changes that were required to be in compliance with the CDC and Columbiana Health Department. Hopefully, these changes will be temporary, so please bear with us for the inconvenience.

A friend of mine reminded me of this saying: “Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not get bent out of shape.”

Thanks for taking the time to once again enjoy the tradition of a very special event in a magical wooded setting. It’s Christmas in the Woods time!

Merry Christmas and God Bless “Everyone,”

Ken and Linda McGaffic

During This Challenging Year: “Blessed are the Flexible”

Barbara Palmer

FOLK PAINTINGS FOR ALL SEASONS

Barbara Palmer is a contemporary American Folk Artist who lives with her family on the southwestern shore of Lake Ontario in Hilton, a suburb of Rochester, New York. As a second generation artist, she produces original designs for her paintings, prints, note cards and children’s books. “I wish to convey a sense of warmth and softness with the use of techniques found in American Folk Art.” Many of Barbara’s paintings are inspired by a simpler life in times past. She paints from personal impressions of places she has visited and transforms today’s mayhem into a vision of serenity and tranquility. While painting, Barbara hears a peaceful cacophony of springtime bird songs, summer cicadas, rustling falling leaves and the hush of falling snow. Her paintings often feature a four season theme.

At age four Barbara already knew she would be an artist. She began her career with informal study of watercolor at Rochester Institute of Technology, various art classes at All Of Us Art Workshop, and drawing and painting classes at the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester, New York. She studied old masters painting techniques with Professor Philip Jacobson for four years and has two years of study in American

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- 1 teaspoon milk

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a medium bowl, cream together butter and white sugar until smooth. Mix in 1/2 teaspoon almond extract. Mix in flour until dough comes together. Roll dough into 1 1/2 inch balls, and place on ungreased cookie sheets. Make a small hole in the center of each ball, using your thumb and finger, and fill the hole with preserves.
3. Bake for 14 to 18 minutes in preheated oven, or until lightly browned. Let cool 1 minute on the cookie sheet.
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decorative painting techniques. Initially, she focused on portrait painting, using egg tempera and oils, but has since evolved as a folk artist, author and illustrator. Her husband, John, uses his creative talents in custom framing Barbara’s art.

Adding prose to her paintings, was a natural step in Barbara’s growth as an artist. As a result, award winning books were written, illustrated and self-published by Barbara Palmer. They include THE JOURNEY OF CATTAIL, FINDING FIDO THE FELINE, A CLUE FOR YOU: TAIL IN THE TEAPOT and A CLUE BOOK FOR BOO BOO. The books all feature finger spelling with American sign language. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of her books is donated to the Humane Society.

Currently, Barbara is combining trompe l'oeil painting and reverse glass painting, two old painting techniques from colonial times. Since 1982 Barbara has participated in over 700 art festivals in 13 states. Her many customers include Colonial Williamsburg Museum Store in Williamsburg, Virginia and the Museum of American Folk Art Store, New York, New York. She has been honored to be included in the Directory of Traditional American Crafts 2011, affiliated with Early American Life Magazine and has enjoyed many ribbons won at various festivals.

Barbara has recently updated her sales strategy to include an online platform with a new web site, www.bpfolkartpress.com, Facebook, BARBARA PALMER: FOLK ARTIST and sales on Etsy.
Purple Area (150-196)

150. Jo and George McDevitt - The Paintin’ Parlour/J&J Hobby Craft - Decorative Art and Accessories-Handpainted Wares and Florals-Fun Things to Do!
151. Leah Curvy - Keystone Steel Company - Steel Ornamental-Wall Art, etc.
152. Crystal Guffey - Lemonwood Soap Co. - Handmade Bath and Body
153. Rebecca Sullivan - Sullivan’s Doll Furniture - Handcrafted Doll Furniture, Doll Clothes and Accessories
154. Bruce and Johnie Manista - Winter Wood Crafts - Seasonal Painted Wood
155. Michael Fecca - Michael Fecca - Artistic Woodburning
156. Ron Morone - Ron and Frank’s Drink Mixes - Handmade Drink Mixes
157. Chandra Peterson - Chandra’s Passions - Handcarved Birds From a Single Piece of Wood
158. Kevin Dennis - Dennis Farms - Maple Syrup Products
159. Julie Smith - Bone Appetite Barkery - Handmade Gourmet Dog and Cat Treats
160. Lisa M. Edwards - Edwards Galleria of Design LLC - Jewelry Created from Vintage & Recycled Items and Resin Free Form Geodes
161. Georgia Murphy - Country and Primitive Dolls
162. Lisa Tracy - Clara’s Collars - Handmade Dog and Cat Collars, Harnesses and Leashes
163. Sheryl Heine - Simply Country Stitches - Embroidery-Clothing and Home Accessories
164. Helen Mullins - Our Ceramic House - Seasonal Ceramics
165. David Dizimo - Americana Dentata Works - Wood Mosaic Sculpture
166. Jeffrey Berta - Always Summer Herbs LLC - Teas, Herbs, Honey, Wax and Bee Products, Teaware
168. Andrea Reiser - Pastries by Andrea - Homemade Old World Style Pastries
169. Grace McCracken - The Wandering Muse - Fine Art Charcoal Drawings
170. Shanes and Kelly Echols - Aspen Moose - Unique Lampa Made From Industrial Materials with a Twist
171. Kim Ward - Kim’s Creations, etc - Handmade Wreaths, Doorhangers and Floral Arrangements
172. Christy Roack - Just For You Ornaments - Handmade Wooden Christmas Ornaments, Door Hangers and Yard Signs
173. Olivia Blubbaugh - O’s Original Jewelry - Handmade Original Design- Repurposed Jewelry
174. Deanna Soost - Good L’Oven Goodie Shop - Cookies and Chocolate Pretzels
175. Elaine Vega - Very Vega - Wire Art-Wire Jewelry
176. Nicolette Nuwer - Crafts by Nicki - Unique Fabric Decorations
178. Diane Keller - Designs By Di Blankets - Handmade Minky Blankets for the Entire Family
179. Hope Benham - Personalized Christmas Ornaments - Handmade Personalized Ornaments
180. Kelly Hogan - Black Ship Grooming Company - Handmade Mens Grooming Supplies
181. Susan Kelleghan and Bill Miller - Dreamstrokes Art - Integrating Photography and Painting
182. Deb and Gregg Kristophel - Riverwood Treeneware - Handmade Wooden Kitchen Utensils
183. David W. Bordin - Classic Glass - Stained Glass
184. Michele and Barry Burick - Cabin Fever - Soft Sculpture-Moose-Snowman-Sheep-Reindeer-Scarecrows and Gnomes
185. Aleksand and Vera Sizov - Sizov Copper Art - Copper Repousse Wall Art and Handcrafted Jewelry Incorporated with Stones
186. The Johnson Family - Herbs For Healthful Living - Herbal Soaps-Medicinals and Foods
187. David Coury - Eric Blowen Glass - Handblown Glass
188. Dan Harris - Wood-N-Wire - Signs-Wall Décor, Boxes and Home Décor
189. Mary Jane and Ken Kramer - MJ Inspirations - HandPainted Glassware and Gifts
190. Suzy Fiori - Cha-Ching Coin Jewelry - Items Made From Coins and Tokens
191. Cheyenne Moffett - Glass Work / Stained Glass
194. Stephen and Pamela Montes - Ginger Blue LLC - Framed Art and Prints, Wall Décor
195. Richard Dentfield - Hidden Creek Artisans - Edible Birdhouses
196. Carole Joe, Joseph and Jing Sopin - Ledged Glass Design, Inc - Stained, Leadted, Etched, Fused, and Beveled Glass

Red Area (197-207)

197. Cynthia Wilson and Jill Wiltherell - Sheepskin Shop - Sheepskin, Wool Fabric and Fleece Items
198. Dean and Gloria Barkley - Michigan Made Metal - Metal Yard Arts and Indoor Décor
199. David Severs - Chestnut Hill Candle Company - Hand Poured Soy Candles
200. Karen and Randy Tomassaci - Nature’s Canvas - Uniquely Shaped Handpainted Wooden Figures
201. Beryl Croft - The Suttersville Sewing Co. - Appliquéd Sweatshirts
202. Judy Slaim-Eddy - Main Street Originals - Gracie Collection, Seasonal
203. Indre and Guodu Lukas - Hair Wear Originals - Haircos-Hair Spirals and Hair Lacers
204. Adrienne Stewart - Linda’s Bee Farm, LLC - Hand-Crafted Honey and Honey Products
205. Teresa Tall - Splash of Elegance - Holiday Ceramic Gift Ware
206. Ashley Piatt - Rustic Roots - Wood Seasonal Primitives
207. Ronald Selak - Katie’s Homemade Soap - 4.5 oz. Bars of Homemade Soap

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Concession Food Area A
- Paddy McPeppers & Pete’s-A-Place – Woodfire Pizza - Stuffed Hot Pepper Sandwich - Soda - Water
- Philly’s All American Cheese Steak: Philly Cheese Steak (Steak or Chicken) - Philly Salads (Steak or Chicken) - Sausage Sandwich - Meatball Sandwich - Fresh Cut Fries - Homemade Wedding Soup - Funnel Cakes - Lemon Shakes - Bottled Water - Canned Pop
- Inn Town/Have Smoke Will Travel: Smoked Sausage or Kielbasa w/Cole Slaw - Pulled Pork - Cole Slaw - Baked Potatoes - Sweet Potatoes w/Orange Pecan Butter - Sweet Tea - Lemonade - Bottled Water - Hot Chocolate - Cider
- Peace Valley Bakery: Reuben Sandwich - Beef or Chicken Parfait - Open Face Roast Beef Sandwich - Haluski (Fried Cabbage & Noodles) - Chicken Pot Pies - Apple Dumplings - Apple Dumplings w/ice Cream - Assorted Mini Pies - Ice Cut-Out Cookies - Gingerbread Cookies - Hot Chocolate Hot Coffee - Pop - Water
- Joe’s Pasta Shack: Penne Pasta w/meatballs - Penne Pasta w/Alfredo (Add Chicken) - Penne Pasta w/Butter Herbs Garlic Broccoli (Add Chicken) - Garlic Bread Sticks - Chicken Wrap - Steak Wrap - Breakfast Sandwich - Fresh Cut-Bacon-Fried Bologna-Ham - Assorted Pop - Arnold Palmer Tea/Lemonade - Water
- Paul’s Café/L&C Kitchen: Ham & Bean Soup - Gyro - Turkey Legs - Sweet Potato Fries - Regular Fries - Melts - Kabobs (Chicken or Steak) - Fried Cheese
- Tom & Loretta’s Tall Texan - Tall Texan Sandwich (Angus Beef, Chicken, Italian Sausage, Portabella Mushroom) - Hot Dogs - Grilled Cheese Sandwich - Homemade Potato Chips - Pop - Water - Gatorade

Concession Food Area B
- J&R’s Kitchen: Chicken Pita - Walking Taco - Taco Salad - Grilled Chicken Salad - Hamburger - Cheeseburger - Hot Dog - All Beef Hot Dog - Chili Dog - Chicken Noodle Soup - Broccoli Soup Cup - Broccoli Bread Bowl Soup - Nachos and Cheese - Nachos Grande - Sausage Gravy & Biscuits - Breakfast Egg
- Ward’s Market: Squash - Plums - Pumpkins - Tomatoes Peppers - Gourds - Apples - Onions - Potatoes - Garlic - Brussels Sprouts - Pears - Pumpkin Pie
- Shaker Wing & Smokehouse: Chicken Wings & Legs – Smoke or Grilled w/Various Sauces, Smoked Pulled Pork & Beef Sandwiches - Homemade Potato Chips w/ Various Toppings - Fried Zucchini Twists - Fresh Squeezed Lemonade - Bottled Water - Bottled Drinks - Gatorade
- Brother Jon’s: Hunkie Hand Grenade Sandwich - Sausage Sandwich - Kielbassi Sandwich - Haluski - Pierogies - Smoked Pretzels - Bottled Pop - Bottled Water - Bottled Pop - Brewed Iced Tea
- Granny’s Fruit Cobbler: Fruit Cobbler w/ice Cream (Blackberry-Red Raspberry-Peach) - Apple Crisp w/ice Cream - Gingerbread w/ice Cream - Gingerbread w/ Toppings - Buckeye Blast w/ice Cream - Strawberry Shortcake - Sundaes - Pancakes - Cinnamon Swirl Pancakes - Hot Chocolate - Hot Lemon Drop Tea - Water
- Popcorn Man: Kettle Corn - Apple Cider Donuts - Coffee Water - Hot Cider (cup or half gallon)
- Weingartens Old Fashioned Sodas & Ciders: Nine Flavors of Cider by the 1/2 Gallon - Hot & Cold Ciders by the Glass - Five Old-Fashioned Soda Flavors
- European Gourmet Almonds: Roasted Almonds - Cashews - Pecans - Chocolate Turkeys - Peanut Brittle
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My name is Steven Vlasich, owner of Clear Creations. I do a form of glassblowing known as lampworking, or torch glass, but I prefer to call it glass sculpture. I fell in love with this art at the age of nine when my father decided to teach himself how to do it. At that point the interest had nothing to do with the glass, but it involved fire and I really liked playing in fire. It took a year to convince my mother to let me play on the torch and it has been my passion for most of my life. I did my first art show at thirteen, that is, if you consider it an art show when buying a table at a small-town art and craft fair that let anyone in if they had $15.00! I made a little over $300.00, and I was hooked! I spent the next ten years refining my art, working with my father at a variety of art and craft shows, Christmas booths at malls and a couple of shops that my father thought were a good idea. We were known as Vlasic’ Glass.

During that time, I married, had three children, divorced, then ended up with custody of the kids. Raising children solo and traveling art shows proved difficult so I quit working with my father and for the next ten years I ended...
while some are painted festive colors such as red, green and black. Each is then distressed mounted on hand crafted bases and adorned with authentic hardware, doorknobs and decorative hooks, perfect for hanging wreaths, signs, etc.

Producing over 800 from January to now, not only did the trees take on a life of their own, but began to be the topic of our discussion 24 hours a day 7 days a week. In addition to the “Big Trees” which range in size from 3 to over 7 feet tall, a line of small 8-14 inch “tabletop” trees were also created from fragments of the doors as well as unique decorated wooden gifts to display beneath the trees and a line of hand sewn fabric trees, many made from vintage quilts.

Christmas in the Woods has always had special meaning to me. I have been attending the event from its very beginning and even today I can’t believe I am going to be a vendor at this event. We have been very fortunate that we have a great support system around us and have received much encouragement from family and friends. With all the heartache and changes forced upon us in this the year of the Covid, we are overjoyed that Christmas in The woods is moving forward with their event. We will be there to support them with a festive display. We are truly blessed!
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up with what is known as a “real job” in the art world. I developed fire rates for the commercial insurance industry and did route sales or Frito Lay. It didn’t leave much time for the glass, but I made a point to play when I could. Once my children graduated high school, I decided to get back to the career I loved the most. I wanted to be my own boss, so instead of returning to work with my father at Vlasic’ Glass, I started my own company, Clear Creations. I did not want to compete with my dad, so I made a point to do art and craft shows and fairs in other states and areas of the country.

I was doing a show in northern Ohio and one of my artist friends suggested that my work would do very well at a renaissance festival. I have a very wide variety of sculptures, figurines and ornaments, which consist of flowers and animals, ships, sea sculptures, and trees. Many of my ideas come from custom pieces and requests. My catalog is your imagination! I have always loved making mythical creatures like dragons, wizards and fairies. And that was the beginning of the renaissance world for me! I have been doing renaissance faires and festivals all across the country now since 2003.

For the last couple of years, I have been debating on getting back to the heart of the festivals and doing more local and prominent art and craft shows. The coronavirus has really changed how we all are doing business at this time. The virus has shut down all the Renaissance Festivals I participate in. I have the opportunity to participate in Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Woods, and I couldn’t be more thrilled. This is very special to me because my father did the Christmas in the Woods show from the very first year in booth number one until he passed in 2017. I am looking forward to bringing back our style of glass to the show that my father considered to be one of his favorites. I hope to be able to have as many years with Christmas in the Woods as my father.
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**Bev Hauenstein**

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My name is Bev Hauenstein and I am the owner of TAKE JOY! I create textiles using the natural method of eco printing. I am semi-retired in the healthcare field which allows time for me to pursue my love of working with textiles. I began working with textiles as a 4-H member and I have continued throughout my life. I have always enjoyed the creative process of walking into a fabric store to pursue a new project. There are so many wonderful textile art forms to explore and I have had the opportunity to experience most of them. Two years ago, I strolled into a wonderful fiber store to explore all the colors and textures of yarns that were available. As I browsed, I noticed a display of silk scarves that had the most intriguing colors and designs that appeared to be very realistic leaves. I was told they were created by eco printing and I was hooked! I immediately signed up for an upcoming workshop and my journey began! Under the tutelage of Raeschell Noonen/Nimby Fiber Art of Mount Vernon, OH and Nicola Brown/Clasheen of Ireland, I became totally intrigued with eco printing. I literally could not stop experimenting with all of the...
various leaves and flowers that were in my neighborhood and to see what each scarf would reveal, as each one is a wonderful surprise!

Eco printing is the art of directly applying plants to textiles to alter color, apply color and create interesting designs. Everything used is natural, such as flowers, leaves, bark, and roots. A simplified explanation of the process is gathering the vegetation that I wish to use and arrange it on the fabric. It is then bundled up and steamed. The natural tannins are extracted from the leaves to create color and prints. The results are not always indicative of the color of the leaves. Each finished textile is color and light fast and able to be hand laundered with a pH neutral soap. I print on habotai silk, silk noil, wool, cotton and linen to make scarves, wraps, table runners, wall hangings, pillows, aprons, and bags. Paper can also be eco printed to make delightful journals. I also capture “memories” by preserving special moments in life with an eco printed keepsake that is created with leaves or flowers from your bouquet, a funeral arrangement or a family home. This special memory will be eco printed on the textile of your choice, whether it be a table runner, pillow, or wall hanging to admire; or a shawl to wrap around you.

The magic of nature plays the most vital role in the process, which makes the result of each creation a one-of-a-kind unique beauty. The process of eco printing has given me a new appreciation of nature and all it has to offer us. We should cherish that gift. TAKE JOY!
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