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## News Release

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### For Immediate Release

## Farm Museum announces fall traditional arts classes

**September 9, 2009** – The Carroll County Farm Museum will offer a wide range of traditional arts classes in October and November. Give yourself or someone else the gift of learning a new skill. Classes are taught by professional instructors, some of whom have been included in elite magazines. Classes are offered at various times, weekdays, weeknights or weekends, to fit busy schedules.

Classes offered include: Bandboxes, Blacksmithing (several classes), German Feather Tree, Hearth Cooking, Knitting, Paper Braiding, Punch Needle, Redwork Table Runner, Seat Weaving, Stenciled Floorcloth, Theorem Painting, Tinsmithing, Weaving, Woodcarving, Wool Felted Purse, and “Yes, You Can Yo-Yo.”

For a complete class description including date, time, instructor, and cost, visit the Farm Museum’s website at [www.carrollcountymuseum.org](http://www.carrollcountymuseum.org). For those without computer access, call the museum at 410-386-3880 to request a printed listing.

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*Note: A complete list of classes is attached.*

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## **TRADITIONAL ARTS CLASSES (October & November 2009):**

**Band Boxes:** Thursday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Deborah Brower, instructor. Cost: \$45. Students will complete an oval band box approximately 5" x 3 1/2" x 3 1/3" sewed from cardstock construction, lined and wallpapered in the traditional way.

**Basket making: Christmas Decorations:** Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Carolyn Freitag, instructor. Cost: \$35. Students will weave decorations for Christmas including a puffy heart, and Carolina snowflakes. For all levels.

**Blacksmithing "101":** Wednesday evenings, Oct. 7-Nov. 4 (5-session class), 6-9:30 p.m. Albin Drzewianowski, instructor. Cost: \$175. Students will learn the basics of blacksmithing from forge and fire control to hammer control. Students will forge a fish tail scroll, pig tail scroll, tab hook, drive hook, forge poker, water can handle, and others as time permits.

**Blacksmithing "202" (Intermediate):** Saturday, Oct. 31, and Sunday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Ray Neubauer, instruction. Cost: \$175. This class is a follow-up to "101" with emphasis on making tools to do projects. Pre-requisite: "101" or equivalent.

**Blacksmithing: Knifemaking** (Intermediate/Advanced): Saturday, Nov. 21, and Sunday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Walt Van Altine, instructor. Cost: \$175. Students will learn the basics of knifemaking and complete a knife with handle.

**German Feather Tree:** Tuesday, Oct. 20, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Ellie Bennett, instructor. Cost: \$35. Students will make a feather tree typical of the ones introduced in Germany around 1850 as the first artificial Christmas tree. These trees have made a dramatic comeback in popularity in the last few years. All materials will be supplied to complete a tabletop tree approx. 10" high.

**Hearth Cooking:** Tuesday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Pat Reber, instructor. Cost: \$35. Students will prepare and enjoy a Fall Harvest lunch of soup, breads and desserts. They will churn butter for the breads while they bake, and boil and fry foods over the fire and coals. Desserts will focus on pumpkin recipes: a dessert in a pumpkin shell, fried pumpkin pieces, pudding and more.

**Knitting:** Saturdays, Oct. 17 & 24 (2-session class), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Bobbi Ward, instructor. Cost: \$60. Just can't seem to finish that knitting project – or need help – this is the class for you. Would you like to learn to knit with circular needles? Give it a try, making a hat for the fall and learn to incorporate color into your project.

**Paper Braiding:** Monday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Debbie Brower, instructor. Cost: \$35. A Connecticut family found a beautiful valentine made of two paper hearts braided together in an old family bible. This class will teach how to reproduce a similar version. This technique can also be used to make hanging pockets to hold small gifts.

**Punch Needle - Pumpkin or Greta the Cat Motif:** Tuesday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Diane O'Connell, instructor. Cost: \$40. This needle art dates back as far as the 16<sup>th</sup> century, with the first needles being made from the wing bones of birds. Students will be working with the punch needle and floss, creating the motif of your choice. The finished piece looks like a miniature hooked rug and can be framed or made into an ornament. Kit, floss and needle are included in the class cost.

**Redwork Table Runner:** Monday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Tuesday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (3-session class). Debbie Curtis, instructor. Cost: \$50. First class day: Students will embroider two redwork pieces of "Sunbonnet Girls" feeding chicks. Second class day: With embroidery completed, students will cut out the table runner and incorporate by sewing all the pieces together. Third class day: Machine quilting or tying the table runner and adding binding to complete the project.

**Seat Weaving: Splint oak/rush:** Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 13, 14, & 15 (3-session class), 5:30-9 p.m. Phil Bankard, instructor. Cost: \$65. Bring a chair ready to weave: old seat removed, refinished or painted. Students need to give seat dimensions (width & breadth of widest area) upon registration.

**Stenciled Floorcloth:** Wednesday, Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dottie Arthur, instructor. Cost: \$45. Prepared cloths will be ready for students to stencil. Paints and stencils are provided; however, if students have a special stencil they wish to use, they may bring it with them.

**Theorem Painting:** Thursday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dottie Arthur, instructor. Cost: \$65. Theorem painting is the process of applying oil paints on velvet using brush and stencil with some freehand painting. Students will complete an 1800s fruit design 5" x 7" picture and take it home in a traditional grain painted frame. For beginner or advanced students.

**Tinsmithing:** Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jeff Leister, instructor. Cost: \$60. A perfect class for beginners, this class teaches the basic skills of the tinsmith while crafting some of your first functional pieces of tinware.

**Tinsmithing:** Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jeff Leister, instructor. Cost: \$60. A perfect class for beginners, this class teaches the basic skills of the tinsmith while crafting some of your first functional pieces of tinware.

**Weaving:** Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 17 & 18 (2-session class), 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Linda Ferrara, instructor. Cost: \$125. Students will learn the process of warping their loom and weave a scarf of wool fiber in their choice of colors.

**Woodcarving:** Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 13, 14, & 15 (3-session class), 6-9 p.m. Harry Mancha, instructor. Cost: \$25. Students will learn the basics of woodcarving and create a seascape design done in the relief form of carving.

**Wool Felted Purse:** Wednesday, Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mary Moore, instructor. Cost: \$55. Students will learn the process of wool needle felting, applying a design on a pre-cut wool bag, approx. 12" long and 10" high. After felting the design, students will finish by inserting a pre-cut lining and attaching a strap. Students that have wool fiber that they would like to use may bring it with them.

**Yes, You Can Yo-Yo:** Tuesday evenings, Oct. 13, 20, & 27 (3-session class), 6-8:30 p.m. Charles Pribulick, instructor. Cost: \$25. Discover the art of yo-yoing by the 1999 world champion – The Yo-Yo Man (not Tommy Smothers, but they performed together). Students will be “fitted” for their yo-yo which they will purchase for \$5 the first evening of class, learn the basic tricks like “gravity pull,” “forward pass,” “sleeper,” “break-away” and “eat spaghetti & pizza.” All ages from 8-adult welcome.

Please call the Farm Museum weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 410-386-3880 for more detailed information on the above classes, to be mailed a class list, or to register for classes. **Registration is not complete until payment has been received.** Requests for full refunds must be received at least 10 days prior to the starting date of the class. Thereafter, payments may be applied to a future class. No refunds for “no shows.” A minimum number of students is required for each class to be held.