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**A Crafts-of-Colrain style tour in the Applegate?**

Last year, for the second time, I was fortunate enough to explore "The Crafts of Colrain." Colrain is an incredibly beautiful hill town in western Massachusetts, and although it is sparsely populated, it is home to many talented artists. It was a beautiful fall day when my friends and I hit this tour, and we took our time and our map and explored each of the 16 home-based studios.

I felt very lucky to once again have the chance to pick out meaningful, beautiful, and locally designed gifts and personal treasures, and I knew that this was a model that could work in the Applegate. After all, is there a lovelier setting than the Applegate? Do we have many home-based artists? Could they use a weekend that brings new patrons to them? And are these mostly rhetorical questions? Perhaps, but I would venture

to say that many in the Applegate could use a weekend modeled after the "Crafts of Colrain" that helps others find their next handmade *prize*.

This is a call to all those in this valley who might be interested in organizing a similar event this year in the Applegate. Thalia Truesdell and I will be hosting an exploratory meeting at Ruch Library on Thursday, March 16, at 7 pm. All artists and residents of the Applegate who are intrigued with this concept should check out the Crafts of Colrain website at [craftsofcolrain.com/html/index.html](http://craftsofcolrain.com/html/index.html).

Let us know of your interest—attend the March 16 meeting, send an email to [audreye2@charter.net](mailto:audreye2@charter.net) or [thaliatruesdell@gmail.com](mailto:thaliatruesdell@gmail.com), or call me at 541-899-8728. We hope to see you!

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and the early mining era. The Stray Cats Car Club will display classic cars of the period, and the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, Branch 141, will have engines on display.

A select group of artists and vendors will have items for viewing and sale. We'll offer a number of unique raffle items—themed baskets, some surprise high-value raffles, and also a standard 50/50 raffle—something for everyone! **In addition to a variety of tasty food choices**, we'll also have a bake sale and root beer floats. After eating, you can wander over to the bridge and take in the historical displays there. Get your very own McKee Bridge Centennial t-shirt and other items at the traveling museum, and check out the McKee Bridge quilt that depicts the history of the area.

Come join us for an afternoon of fun for the family and a celebration of our local history. For more information, contact Paul Tipton at 541-846-7501 or [ptipton@frontier.com](mailto:ptipton@frontier.com).

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**Poetry Corner**

*Hopes for 2017*

by Janis Mohr-Tipton



May the year 2017 bring strength and stability as the triangle represents.

Healing and empowerment that the eight petals in the lotus symbolize.

Warmth and desire for service and giving that the hearts embody.

May we each think of taking care of ourselves and centering with our communities.

Keeping truth and respect for each other alive and thriving.

Hope that we each can find caring and calmness to balance the stresses of change, and experience growth.

And always think of thriving and not just surviving for 2017.

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