

## LOCAL NEWS

# Shelter Valley festival announces artisans who will be in residence

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Organizers of the Shelter Valley Folk Festival have released the names of the artists who will attend the Artisans Village on their Labour day weekend concert.

Festival organizers say 20 participants have been chosen for the village which will include, potters, weavers, jewelry-makers, painters, woodworkers, makers of stained glass and sculptors.

Barbara Buntin, the Artisans Village director, announced Wednesday that the event will provide several new young artists with their first shows, saying: "This will ensure a fresh approach to the artisans area."

"This is a group of artists who are passionate about their work and willing to involve others in an understanding and appreciation of the creative process."

She said the artisans will hold

demonstrations where people can participate and ask questions. The artwork will also be for sale.

In selecting the artisans, organizers said they were searching for original concepts and high quality work, combined with artists who have a "story to tell".

Staging his first show will be Alex Heissler, of Frankford, Ont., who at 19, is the youngest exhibitor. Alex works as an ornamental woodworker. His mother, Maia, will also participate in the village. Organizers say her medium is "fantasy sculpture using natural materials".

Chris Greatrex, a veteran stained glass artist from Shelter Valley, will exhibit his work of whimsical insects and creatures for the home and garden, in glass, metal and wire.

Cobourg's Veronica Derry will exhibit the work she does from her loom. Organizers say her woven images combine paper, vintage trims and fabrics.



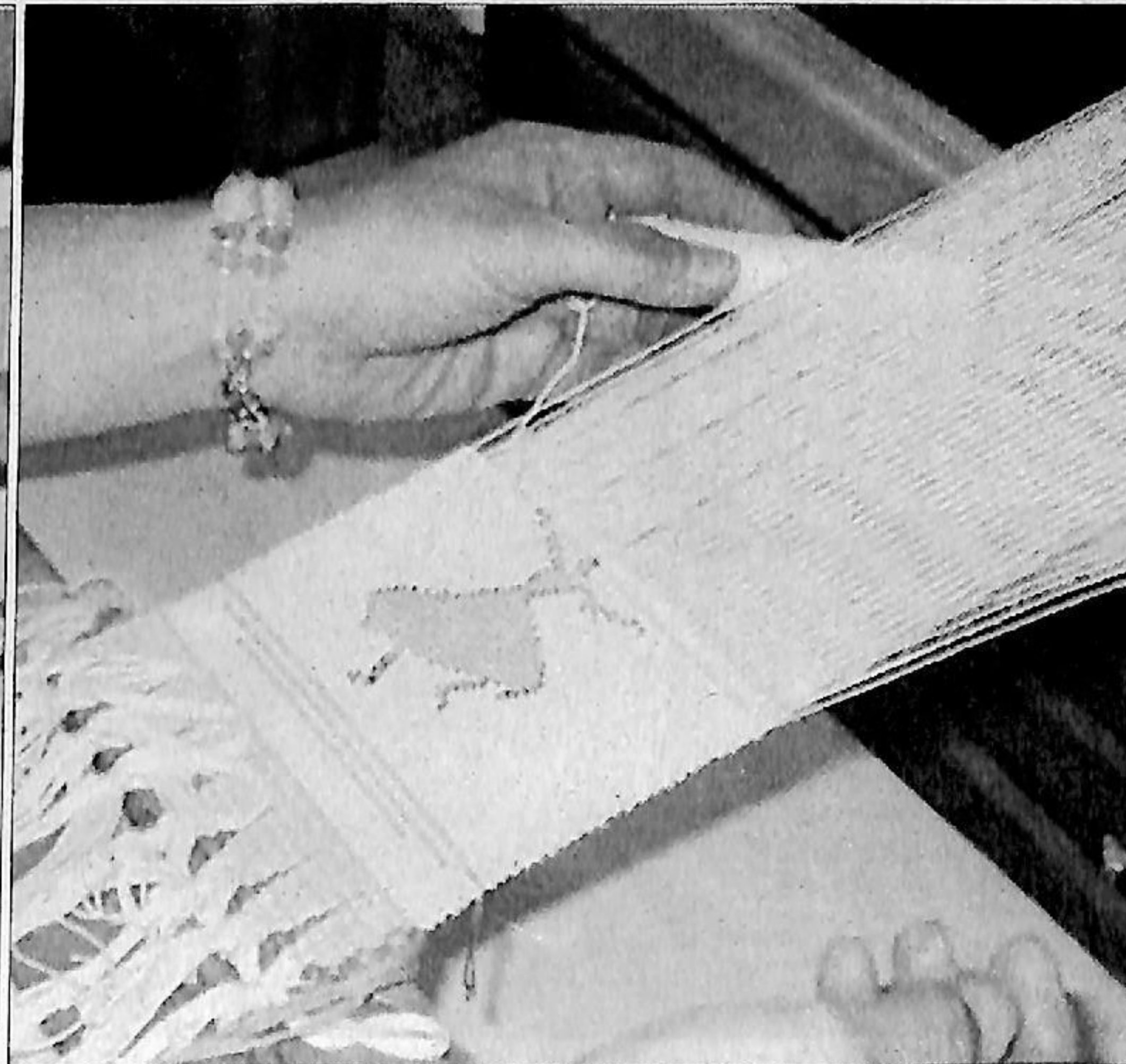
**Participating potter:** Tracy Shillington of Cobourg, shown throwing a pot, will be in residence at the Shelter Valley Festival Artisan's Village on Vernonville Road on Labour Day weekend.

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**At the loom:** Veronica Derry, foreground, of Cobourg and Barbara Buntin, Director of the Artisan's Village for the Shelter Valley Festival to be held on Vernonville Road the Labour Day weekend.

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**Weaving a dancer:** Veronica Derry of Cobourg demonstrates her skill.

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Other artisans at the Festival include: Max Sexsmith, who has demonstrated soapstone carving at the Science North in Sudbury; Monika Beker, a jeweller who has had shows at galleries in Toronto and throughout Northumberland County; and Terry Self, of Colborne, a photographer whose pictures have been featured in shows around Ontario.

The festival will be held on the September 3-4-5 on the labour day weekend. Organizers say it is an outdoor family music event. Folk, roots and blues musicians from across North America will perform and conduct workshops on outdoor stages.

The festival also will feature food booths, an artisans village, a wellness and community area with interactive displays, and a childrens area with storytellers and arts workshops.

On-site camping will be available. The Festival is a volunteer-run, non-profit community event.

For more details about the Festival and participating artists, visit [www.sheltervalley.com](http://www.sheltervalley.com) or call (905) 377-9556.

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