Meet Ohio’s One & Only Artisan’s Guild Focused on Teaching the Traditional, Sustainable and Artisanal Practices that Our Forefathers Utilized from 1750-1840.

The Colonial Homestead Artisan’s Guild is committed to preserving our heritage, as well as the artisanal practices from our past. Many of handcrafts from our past are the crafts still utilized by many of today’s talented artists found throughout Ohio. Yet, many crafts such as gun building, blacksmithing, leather making, timber framing, horning, wood carving, and others are at risk of being obsolete and forgotten.

The Artisan’s Guild was formed to preserve these crafts, by teaching and mentoring students to these old-age techniques and skills, while also learning and incorporating some more contemporary practices.

We are now offering beginner and intermediate classes at our Millersburg studio in the following skill areas:

- Period Gun Building & Rifling
- Woodworking
- Wood Carving
- Blacksmithing
- Antique Repair
- Throwing Ceramics
- Rug Braiding
- Tatting
- Leatherworking
The Colonial Homestead Artisans Guild is located in Millersburg, Ohio, within Northern Appalachia and home of the world’s largest Amish concentration. The Guild is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit cultural-based learning environment that is focused on the preservation of our country’s creative heritage. Our purpose is to educate and train our guests on the traditional, sustainable and artisanal practices that our forefathers utilized from 1750-1840, in tandem with today’s evolving techniques and technologies. The offerings are designed for both amateurs interested in learning a new skill and for professionals who seek to strengthen their technical understanding of traditional crafts.

The Guild is working with leading masters in their chosen fields to deliver unique and one-of-a-kind learning experiences that advocate the skills of artisanal craftsmanship. Broad areas of skill learning include woodworking, blacksmithing, timber framing, gun building, fiber arts, and leather working. Future areas of skill learning may include glassworks, printmaking, visual arts, pottery, basket making, homesteading, masonry and other related trades.

A range of classes, workshops and sessions will be offered that include beginner, intermediate, advanced and professional classes. Half-day, full-day, 2-day weekend, one-week, and multiple -week sessions will be added as demand dictates. Classes will range from broad introductory content to those that cover only a single technique within a craft.

Local Lodging, Food and Beverage Options

Nearby Recommended Overnight Lodging
- Hotel Millersburg - a Guild Partnership offering $10/day food allowance in restaurant
- Comfort Inn
- The Inn at Honey Run
- The Barn Inn Bed & Breakfast
- Hilltop Manor Bed & Breakfast
- Miller Haus Bed & Breakfast

Nearby Recommended Food & Beverage
Downtown Millersburg
- Olde World Bakery & Bistro
- The Tavern at Hotel Millersburg
- Bags Sports Pub
- El Palma Mexican Grill

Millersburg
- Jitter’s Coffee House

Holmes County
- Tarragon at the Inn at Honey Run

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