

## Article 1 – JHCCM Tradition Keepers Raffle

Before you begin your Christmas shopping on Black Friday, I wanted to give you a heads up that UKB will be having an Arts and Crafts Christmas Sale on Saturday, December 10 from 9am to 5 pm. The sale will include tribal artisans and artists and feature our Tradition Keepers. We will also be doing kid's free make and take crafts. Support your tribe and buy Keetoowah! And win a wonderful Christmas gift for \$1! See below and the flyer.

TAHLEQUAH-Members of the UKB Tradition Keepers will be selling raffle tickets from now through December 10. Tickets are available from any UKB Tradition Keeper, or they may be purchased from the John Hair Cultural Center and Museum Gift Shop. Tickets are \$1 and will qualify every purchaser to have a chance to win dozens of individual drawing prizes. All the items included in the raffle have been made and donated by individual Tradition Keepers. Items include a beaded necklace, beaded lanyard, dream catchers, baskets, baby moccasins, beaded headband, soapstone carved turtle, ribbon skirts, quilt and more. For an exact listing and photos of all the prizes available, go to the John Hair Museum page on Facebook. "This is a great raffle because for only a dollar, you have a chance to win 18-20 individual items. So, for all intents and purposes, if you spend \$1, each item will only cost a nickel to try and win," said Ralie Grayson, Museum gift shop employee. Proceeds for the raffle will go into the Tradition Keepers fund for future projects or to help the community. One of the current endeavors they are supporting is the UKB ICW Angel Tree. For more information, go to the John Hair Museum Facebook page or call the museum at 918-871-2866.

## Article 2 - December Arts & Crafts Sale

Just in time for Christmas shopping, the John Hair Cultural Center and Museum is hosting a Keetoowah Arts and Crafts sale on Saturday, December 10 from 9am to 5 pm. Artists will be selling baskets, beadwork, stone carvings, leather work, ribbon skirts, textiles, dreamcatchers and more. The sale will include up and coming UKB artisans and crafts makers and will also feature some of the tribe's most recognized artists, the UKB Tradition Keepers.

Since 2005, the JHCCM has awarded the prestigious title of "Tradition Keeper" to outstanding Keetoowah members dedicated to continuing the Keetoowah Cherokee culture through practicing a variety of ancient skills and traditions. To date, thirty Keetoowah tribal members have received this award.

"Our group made the decision to open this show to allow new Keetoowah artists to come in and get experience and sell their goods," said Tradition Keepers' Chairman Matt Girty. "Giving a hand up is the Keetoowah Way, and to practice, promote and carry forward traditional knowledge and skills are our core objectives as a group," he said.

"People love the opportunity to buy hand crafted, one-of-a-kind gifts or pieces of art. It is so much more personal and meaningful than just picking up another item "made in China," said Marilyn Craig, museum marketing coordinator. "Although the museum gift shop hours are normally 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, we have had requests to open on Saturday to give shoppers who work weekdays an opportunity to browse and meet the artists," said Craig.

A special activity for the day will be free make and take crafts for kids. Kids can make a pinch pot or paint a mini mask as an ornament to hang on the tree or to give as a gift.

The JHCCM is located at 18280 W. Keetoowah Circle in Tahlequah. For more information, call 918-871-2866.