

## **Black Belt Treasures to host Folk Life Festival**

You are invited to spend the day with us at Black Belt Treasures on Saturday, June 28, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will host this year's Folk Life Festival which will feature potters Sam Williams of Monroe County and Robin Rogers of Dallas County; bird carver John Sheffey of Dallas County; vine basket maker Ronald "Buster" Scruggs of Butler County; white oak basket maker Walter Brooks of Monroe County; decorative birdhouse builder Sam Cheek of Macon County; That's Sew Gee's Bend quilters Tinnie and Minnie Pettway of Wilcox County; stained glass artist Tyree McCloud of Wilcox County; monogram seamstress Jan Autrey of Dallas County; painters Catherine Watson of Monroe County, Mary Croley of Butler County, and Lynda Ray of Marengo County; and the Martin-Hicks Bluegrass/Gospel Band. Cowboy Bruce Brannen, an artist from Montgomery County, will entertain through stories, poems, and rope tricks. He will also exhibit his paintings of Wild West scenes. Enjoy delicious catfish and fixings' prepared by Little Ezell's Catfish, of Choctaw County.

Demonstrations will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue throughout the day at the Black Belt Treasures Gallery located at 209 Claiborne Street in historic downtown Camden. All demonstrations by artists are free of charge to the public thanks to a generous grant by the Ala-Tom RC&D Council.

Black Belt Treasures is a non-profit 501(c)(3) designed to recognize the quality of artistic work in the Black Belt and promote free enterprise through the Arts. The Gallery which is a joint venture between the Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission, Ala-Tom RC&D, the University of Alabama and the University of West Alabama has had visitors from 40 different states and twelve foreign countries since opening on September 30, 2005.

Join Black Belt Treasures and its artisans in celebrating the superb talent of the region, learn from expert craftsmen, and enjoy a visit in the Black Belt region, where the culture is as rich as the soil. To learn more about the festival's schedule of activities visit [www.blackbelttreasures.com](http://www.blackbelttreasures.com) or phone (334)682-9878.