

February 2017 Artist of the Month

Every spring and summer when festivals are found all across our Appalachian region, we come to see the amazing work of artists of all types. One amazing type of artist that showcases our history and heritage is the Appalachian Craftsman. This month we'd like to highlight Jonathan Cash or Rockbridge County, Virginia as our artist of the month.

Growing up on a farm taught him the value of self reliance and an appreciation of our Appalachian culture. "It occurred to me in the last 5-10 years how much of this culture and knowledge of it is disappearing. It is what led me to start making videos to try and reach as many as possible to keep these traditions alive."

Jonathan began making soap when he found out that his son had eczema and needed a better, more natural product. After sharing his craft with friends and getting great feedback, he was encouraged to sell his soaps, prompting him to start Dark Feather Soap Company.

"I've had so many people tell me that it's great what I'm doing with the "Appalachian culture" and bringing it back and I'm happy that people want to see it."

Jonathan has an active YouTube page where he shows how he creates the soaps along with the various scents, as well as other useful tips that many have forgotten from our rich culture and heritage. In fact, teaching these techniques is one of his favorite parts of practicing his art. "If I can give anybody just a little education that sticks with them on such things, then that is a great accomplishment for keeping it alive!"



Dark Feather Soap Company



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