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Elk Knob Community Heritage Organization and Appalachian State University Students to host “Community Art Day” November 9.

Boone, NC--- In 2009, the Elk Knob Community Heritage Organization (EKCHO) partnered with the Watauga Arts Council to create a public art plan for the communities surrounding the Elk Knob State Park. The plan outlined a series of site specific works designed to provide a window into the unique cultural and natural history of the Elk Knob Communities.

This fall, EKCHO partnered with a class at Appalachian State University for the second year. Appalachian Studies Faculty Tom Hansell is working with students and the Elk Knob Community to start to make the art plan a reality. They are working on two picnic tables that will each display a map of the area as well as local quilt patterns. One table will be placed at the Sutherland Station of the Creston Volunteer Fire Department and the other will be placed at the new Meat Camp Volunteer Fire Department. Members of the community are encouraged to use the picnic tables as a new public space. The students have worked to ensure that the art they make is deeply connected to the people and places surrounding the Elk Knob State Park.

EKCHO’s Community Art Day will take place on Saturday November 9, from 11 am to 4 pm, at 1401 Meat Camp Road. Everyone is invited to participate in the preparation of these picnic tables. Come anytime between 11 and 4 and help create art and fellowship. There will be yard games, food, and fun for all ages. Participants are also encouraged to bring a pot luck dish.

The Elk Knob Community Art Plan is sponsored by EKCHO a non-profit organization, the Appalachian Teaching project of the Appalachian Regional Commission, The Honors College and the Center for Appalachian Studies at Appalachian State University.

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