



The "Glades" The History of the Arts & Crafts Community

Established in 1937

No one planned it when the Crafts Community developed in Gatlinburg, it just happened,



Early Gatlinburg

people just came and the craftsmen did what they do best, crafted. Around 1937



The "Glades"

John Cowden and several other craftsmen decided to go home... they invited the visitors in Gatlinburg to come to their homes and workshops out in the Glades instead of working on the streets in downtown Gatlinburg.

They wanted to be in the comfort and surroundings where their tools and supplies were, they wanted to stay home and work... and that's just



Coy Ogle Farm

what they did. After long hours of wood carving downtown and working for someone else,



Mrs. James Watson spinning

John Cowden decided to invite people to his home on Glades Road where they could see more of his work and visit with his wife and children.

So did Carl Huskey, a furniture maker, when he opened his Village Craft Shop in the Glades.

As the visitors started going to the "Glades", other craftsmen and artists began to open more shops, studios and galleries.



Noah McCarter chair maker

That's just how it happened.

For nearly 75 years people have been

discovering one of Gatlinburg's best kept secrets, just 3 miles from the hustle and bustle of downtown Gatlinburg, the Great Smoky



Clay & Shiril Compton Woodwhittlers

Arts & Crafts Community. See for yourself, come visit the largest group of independent artists and craftsmen in America. With more



Lee Ogle Family broom makers

than 100 craftsmen and artists and now some of the best restaurants and bed and



Mitchell Compton Basketmaker

breakfast Inns in the area, the "Glades" is a must see on your visit to the Smokies. There's plenty of free parking at each location as well

as a trolley route (the Yellow Route), designated just for the Community. All located in

an 8 mile loop, there's more than a days activity visiting, shopping and watching the artists and craftsmen at work, doing what



Elizabeth Reagan weaver

they do best and it's all here for you to see in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Hop in the car

and come out to see what everyone enjoys the most, it's handmade in America, it's a step back



Claude Huskey & shaving horse

in time and it's all here for you while you're visiting this beautiful area, the

Great Smoky Mountains and Gatlinburg. Turn at traffic light number 3

in downtown Gatlinburg onto East Parkway or Hwy 321 North and

go 3 miles to the Arts & Crafts Communities' Historic Shopping District.



Charles Huskey & Dick Whaley



John Cowden woodcarver