

# Geraldine Gerard



Educator – Writer-Artist

**Combining her love for art with teaching Geraldine was employed in Madison County right after graduation from Mars Hill College as one of their first art teachers under the state BEP program.**

**During Ms. Gerard's years at Mars Hill College she became very interested in the mountain heritage and carried that interest into creating a Heritage Week Festival and featured well known artists and performers of the mountains. Some of the most successful art units used in classes were connected with the student's heritage.**

**Since retiring from full-time teaching, Geraldine stays connected with the arts and heritage events working at festivals making corn shuck dolls or dream catchers with children and reading to local students.**

**The main lesson for Geraldine's residency will be using Calligraphy, beautiful writing. With this lesson the students will learn skills of writing that require the use of the right brain as opposed to the cursive writing in which the left brain is used. For a longer 4 to 5 day program the students will create a Fraktur, which is "Pennsylvania Dutch" form of art. And with the shorter 1 to 2 day programs the students will work on creating a "Delight Song" poem about themselves.**



- ◆ Geraldine Gerard  
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- ◆ Grades: K-12 Preferred 6-8
- ◆ Materials: calligraphy pens, drawing paper, tracing paper magic markers & pencils
- ◆ Cost: \$100 per 120 students
- ◆ Available for Residency less than 5 days
- ◆ Available for Community Workshop