

## *Cherokee National Treasures Nomination Categories*

**Entry Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2024**

### **Basketry**

Typically made from honeysuckle, buck brush, river cane or white oak. Natural dyes come from roots, bark, flowers or other natural materials.

### **Beadwork**

Glass seed beads on fabric made of wool, cotton and/or linen.

### **Carving**

Wood, stone or shell materials.

### **Flint Knapping**

Chipping or flaking of a stone to be used for weaponry or tools.

### **Flute Making**

River cane or natural wood materials.

### **Gig Making**

2-3 pronged metal barb on a natural wood material used for shaft.

### **Gourds**

Carving, painting, inlay, etc. or other materials used to embellish natural gourds.

### **Graphic Arts**

Digitally generated cultural designs and visual content pertaining to Cherokee culture and history.

### **Lifeways**

- **Language**  
Cherokee language teachings; published or the like.
- **Traditional Foods**  
Kanuchi, wild onions, wild mushrooms, hog meat, crawdads, poke salad, grape dumplings, water cress, etc.
- **Turtle Shell Shaking**  
Preserving and teaching the knowledge and culture that comes with being a ceremonial shell shaker.

### **Mask Making**

Made from dried gourds or natural wood materials.

### **Metalsmithing**

Creations of steel, copper, silver and powder coated metals.

### **Painting**

Oils, acrylics, pastels, charcoal or oil crayons.

### **Pottery**

Native clay coiled and modeled into pots, pipes, bowls, etc. designed with wooden stamp paddles or hand carved patterns. Pit fired using different wood and/or bark.

### **Sculpture**

Wood, clay, metal or stone materials.

### **Storytelling**

Oral tradition of explaining history, culture, morals and values of Cherokee life or for entertainment.

### **Textiles**

- **Doll Making**  
Shaping natural material of dried grasses or cornhusks into a child's toy.
- **Finger Weaving**  
A non-loom process using yarns and threads creating belts, sashes, straps and similar items.
- **Loom Weaving**  
Textile production interlinking vertical and horizontal threads using a loom.
- **Traditional Clothing**  
Tear dress, ribbon shirt, trade shirt, wrap skirt, leggings, breechcloth, hunting jacket, twined materials (shoes, skirts) or feather capes.

- **Twining**

A process of twisting cordage to create items for storage, carrying and other purposes.

- **Quilting**

Creating a blanket or covering with pieces of cut fabric.

### **Traditional Games**

- **Marble Making**  
Fashioning a stone into round marbles the size of billard balls.
- **Chunkey**  
Creation of a wheel-shaped disc made of polished stone.
- **Stickball Sticks**  
Traditionally, the sticks are made from hickory with netting made using sinew. The ball is made with a rock covered in leather and sewn with sinew.

### **Traditional Weapons**

- **Blow Guns/Blow Darts**  
Made from river cane and thistle.
- **Bow Making/Arrow Making**  
Traditionally made from bois d'arc wood and sinew for the pull string.

### **Turtle Shell Shackles Making**

4 to 13 turtle shells fastened to old boot leather or large leather piece. Small pebbles are placed inside the shells to give them their rhythmic sound when shaken.

