## December 2021 Artisan and Craftsman Exchange Update

As I write this, three individuals have traveled to Pfaffenweiler to represent Jasper:

Jay Hamlin

Curtis Uebelhor

Monte Lee Young

Jay, Curtis, and Monte traveled together to Pfaffenweiler on November 13<sup>th</sup> and will be returning on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Initial arrangements were made for our artists to demonstrate, produce, and sell their products at the open-air Christmas market in Pfaffenweiler on November 27, 2021.

Unfortunately, due to high Covid-19 cases and high virus transmission rates, the open-air Christmas market in Pfaffenweiler (as in most of Germany) was cancelled on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The three artists have made the best of the situation while staying with their host families and have represented our city well. Even if they didn't get a chance to sell their items, they have been to other community events and forged what are sure to be lasting relationships.

Regrettably, as many of you may have heard while attending the November meeting, the artist from Pfaffenweiler, Niklas Samuel, along with his girlfriend, Sabrina Dischinger, cancelled their travel plans and trip to the United States and to Jasper due to the Covid-19 pandemic on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope that we will be able to host them next year.

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