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### **Daisy Cook Art Exhibit and Print Sale at Crowder**

**Neosho, MO** - Crowder College Longwell Museum presents a Daisy Cook Art Exhibit & Print Sale, June 9-30, 2014. The Longwell Museum is located inside the Elsie Plaster Community Center on the Neosho campus. Hours for the museum are Monday – Friday from 9am to 4pm. A reception will be held Saturday, June 21, from 4-6pm.

Daisy Sifferman Cook, 1902 –1977 was born on a farm in Republic, Missouri. She had five children and was a school teacher for more than twenty years. After retiring at the age of 61, she began painting and was advised by her instructor to forget about the lessons and to develop her own distinctive style, after only a few classes.

Daisy Cook developed into an outstanding artist of the “primitive” school. Her canvases, documenting a way of life now long past, are historically of great value as well as artistically beautiful. Painted entirely from her childhood memories, the scenes are rich with humanity and an open door to a largely forgotten world and time. This was her way of recording and documenting a way of life that her grandchildren would never know.

The setting is rural family life in southwest Missouri at the turn of the century. The scenes that she recreated visually reveal her abiding faith in the basic goodness of people.

*Wild Grape Jelly*, *The Pie Supper*, and *The Church Picnic* large prints are available for purchase in the Longwell Museum Office. The cost is \$5 each. For more information please contact the museum office at: 417-455-5470.

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