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MEDIA ALERT | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

44th ANNUAL SPRING TENNESSEE CRAFT FAIR THIS WEEKEND

Nearly 200 regional artists to gather in Centennial Park

- WHAT:** The 44th Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair (formerly TACA Craft Fair) is expected to draw a crowd of around 50,000 people. Fairgoers will have the unique experience of interacting with artists and learning about handmade craft while also shopping a wide variety of goods created from wood, clay, glass, fiber and more. The Publix Kids' Tent will inspire future artists with re-use craft activities provided by community partners and local artists, the Demonstration Tent will be open to show how craft is made and the Emerging Makers Tent will showcase the next big thing in Tennessee Craft. **This event is free and open to the public.**
- WHO:** Tennessee Craft (formerly TACA) is a statewide, nonprofit organization. Founded in 1965, Tennessee Craft strives to continue and create Tennessee's fine craft tradition. Through their craft fairs, Tennessee Craft aims to introduce the residents of Tennessee to the art of fine craft, while providing a forum for creative and personal expression for the artists. For more information, visit www.tennesseecraft.org.
- WHEN:** **May 1, 2 & 3** beginning at 10 a.m. each day, continuing until 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.
- WHERE:** **Centennial Park** in Nashville, Tenn. on the lawn in front of the Parthenon.
- ONLINE:** Event website: <http://bit.ly/TennesseeCraftFair>. Photos available here: <http://bit.ly/CraftFairImages>.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- **One hundred and ninety-six exhibitors** join us this weekend from around the region and **154 exhibitors are from Tennessee.**
- The Publix Kids' Tent is a **zero-waste tent**. Children of all ages are invited to come learn how to make craft with recycled materials.
- The Publix Kids' Tent will host **performances** by the Nashville Public Library Puppet Truck at 10:30 and 2:30 Saturday and Sunday. Storytime with a dancer, presented by the Nashville Ballet, will occur on Friday and Saturday.
- The Nashville International Airport will provide a **free shuttle service** to fairgoers from the HCA parking lots on Park Plaza to the Tennessee Craft Fair. The shuttles will run in 15 minute loops on Saturday and Sunday only, beginning at 9 a.m. All guests are encouraged to use this free service.
- **Demonstrators:** The Clay Lady's Campus (clay), The Tennessee Association of Woodturners (wood), Sam Simms Stained Glass (glass).

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