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## **CALLING LOCAL AND REGIONAL MAKERS TO NASHVILLE**

*A Nashville tradition continues with the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (February 2, 2016) – Local and regional makers are invited to submit their artwork for 45th Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair by February 15, 2016. Nearly 200 of the region's finest craft artists will come together on the lawn in Centennial Park on Mother's Day Weekend, May 6, 7 and 8, for the juried show. Attracting approximately 45,000 visitors and earning \$1 million in exhibitor sales annually, the Tennessee Craft Fair is the premier outdoor arts event in Middle Tennessee.

The event serves as an opportunity for artists to showcase their work for retail sales and connect to the community by demonstrating and sharing their craft knowledge and inspiring future generations of craft artists and collectors. The Tennessee Craft Spring and Fall Fairs are the only two arts events on the Top 20 Public Events in Nashville ranked by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville.

The 45th Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair offers cash awards including Best of Show (\$1000), Best New Exhibitor, the Talle Johnson Memorial Award and five Merit Awards. These awards fulfill Tennessee Craft's mission of encouraging artists in their work, developing their craft and elevating their career. Tennessee Craft also offers artists 24-hour security, complimentary breakfast and parking, load-in and out behind booth, a new jury panel every fair plus professional advertising and promotion. This event is open to Tennessee residents and residents from contiguous states who are current members of eligible craft guilds in their state, as well as artists studying at Tennessee institutions.

To apply as a craft artist, visit: <http://bit.ly/2016SpringFair>  
For more information please visit [www.tennesseecraft.org](http://www.tennesseecraft.org).

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### *About Tennessee Craft*

The Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA) is now Tennessee Craft. Since 1965, the organization has worked to continue and create Tennessee's fine craft tradition. With more than 500 members throughout the state, Tennessee Craft serves as the premier connecting point for local, independent makers and their audiences through Craft Fairs, exhibitions, professional development and educational programs.

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