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**Mother and Daughter Craft Making Pair Celebrate Mother's Day Weekend at the  
45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING TENNESSEE CRAFT FAIR**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (April 21, 2016) – This year, the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair falls on Mother's Day weekend (May 6-8). Jessica Weiss plans to spend the weekend with her mom, Debby Weiss, in booth A54 selling their one-of-a-kind handmade leather bags alongside Jessica's established jewelry line. When asked what the most important aspect of their work together is, Jessica says, "That is easy. The most important thing is our relationship. Working together has brought us closer than I could have imagined. We laugh a lot, argue a lot and have a lot of fun!"

Mother and daughter play to their strengths in making each bag. Jessica focuses on form and design, while Debby handles construction and quality control. Jessica has big design ideas and Debby thinks through all the details of construction before starting each new project. This balance creates casually chic and durable bags.

Jessica's use of high quality materials, clean lines and brilliant colors, so evident in her jewelry work, also show up in their line of suede overnight bags. A bezel set stone has been incorporated on the zipper. "This kind of special little touch adds charm and makes each bag unique," Jessica says. "When I fly, I always look at what people carry onto the plane. Everyone has a purse, but not everyone has a vivid suede overnight bag. It just makes you feel good!"

The Tennessee Craft Fair is one of the first places Jessica started showing her jewelry and loves that she and her mom now share an adjoining tent to showcase their line of leather goods. When preparing for the fair, Jessica gets nervous about what to bring. Once all the displays are up, Jessica and Debby get excited about what they have created together and look forward to sharing their work with new customers. Watch for bigger, more glamorous travel bags from this pair in the future.

The Spring Tennessee Craft Fair will be open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tennessee Craft's (formerly known as TACA) Spring and Fall Fairs are recognized as the premier craft festivals in Nashville and the Southeast, drawing 40-50,000 attendees from Boston, Houston, San Francisco and further. With the Parthenon as a backdrop, tents filled with one-of-a-kind handmade craft from over 200 fine craft artists take over Centennial Park. Shop for the perfect gift for someone special (including yourself), watch live craft demonstrations, participate in the Publix Kids' Tent and grab some delicious food! The events serve as an opportunity for artists to showcase their work and connect to the community, demonstrating and sharing their craft knowledge and inspiring future generations of craft artists and collectors.

The Metropolitan Airport Authority will generously provide a free shuttle service for visitors on Saturday and Sunday. Shuttles will run in 15-minute loops from the HCA Parking Lots located on Park Plaza to the Tennessee Craft Fair. All guests are encouraged to use this service.

As always, this event is free and open to the public. For more information please visit <http://tennesseecraft.org/springfair>

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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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