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## 44th Annual Fall Tennessee Craft Fair

Discover Early Holiday Gifts Handmade by National Craft Artists

NASHVILLE, TN (August 23, 2022)—Tennessee Craft presents the <u>44th Annual Fall Tennessee Craft Fair</u>, **October 7, 8 and 9**, in Nashville's iconic Centennial Park. Artists from across the nation will exhibit their handmade craft on the Great Lawn adjacent to the Parthenon, showcasing original artwork from clay, jewelry and leather to wood, glass, painting and more.

The ever-popular Kids' Tent, sponsored by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, will return with hands-on activities for families. Organizational partners will be onsite throughout the weekend sharing a variety of craft techniques. Volunteers from the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, East Nashville Hope Exchange, Frist Art Museum, Hatch Show Print, Nashville Public Library, Shimai Gallery of Contemporary Craft, Tennessee State Museum, and Turnip Green Creative Reuse will guide children through art activities that they can recreate at home using ordinary materials and their creativity. Family favorite Wishing Chair Productions Puppet Truck will perform 'Hansel and Gretel' on Saturday and Sunday.

In the Demonstration Tent, watch and learn "how it's made" from the Tennessee Association of Woodturners and the Clay Lady's Campus. Roger Smith of Culleoka will demonstrate peach pit carving on Friday and Saturday, while 2022 Master Artist Apprentice Program fiber/textile artist M Kelley of Nashville will join the Demonstration Tent on Sunday.

The MW Real Estate Emerging Makers Tent is another exciting place to be during the fair! Artists who are just beginning their craft careers or are exhibiting in a craft fair for the first time work together in a group selling environment to support each other in set up, display, sales and customer service.

Through the fairs and a robust calendar of year-round programs, Tennessee Craft impacts current and future generations of craft artists and collectors. Tennessee Craft Fairs (held each Spring and Fall) are the premier outdoor events for artists to showcase and sell their work in an intimate and personal setting. Craft artists connect with the community by demonstrating their craft knowledge and processes.

As always, this free event is accessible to the public – with free parking and free shuttle service on Saturday and Sunday. Shuttles will run in 15-minute loops from the HCA Parking Lots located on Park Plaza to the entrance of the Tennessee Craft Fair. Gray Line of Tennessee generously provides this free service.

Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more details, maps and event information, please visit tennesseecraft.org/fallfair.

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About Tennessee Craft: Tennessee Craft, formerly The Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA), works 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, networking, mentorship and other educational programs. Visit tennesseecraft.org to learn more.