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Daily Schedule for the 77th League of NH Craftsmen's Fair, August 7-15, 2010



CONCORD, NH –The 77th Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair, held August 7-15 at the Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury, NH, celebrates fine craft and the spirit, skill and creativity of its makers – featuring 350 juried members of the League. For nine days, the Fair provides fun, educational, and entertaining activities for all ages. Demonstrations and workshops give visitors an opportunity to see first-hand how fine craft is made, and to learn how to make their own handcrafted treasures. Tour with a Master provides an in-depth look at how a particular craft is made. Other highlights include a demonstration and lecture by special guest Eric O'Leary, a renowned ceramic artist, on Monday, August 9, and daily screenings of a documentary about the League's history (*A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN: New Hampshire and the American Craft Movement*), and a variety of musical performances. Here is the schedule:

All 9 Days: Demonstrations and Workshops (held all day, unless otherwise noted)

Outdoor Sculpture Building Workshop – Mark Ragonese (*Bellows Falls, VT*)
Soap Carving Workshop – Tom Worcester (*Hopkinton, NH*), 1 pm
Pottery at the Fair Workshop – NH Potters Guild, every half hour
Annual Ornament (Two Turtle Doves) Wood Demonstration – Peggy Roth (*Dublin, NH*)
Chainsaw Carving Demonstration – Tom Worcester (*Hopkinton, NH*)
Blacksmithing Demonstration –Garry Kalajian (*Concord, NH*)
Special One-on-One Workshop with a Master Craftsperson:
Glass Blowing with Harry Besett (*Hardwick, VT*), every day at 10:30 am and 4 pm
Carved Clay Demonstration – Natalie Blake (*Brattleboro, VT*)
Printmaking Demonstration – Matt Brown (*Lyme, NH*)
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All 9 Days: Demonstrations and Workshops – Continued (held all day, unless otherwise noted)

Basket Weaving Demonstration – Ray Lagasse (*Lempster, NH*)

Stained Glass Demonstration – Hans Schepker (*Harrisville, NH*)

Porcelain Ceramic Demonstration – Lulu Fichter (*Peterborough, NH*)

Raku Pot Demonstration – Richard Foye (*South Newfane, VT*)

Tools for Kids Workshop– David Emerson (*Canterbury, NH*), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Woodworking Demonstration – Guild of NH Woodworkers, Granite State Woodcarvers, and Granite State Woodturners

Glass Blowing Demonstration – Harry Besett (*Hardwick, VT*)

Fine Arts Demonstrations – Watercolor and other art demonstrations by NHAA members

All 9 Days: Showings of *A League of Our Own: New Hampshire and the American Craft Movement*,
10 am and 2 pm

All 9 Days: FREE Tour With a Master, 3 pm

A League member will take fairgoers through many of the craft booths to discuss how a particular type of craft is made. Tours include: Wood with Terry Moore; Metal with Paulette Werger and Kerstin Nichols; Glass with Nathan Macomber; and Fiber with Suzanne Connor.

All 9 Days: Exhibitions:

Living With Craft: Room vignettes furnished entirely with handmade craft

Sculpture Garden: Outdoor sculpture and garden accessories

CraftWear: Art-to-wear clothing, jewelry, and accessories for men, women, and children

New Hampshire Art Association (NHAA): Fine art by NHAA members

Here Comes the Sun: Prints by League and NHAA printmakers

All 9 Days: *The Shop at the Fair:*

The Shop at the Fair is a cooperative operated by members of the League of NH Craftsmen. The Shop features the work of juried League members who may not have individual booths at the Fair or are involved with the Fair as craft demonstrators, workshop instructors, or exhibitors.

Saturday, August 7

Wood Carving Inset Letters, Teen/Adult workshop –Grant Taylor (*South Acworth, NH*), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Shaker Crafts Demonstration – Canterbury Shaker Village & Enfield Shaker Museum, all day

Spinning Demonstration – Sarah Bohorquez (*Hampstead, NH*), all day

Beading Demonstration – Bead Society of NH, all day

Rug Hooking Demonstration – White Mountain Woolen Magic, all day

Rug Braiding Demonstration – Sandy Luckury (*Bradford, NH*) and Delsie Hoyt-Eaton – Dorr Mill Fiber Guild, all day

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm) – Persian Blue, Alternative/indie rock and Persian folk music

Sunday, August 8

Wood Carving Inset Letters, Teen/Adult workshop –Grant Taylor (*South Acworth, NH*), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Craft Demonstrations –Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grantees sponsored by the NH State Council on the Arts, all day

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Sunday, August 8 (continued)

- Rug Braiding** – Barbara Fisher (*Mt. Sunapee, NH*), all day
- Rug Hooking Demonstration** – White Mountain Woolen Magic, all day
- Knitting Demonstration** – Monadnock Knitters Guild, all day
- Quilting Demonstration** – Capital Quilters Guild, all day
- Performance of the Day** (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm) – Panhandlers, Big Steel band playing island music

Monday, August 9

SPECIAL GUEST Demonstration and Lecture by Ceramic Artist Eric O'Leary:

Eric will demonstrate his ceramic techniques, which are inspired by traditional Japanese and Mexican forms. His vision of innovative integrative design features ceramic elements in relation to other materials. Eric will give a demonstration at 11 am and a lecture at 2 pm.

Basket Weaving, Teen/Adult Workshop – Ruth Boland (*Merrimack, NH*), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Ceramics Demonstration – Eric O'Leary (*Meriden, NH*), all day

Smocking Demonstration – Beth Lux (*Bow, NH*), all day

Weaving Demonstration – NH Weavers Guild, all day

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm) – Crunchy Western Boys, playing original, crunchy, bluegrass, folk and Americana tunes

Tuesday, August 10

Basket Weaving, Teen/Adult Workshop – Ruth Boland (*Merrimack, NH*), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Craft Demonstrations – New Hampshire Art Association, all day

Smocking Demonstration – Beth Lux (*Bow, NH*), all day

Quilted Postcards Workshop, all ages – Cathy Harvey (*Spofford, NH*), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Painting & Fiber Art Demonstrations – New Hampshire Art Association members, all day

Woodworking Demonstration Tools for Kids, basic wood tools techniques – David Emerson (*Canterbury, NH*) –, all day

Weaving Demonstration – NH Weavers Guild, all day

Embroidery Demonstration – Embroiderers' Guild of America, NH chapter, all day

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm) – Audrey Drake, sweet soulful melodies with storytelling

Wednesday, August 11

Quilted Postcards Workshop, all ages – Cathy Harvey (*Spofford, NH*), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Native American Arts & Crafts Demonstration – Mt. Keasarge Indian Museum, all day

Decorative Gourds Demonstration – Micheline (*Merrimack, NH*), all day

Booking Making & Paste Paper Demonstration – Adele Sanborn (*Webster, NH*), all day

Basketmaking Demonstration – Northeast Basketmakers Guild, all day

Quilting Demonstration – Heritage Quilters Guild, all day

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm) – Amoskeag Strummers, patriotic, classical, Dixieland, and Broadway tunes, along with the sounds of the 20s, 30s, and 40s

Thursday, August 12

Native American Arts & Crafts Demonstration – Mt. Keasarge Indian Museum, all day

Booking Making & Paste Paper Demonstration – Adele Sanborn (*Webster, NH*), all day

Acoustic Guitar Making Demonstration – John Whiteside (*Fremont, NH*), all day

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Thursday, August 12 (continued)

Quilting Demonstration – Soo Nipi Quilters Guild, all day

Doll Making Demonstration – Jen Carson – Dorr Mill Fiber Guild

Rug Hooking Demonstration – Pam Bartlett – Dorr Mill Fiber Guild

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm) – Kathy Lowe with Petreflections Live, performance art where reflections of the earth in water come alive with mask, drum, and song

Friday, August 13

Traditional Craft Demonstrations – NH Farm Museum, all day

Basketmaking Demonstration – Ruth Boland (*Merrimack, NH*), all day

Sashiko Quilting Demonstration – Cathy Harvey (*Spofford, NH*), all day

Beading and Embroidery Demonstration – Marie Wiggins (*Sunapee, NH*), all day

Quilting Demonstration – Soo Nipi Quilters Guild, all day

Rug Hooking Demonstration – Jan Seavey – Dorr Mill Fiber Guild

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm) – The Buskers, folk, jazz and roots rock music

Saturday, August 14

Rug Hooking Demonstration – White Mountain Woolen Magic, all day

Rug Braiding – Sandy Luckury (*Bradford, NH*), all day

Beading and Embroidery Demonstration – Marie Wiggins (*Sunapee, NH*), all day

Polymer Clay Demonstration – NH Polymer Clay Guild, all day

Basketmaking Demonstration – Northeast Basketmakers Guild, all day

Beading Demonstration – Bead Society of NH, all day

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm) – Funky Divas of Gospel, traditional gospel songs from other faiths and cultures

Sunday, August 15

Arks for Our Time Pottery Workshop, all ages – Liz Fletcher (Mason, NH), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Rug Hooking Demonstration – White Mountain Woolen Magic, all day

Woodcarving Demonstration – William Schnute (Wilton, NH), all day

Beading Demonstration – Bead Society of NH, all day

Spinning/Dyeing Demonstration – NH Guild of Spinners and Dyers, all day

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm) – The Sea Captains, pop/rock music for all ages

Fair Information and Online Ticket Sales

The lead sponsor for the 77th Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair is the Duprey Company. The Fair will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily, rain or shine, from August 7-15. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors, students, active duty military (with ID), and groups of 20 or more. Admission is free for children 12 and under. A ticket includes admission to all exhibitions and demonstrations, as well as a second day free return to the Fair. Tickets are available for advance purchase on the League's website, www.nhcrafts.org. Having tickets in advance is a great way to avoid the long ticket lines at the gate.

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Parking is free and childcare is available on site at \$2 per hour. Picnic areas, as well as a food tent, indoor cafeterias, and an outdoor Garden Café (serving adult beverages) are open daily. No pets are permitted on the fairgrounds or left in cars in the parking lots.

About the League of NH Craftsmen

The League of NH Craftsmen is a non-profit, craft education organization. Its mission is to encourage, nurture and promote the creation, use and preservation of fine contemporary and traditional craft through the inspiration and education of artists and the broader community. The League represents the *signature of excellence* in fine craft, through the work of its juried members, and its rigorous standards for self expression, vision, and quality craftsmanship.



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For more information about the Fair, or the League of NH Craftsmen, call 603-224-3375, email nhleague@nhcrafts.org, or visit the League's website at www.nhcrafts.org.

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