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Daily Schedule for the 78th League of NH Craftsmen's Fair, August 6-14, 2011



CONCORD, NH –The 78th Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair, held August 6-14 at the Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury, NH, celebrates fine craft and the spirit, skill and creativity of its makers – featuring more than 300 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 daily musical performances, including the nationally known Pousette-Dart Band on Saturday, August 13, and daily screenings of a documentary about the League's history, *A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN: New Hampshire and the American Craft Movement*. Here is the schedule:

All 9 Days: Demonstrations and Workshops (held all day, unless otherwise noted)
Outdoor Sculpture Building Workshop (all ages) with Mark Ragonese (Bellows Falls, VT)
Pottery at the Fair Workshops (all ages) with the NH Potters Guild
Glass Blowing Workshop (adult) with Harry Besett (Hardwick, VT), 10:30 am, 3 pm
Tools for Kids Workshop (children) with Dave Emerson (Canterbury, NH)
Chainsaw Carving Demonstration by Tom Worcester (Hopkinton, NH)
Blacksmithing Demonstration by Garry Kalajian (Concord, NH)
Glass Blowing Demonstration by Philip Jacobs (North Conway, NH), all day
Hand Painting Silk Demonstration by Ann Peck (Topsham, VT), all day
Etching Demonstration by Bruce Peck (Topsham, VT), all day

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

Basket Weaving Demonstration by Raymond Lagasse (Lempster, NH), all day

Bead Making Demonstration by Marcia Herson (Bedford, NH) and Nancy Tobey (Ayer, MA), all day

Porcelain (wheel throwing and finishing) **Demonstration** by Lulu Fichter (Peterborough, NH), all day

Raku Pots Demonstration by Richard Foye (South Newfane, VT), all day

Glass Blowing Demonstration by Harry Besett (Hardwick, VT), all day

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. The tours will cover wood, prints, glass, metal, fiber, and clay.

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

Starry Starry Night: 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 6th:

Wood Carving Inset Letters Workshop (teen/adult) with Grant Taylor (South Acworth, NH),
10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Rug Braiding Demonstration by Sandy Luckury (Bradford, NH), all day

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

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm): **The Crab Shack Band**, blues and rock that make you want to dance

Sunday, August 7th:

Introduction to Paper Making Workshop (all ages) with Angie Follensbee-Hall (Cornish Flat, NH),
10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Wood Carving Inset Letters Workshop (teen/adult) with Grant Taylor (South Acworth, NH),
10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm): **The Tall Granite Jazz Band**, a spirited homage to the evolution of jazz

Monday, August 8th:

Photography Today Demonstration (darkroom and black & white print techniques) by Dick Hudnall,
(Nashua, NH) all day

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

Wood Spinning Demonstration by Sarah Bohorquez (Hampstead, NH), all day

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm): **Click Horning**, folk/rock singer and songwriter

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Tuesday, August 9th:

Introduction to Paper Making Workshop (all ages) with Angie Follensbee-Hall (Cornish Flat, NH), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Beaded Rings Workshop (teen/adult) with Deb Fairchild (Hampstead, NH), 10:30 am, 2 pm

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm): **NOTEable DECADES**, covering music from the 1950s-1980s, ABBA, Heart, B52s, ELO - something for everyone

Wednesday, August 10:

Introduction to Paper Making Workshop (all ages) with Angie Follensbee-Hall (Cornish Flat, NH), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

Beaded Rings Workshop (teen/adult) with Deb Fairchild (Hampstead, NH), 10:30 am, 2 pm

Photography Today Demonstration (darkroom and black & white print techniques) by Dick Hudnall (Nashua, NH), all day

Calligraphic Uncial & Book Making Demonstration by Adele Sanborn (Webster, NH), all day

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm): **Castlebay**, poignant ballads interspersed with joyous dance tunes played in the Celtic tradition

Thursday, August 11:

Calligraphic Uncial & Book Making Demonstration by Adele Sanborn (Webster, NH), all day

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

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm): **Audrey Budington, Samantha Allman & Katie Allman**, a teen trio that plays in the New Hampshire dance and ballad tradition, including all manner of Celtic music.

Friday, August 12:

Decorative Gourds Demonstration by Micheline (Merrimack, NH), all day

Beading & Embroidery Demonstration by Marie Wiggins (Sunapee, NH), all day

Collector's Seminar: *The Art of Collecting Fine Craft*, 12 pm

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm): **GrassDawgs**, playing a mix of traditional bluegrass, old time, folk and jam band music ("jamgrass")

Saturday, August 13:

Beading & Embroidery Demonstration by Marie Wiggins (Sunapee, NH), all day

Rug Braiding Demonstration by Sandy Luckury (Bradford, NH), all day

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

SPECIAL Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm): **Pousette-Dart Band**, award-winning music veteran Jon Pousette-Dart is a superb storyteller in the classic pop/folk singer-songwriter tradition with a great sense of rhythm, timing, engaging delivery, and music that is incredibly infectious.

Sunday, August 14:

Among the Little People Workshop (all ages) with Liz Fletcher (Mason, NH), 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 2 pm, 3:15 pm

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

Wood Spinning Demonstration by Sarah Bohorquez (Hampstead, NH), all day

Performance of the Day (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm): **Monadnock Chorus Chamber Singers** performing a variety of light show tunes, spirituals and more contemporary pieces

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Fair Information

The lead sponsor for the 78th Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair is The Duprey Companies. The Fair is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily, rain or shine, from August 6-14. 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, demonstrations, and musical performances as well as a second day free return to the Fair.

Parking is free and childcare is available on site at \$3 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.

Early Discount Tickets

Having tickets in advance is a great way to avoid the long ticket lines at the gate. Visitors who purchase their tickets on the League's website, www.nhcrafts.org, will receive a \$1 discount, plus no convenience fee. This discount will be offered until August 5. Discounted ticket purchases are also available at the Lake Sunapee Area Chamber of Commerce through August 5.

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. You can also find the League of NH Craftsmen, the Annual Craftsmen's Fair, and each of the League's eight retail galleries on Facebook.