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**Annual NH Open Doors Shopping & Touring Event Offers Weekend of Fun:  
200+ Vendors and Craftsmen; Demonstrations and Workshops;  
Food and Wine Tastings and Great Shopping Deals**

NEW HAMPSHIRE – The annual NH Open Doors Shopping & Touring Event, which occurs on Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3, celebrates its 8<sup>th</sup> year this fall with more than 200 New Hampshire artists, craftspeople, cultural organizations, retail shops, wineries, farmstands, restaurants, lodging establishments, and businesses showing their best and providing a fun tour of the state for the entire family. Visitors can start their holiday shopping early and purchase items that are made here in New Hampshire, meet and talk with artists and craftspeople as they work in their studios, sample fresh products from farmstands and orchards, and savor fine cuisine and wine at local restaurants. Participants are holding special activities, including craft demonstrations and workshops, horse-and-buggy rides, food samplings, raffles, and more. There are a variety of hotels, bed-and-breakfast, and other lodging properties and dining options to suit all tastes and budgets.

The event website, [www.nhopendoors.com](http://www.nhopendoors.com), enables visitors to create a weekend of adventure by designing their own self-guided tour using a custom-designed Google Map. Using the website's search function, visitors find participants by category and region, and then use the interactive Google Map to get driving directions from one vendor to the next. Beginning on or about October 26, a printable map and listing of all NH Open Doors participants will be available for download as well. Printed maps are also available at New Hampshire's Welcome Information Centers throughout the state.

**Passport Contest for Visitors:** The NH Open Doors Passport Contest provides visitors with another reason to take the tour – they can win great prizes. Visitors can download an NH Open

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Doors Passport from the *NH Open Doors* website, visit 10 locations in New Hampshire or just 5 locations in the White Mountains/Great North Woods Region, and have the participant sign and date the passport. Completed passports are then automatically entered into a raffle to win some great prizes.

NH Open Doors is managed by two statewide organizations, the League of NH Craftsmen and NH Made, and receives promotional assistance from the New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development and numerous art, craft, and business organizations throughout the state.

“NH Open Doors gives people of all ages a chance to explore many parts of the state they may never have seen before, and gain a greater appreciation of the artisans hard at work in this state,” said Susie Lowe-Stockwell, executive director of the League of NH Craftsmen. Trish Ballantyne, executive director of NH Made adds, “It also promotes the growing variety of New Hampshire-made products and locally owned businesses that contribute to the character of our communities. So make a shopping list, grab a map and plan to *Live Free & Discover* all that New Hampshire has to offer!”

### **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. For more information about the League of NH Craftsmen call 603-224-3375, email [nhleague@nhcrafts.org](mailto:nhleague@nhcrafts.org), or visit the League’s website at [www.nhcrafts.org](http://www.nhcrafts.org).

### **About NH Made**

NH Made is the official statewide marketing organization whose mission is to strengthen the local economy by increasing the awareness of and demand for New Hampshire made products and services and providing the support programs local businesses need to grow. For more information about NH MADE’s brand identity program call 603-679-9800, email [info@nhmade.com](mailto:info@nhmade.com), or visit [www.nhmade.com](http://www.nhmade.com).