



WELCOME FAIR PARTICIPANTS! “Tent Poles” opening message for 2026

Emergency Contacts

Event Manager Karina Jonas: 603-748-6911

Executive Director Kate Saunders: 603-520-6000

We will provide updates on our visitor count at the gate on a regular basis during the Fair, and provide daily updates at the link below.. You can also access that page by scanning the QR code on your Fair badge: <https://nhcrafts.org/fair-updates/>

WIFI information is available in the office and/or in booth packets for all booth holders. It is to be used for Point-of-Sale devices ONLY.

OPENING DAY - all booth holders must be in their booths at 9 AM with all of their electrical devices on so that our electrician can check the system and make sure we are all set. Please ensure you are only plugged in to the power for your booth, and that your cords are kept off the ground.

FAIR BADGES FOR 2026:

To reduce both staff time and material costs year to year, we have moved to reusable badges for Fair participants. Badges are tracked, and expected to be returned. Replacement charges will apply to missing badges.

We have added names to the badges for just a few categories including: League Staff & Booth Holders, all other badges are numbered for tracking and do not include participant names.

BADGES PROVIDED IN PACKET: Booth Holders, Booth Assistants, Guest Vendors, Food Vendors

DAILY BADGES: The Shop at the Fair/Art, Craft & Design Exhibition (restock & volunteers), Daily Demonstrators

- Must be signed out and returned DAILY at the Badge Tent at Gate 2

PLEASE SEE GUIDE BELOW FOR DETAILS ON BADGE USE:

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ACD/TSATF/DEMO FAIR PARTICIPANTS: If you are being accompanied for your ACD/TSATF/DEMO volunteer or restock time by a friend or family member who is there to assist you, that person MUST sign up to be a general volunteer (though they will work their time with you). They will sign out a RED general volunteer badge and sign a waiver in the Information Tent. Email volunteers@nhcrafts.org to arrange this.

2026 FAIR BADGES OVERVIEW:

BOOTH HOLDERS (League, Guest, Next Gen):

- **Details:** Provided in booth packet, keep for duration of Fair, return at close
- Next Generation participants are issued (2) booth assistant badges. All other booth holders are issued (4) booth assistant badges.

BOOTH ASSISTANT:

- **Details:** Provided in booth packet, for DAILY USE, return to Badge Tent or booth holder at close of each day
 - Assistants will NOT be permitted to enter the Fairgrounds to fetch a badge from a booth, please leave badges for anticipated helpers at the Badge Tent in advance
 - Booth holders are responsible for returning ALL assistant badges at the close of the Fair
 - A sticker is on each assistant badge with the booth number and A, B, C, or D for tracking
 - These are not tickets to the Fair. These badges are only to be used by assistants directly and actively helping booth holders

FOOD VENDORS:

- **Details:** Provided in booth packet, keep for duration of Fair, return at close
 - Food vendors may leave badges at Badge Tent for pick up each morning if staffing changes throughout the Fair.
 - Food vendors are issued a specific number of badges in advance. If more are needed, they must request them at the Fair Office.

GUEST VENDORS:

- **Details:** Provided in booth packet, keep for duration of Fair, return at close
 - Guest vendors may leave badges at Badge Tent for pick up each morning if staffing changes throughout the Fair.
 - Guest vendors are issued a specific number of badges in advance. If more are needed, they must request them at the Fair Office.

FAIR PARTICIPANTS:

- **Details:** Pick up each day at the Badge Tent at Gate 2, return at the end of each day
- These badges are for League members who are actively restocking or volunteering for TSATF, ACD, or demonstrations ONLY.
- League members looking for their "FREE TICKET" need to enter through the regular Gate.

LEAGUE STAFF:

EVENT STAFF:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VIP, GALLERY STAFF, COLLECTOR'S CIRCLE:

ADDITIONAL FAIR PARTICIPANTS, MUSICAL PERFORMERS:

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS:

Badge return boxes are available across the Fairgrounds at the Badge Tent (until 3pm), Gate 2, Info Tent, Guild Tent, and Fair Office. Thank you for returning any badges used!

FAIR PACKET CONTENTS:

- Badges/assistant Badges
 - Badges need to be worn at all times on the Fairgrounds
- WIFI Information (white 1/4 sheet)
 - **For POS devices ONLY.**
 - To ensure consistent service for everyone, please DO NOT share with guests, or use for social media updates, music streaming, etc.
- Volunteer Request Form (pink sheet)
 - Volunteers are limited each day. To request help on specific days, return this form to the Info Tent. You can also give your request forms to your tent captain!
 - **Priority will be given to booth holders who submit request forms.**
- Smiley Face (yellow sheet)
 - Hang this in a prominent spot in your booth to show the volunteers you would like them to stop and check on you
 - Volunteers cannot take payments or make sales, but will happily occupy and watch your booth while you take a short break!
- Sales Report (white sheet)
 - Must be turned in before you move out.
 - Give to your tent captain, Event Manager Karina Jonas or the Fair Office
 - You can also submit online!

GENERAL NOTICES:

If you have cardboard to be recycled, please break down all boxes and use the recycling dumpster located between Spruce Lodge and Gate 2.

Parking at the Fair for All Participants:

All participants are expected to park in Lot 2. There will be a space for longer term parking for trailers –reach out to Event Manager Karina Jonas for details as needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, email eventmanager@nhcrafts.org and Karina can assist you.

****Craftsmen's Lounge**:**

The area is located in the Competition Center (behind the food vendor area, between the ACD tent and Tent 4).

The League Staff works to make sure that there is coffee made and that snacks are available by 9 AM daily, beginning on August 1. You are welcome to use your re-usable mug or tumbler to take your coffee to go, but please no filling of a thermos - we need to have enough for everyone! Thank you for cleaning up after yourself!

2026 FAIR TENT CAPTAINS:

Tent captains communicate with the Event Manager each day of the Fair. They are a good point of contact with any questions or concerns, and may be used to relay important information to the booth holders in their tent.

Location	Name	Booth #	Phone Number	Email
Tent 1	Larry Elardo	107	978 430 3039	larryelardo48@gmail.com
Tent 1	Kathleen Litchfield	112	413-522-0358	kathy@firecrowhandwovens.com
Tent 2	Catherine Green	202	603 770 6781	cgreenart@earthlink.net
Tent 2	Caitlin Burch	211	802 490 8703	caitlinburch@gmail.com
Tent 3	Erica Walker	307	603 748 3375	ericawalker@tds.net
Tent 3	Lisa DeMio	301	603 770-5338	lisa@redstaggerwing.com
Tent 4	Paulette Werger	406	(603) 748-1484	paulette.werger@gmail.com
Tent 5	Michael Updike	532	978 417 9481	mupdike222@comcast.net
Tent 5	Hethre Larivee	522	603 748-9862	grittyglass76@gmail.com
Tent 6	Sheilagh Flynn	633	508 264 8059	flynnclaystudio@aol.com
Tent 7	Aaron Slater	714	603 380 3004	aaronkslater@hotmail.com
Tent 7	Tara Santoro	710	401 439-0772	Tara@TaraOriginals.com
Tent 8	Anne Behrsing	803	603 547 9955	info@annebehrsingjewelry.com
NHAA	Carol Van Loon		603 799 1941	carol@nhartassociation.org

Demo/Sales – contact Karina Jonas directly - 603-496-5239 or eventmanager@nhcrafts.org

PREVIEW PARTY:

Friday July 31st at 5:00 PM. Exhibition participants (ACD and SG) had tickets sent to them via email to attend. Please have your tickets ready - either printed or saved to a device to be scanned at **Gate 1** when you arrive this evening. ***Please enter only through Gate 1 to attend!***

CRAFTSMEN APPRECIATION NIGHT - Tuesday August 4th

On **Tuesday** evening there is a casual social night at the Sunapee Lodge beginning at 5:30 PM. Twenty-year booth holders will be recognized.

The skyride will operate until 6:00 PM that evening. Light fare and drinks will be available, this year provided by our special guest chef, Alan Natkiel from Georgia's Northside. Alan spent countless summers at the Fair with his dad, Paul, a League potter. From carrying heavy boxes of pottery to sliding down the slope on cardboard - Alan is excited to share his love of the League through his food crafted for you!

Booth holders each have one free ticket. They may pick up their ticket in the Fair office - by Tuesday morning please. Additional tickets for guests and other Fair participants may be purchased in the office for \$15 each.

During the Fair, we are happy to accept Want Ads and funny/special Fair stories and memories to share in our Daily Tentpoles. Please send them via email to snyhan@nhcrafts.org