



TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION  
OF CRAFT ARTISTS

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### **VISIT THE 37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TACA TENNESSEE CRAFT FAIR Discover one of Nashville's most enduring traditions as craft artists from across the state take over Centennial Park**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA) announces the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Tennessee Crafts Fair, set for Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in Nashville's Centennial Park, sponsored by First Tennessee Bank. The fair will run from 10am to 6pm Friday and Saturday and from 10am to 5pm on Sunday. Parking and admission are free and open to the public.

Visitors of every age, taste and budget can enjoy the artistic and diverse collection of fine crafts the TACA Tennessee Craft Fair is known for delivering. Handmade pieces including objects of clay, fiber, glass, metals, wood and mixed media, in addition to jewelry, fine wearables, sculpture, photography and original prints created by Tennessee's finest artisans will be available for purchase. The Kid's Tent, sponsored by Publix Supermarkets, Inc, offers children of all ages the opportunity to get their hands dirty while taking advantage of activities provided by non-profit partners from across the mid-state. Children will walk away with a handmade piece of art, an appreciation for craft, and a smile on their faces!

"TACA is proud to produce an event that not only residents of the mid-state area, but visitors alike can enjoy," says interim Executive Director William Mullins. "This is not only an opportunity to shop and find that perfect Mother's Day gift, but a meeting ground where the collector can interact with the creator and all can celebrate the work of the hand."

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More than 170 exhibitors are set to the picturesque scenery of the full-scale replica of the Parthenon, creating the perfect outdoor art gallery to highlight Tennessee's finest craft artists. Named one of the "Top 20 Events in the Southeast" by the Southeast Tourism Society and as part of Celebrate Nashville in 2007, this event showcases Tennessee's most talented craft artists, as selected by a jury, offering their highest quality work to Middle Tennessee.

"We believe that we are producing an important service to the visitors of the Fair," Mullins explains. "It's an education in fine craft art, a lesson in history and an opportunity to learn about the hands behind your favorite mug."

Visitors to the Fair are invited to step into the LifeWorks/Empty Bowls and TACA Demonstration Tents. Members of the TACA family will demonstrate a number of craft disciplines including the creation of vessels made of clay and fabric, stained glass techniques, and wood turning. Crowd favorite and Culleoka, Tenn. resident Roger Smith will be onsite showcasing his talent for carving intricate miniature forms created from peach pits.

Founded in 1965, the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA) is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging, developing and promoting crafts and craftspeople in Tennessee. Through the use of Craft Fairs, TACA works to expose the residents of Tennessee to the art of fine craft, while providing a forum for creative and personal expression for the artists. For more information, visit [www.tennesseeecrafts.org](http://www.tennesseeecrafts.org).

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