

52nd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair to benefit the

Shelton Jaycees

P.O. Box 2334 Shelton, Connecticut 06484

Wendy J.W. Holden, Event Chair



Dear Exhibitor:

On behalf of the Shelton Jaycees alumni group, the Geese & Bear club, I'm excited to invite you to our ***52nd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair on Sunday June 5th, 2016.*** This year's rain date is on June 12th.

Always on the Huntington Green, this all-volunteer run event has grown into an established community tradition, kicking off the summer season in Fairfield County.

Last year's co-chairs Kate Jager & Jim Nissen are going to be traveling for work on our scheduled date. They've recruited me to take over for them and I couldn't be more excited! 12 years ago I was the one who convinced Kate to chair this project her first time and she's run it almost every year since! My friend Jim has volunteered at this event along with me for over twenty years. My very first time chairing this event was in 1992 when we set our all time record for most exhibitors. It's been a long time since I've been the one in charge but Kate & Jim are going to be very active helping our committee of Jaycee alumni do some of the advance work.

This year's online show advertising will increase dramatically. Print promotion will be in all of the major area newspapers as well as on radio and community event listings. Web promotion will include a dedicated Arts and Crafts Fair page on our main website in addition to our regular Arts & Crafts Fair facebook page!

Special note for new exhibitors: We're serious about diversity being the hallmark of our fair and we limit the number of exhibitors in each craft category to 3. Our fair is a juried event and cash prizes are awarded. Items must be your own hand crafted pieces or original fine artwork pieces.

Please complete our application and return it to us along with a description of your work and some photographs. We need to see your work, your work in progress and your work space. If you have exhibited with us before, you don't need to enclose the photographs.

Our best source of new participants has always been word of mouth referrals. We feel our tradition of having a high quality diverse group of exhibitors is so important we're offering past exhibitors a \$5 registration rebate if they refer a new non-jewelry exhibitor. Why must it be a new non-jewelry exhibitor you ask? The answer is because we routinely have to deny dozens upon dozens of jewelry exhibitors each year. Our jewelry categories just fill up too fast. If the "New" (non-jewelry) exhibitor referral is accepted, and is either brand new to our fair or has not attended our fair in over three years, both the past exhibitor and the new referral will receive a \$5 registration rebate on the morning of the event!

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When referring a new exhibitor you can either make a photocopy of our application for them, or send them to www.sheltonjaycees.org where he or she can download the application for themselves. You can also just have them give us a phone call and we'll be more than happy to mail them a paper application of their own. Then each of you just needs to fill out the referral section on the application. (Of course you can refer as many exhibitor as you'd like! Only 1 referral rebate can be issued per exhibitor.)

This year we're offering our Arts & Crafts Exhibitors an "Early Bird Rate" of \$69 when your application is postmarked by April 15th, 2016. To qualify for the regular pre-registered price of \$79, your application must be postmarked no later than May 25th, 2016. All Food Vendors must pre-register by May 25th and the fee remains constant at \$89. Sending your application in early will help ensure your acceptance.

Please include your check or money order with your application.

Any photos we receive will be returned to you within 10 days along with a confirmation letter. Even if you are not able to participate in 2016, please complete the application and return it to us so we can keep you on our mailing list.

Please send your application to: ***The Shelton Jaycees, Arts and Crafts Fair
P.O. Box 2334, Shelton, CT 06484***

The application together with some additional details are attached. If you have any questions, just give me a call any time before 9 pm. If you can't reach me right away, you can also call Kate Jager at (203) 623-6698 or Jim Nissen at (203) 521-2498. We're looking forward to another beautiful and profitable day for everyone!

Sincerely,

Wendy J.W. Holden

2016 Arts & Crafts Fair Event Chair
(203) 913-3147 ~ artsandcraftsfair@sheltonjaycees.org



Share our event on-line at
www.sheltonjaycees.org/annual-arts-crafts-fair/
or
www.facebook.com/SheltonJayceesAnnualArtsandCraftsFair

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2016 Arts & Crafts Fair Application

___ YES I would like to reserve an Arts & Crafts Exhibitor space at the 52nd Annual Arts & Craft Fair to benefit the Shelton Jaycees. I will provide my own table, chair, and display equipment.

___ YES I would like to reserve a Food Vendor's space at the 52nd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair to benefit the Shelton Jaycees. I will provide my own table, chair, and display equipment.

___ NO I can't attend this year, but wish to remain on the mailing list.

NAME _____

BUSINESS NAME _____ TAX ID# _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Previously accepted exhibitors need not send photos. Please describe your work below or on the back:

"Early Bird Special" Pre Registration for Exhibitors (\$69 before April 15, 2016)	\$ _____
Regular Pre Registration for Exhibitors (\$79 before May 25, 2016)	\$ _____
Food Vendor Pre Registration (\$89 before May 24, 2016)	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Please send this form and your check payable to "THE SHELTON JAYCEES" to:

Shelton Jaycees ~ Arts & Crafts Fair ~ P.O. Box 2334 ~ Shelton CT ~ 06484

Your registration must be postmarked by May 25 in order for us to send you a confirmation. If you do not have a letter of confirmation 10 days before the day of the fair, please call Kate Jager at (203) 623-6698 or Jim Nissen at (203) 521-2498 to confirm receipt of your registration.

DISCLAIMER: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of all work, but I understand and agree that neither the SHELTON JAYCEES, the GEESE & BEAR club, nor the CITY OF SHELTON will be responsible for loss, damage or injury of any kind. Registration Fees are not refundable.

SIGNATURE: _____

Save \$5! Repeat Exhibitor New Referral Rebate: Rebate will be issued on the morning of the event.

New Exhibitor must be a non-jeweler and not have attended our fair within the last 3 years.

Both the New Exhibitor and the Repeat Exhibitor will receive a \$5 registration rebate! (Limit 1 per.)

I'm new and have been referred by: _____

I'm a repeat exhibitor and I would like credit for referring: _____

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Directions to the Huntington Green

From Route 8 South Bound

Get off exit 14.

End of ramp, take left onto Howe Ave. (Route 110)

Take first Right onto Kneen St.

Next light take right onto Coram Ave.

Follow Coram Ave. to end. (Plumb Library)

Take left at stop Sign

Follow Route 108, go 3.2 miles to Huntington Center. The Huntington Green will be on your left.

From Route 8 North Bound

Get off exit 11.

End of ramp, take left.

Go straight. (Huntington Rd. becomes Huntington St.) 3.2 miles.

At Huntington Center, road will divide by a fire house.

After the fire house, stay in the left lane and the Huntington Green will be on your left.

If you prefer to use mapquest.com, googlemaps or a GPS device, look up the intersection of Huntington Street & Shelton Avenue, Shelton CT 06484.

Other information:

First Prize for Arts is \$100. First Prize for Crafts is \$75.

Once again we will have additional volunteers available to help exhibitors set up and take down, deliver lunch orders, and watch booths during bathroom breaks. We will have FREE coffee & FREE pastries available beginning at 8:00am! Exhibitors are entitled to two free cups of coffee and two free pastries per space. If you have any special needs please call us as soon as possible so we can help you with them. Call Wendy Holden at (203) 913-3147, Kate Jager at 203-623-6698 or Jim Nissen at 203-521-2498 any time before 9pm.

Volunteers will arrive at the fair starting at 7:00 am. The registration check in will be at the gazebo starting at 7:15 am. The fair runs from 10 am - 4 pm. **Do NOT arrive or start to set up before 7:00 am.** The Shelton Police are pretty sensitive about this!

Spaces are 12' x 12' square and are first come - first serve. We set the Green up in a 'race track' oval. Every space gets the same traffic. The food area & kid's craft areas will be marked off ahead of time. Please don't set up there. You will be required to move.

The town will not permit any cars on the green itself but you may park along side the Green to unload. After unloading, you are required to immediately remove your vehicle from the perimeter of the green. Parking is available in the Shopping Plaza behind the Common Bond supermarket.

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