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PITTSBURGH'S PREMIER CRAFT FAIR TO PRESENT ITS LARGEST EVENT EVER ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018, AT THE DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER

EVENT DETAILS:

DATE: Saturday, December 8, 2018
 TIME: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 LOCATION: David L. Lawrence
 Convention Center
 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd
 Pittsburgh, PA, 15222
 ADMISSION: FREE
 WEBSITE: handmadedearcade.org
 FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/handmadedearcade](https://www.facebook.com/handmadedearcade)
 TWITTER: @HandmadeArcade
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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 239 Total Vendors
- 83 First-time Vendors
- 19 Craft Corridor Vendors
- 16 Hands-on Handmade Activities
- 12 Youth Makers
- 8 Hours of Shopping
- 4 DJs
- \$400,000 in Vendor Sales (2017)
- ... and more

VENDOR LIST: www.handmadedearcade.org/vendors/2018-vendor-list

PITTSBURGH, PA—Handmade Arcade (HA), Pittsburgh's award-winning independent craft fair, returns with its largest event to date on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Showcasing more than 200 cutting-edge, craft-based artists, designers and makers from all over Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania and the U.S., Handmade Arcade is the region's leading "shop-small, buy-local" event of the holiday season. Pittsburgh's first and largest independent craft fair since 2004,

Handmade Arcade will also feature an Early Birdie Shopping Preview, Hands-on Handmade Activity Area, Framers Market and Activity, Youth Maker Alley, limited-edition Handmade Arcade tote bags and T-shirts, Crafted Apple, an exclusive collaborative release from Threadbare Cider and Handmade Arcade, music by local DJs and more!

Handmade Arcade is returning to the upper-level Hall B of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, which offers natural light, expanded space and access to a spacious lobby and balcony with river and city views.

One of Pittsburgh's most anticipated annual events, the thoughtfully curated market offers an authentic, engaging and personal shopping experience featuring innovative, affordable and hand-crafted products made by some of the country's leading independent crafters — who are all on hand to talk with attendees about their creative process, innovative product lines, tools and techniques and background. Vendors represent a diverse range of craft media and backgrounds, including first-time sellers, high school students, emerging and national makers, and returning favorites.

Products span the following categories: accessories; original artwork; prints; bath and body products; clothing for adults and children; children's products; pet products; housewares and home goods; jewelry; paper goods; toys; and more!





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UNIQUE PRODUCTS FOR 2018 INCLUDE:

iPhone cases constructed from sustainably-sourced wood reclaimed from damaged local trees; wallets made from used baseball gloves; elegant glassware; felted animal sculptures; celebrity plush dolls; organic bath and beauty products; fashions made from salvaged fabrics; stylish home decor; funky and fine art jewelry; coasters made from recycled vinyl records; contemporary photography; custom-made shaving supplies; fantastical Tarot Cards; kitschy plaques; wooden six-pack holders; metalwork; robot toys; beer-themed candles; fiber art wall hangings; intricate origami objects; and much more! Offering something for every taste and budget, prices for items at Handmade Arcade typically range from \$5 to \$250.

The experience of selecting and purchasing handmade products at HA is informed by a strong sense of personality, community and creativity. Committed to showcasing handmade goods — many integrating upcycled, sustainable, found, locally-sourced and eco-friendly materials — HA takes place inside the world's first green convention center, which is easily accessible by car, bike and public transportation.

“Because I craft so that others will find enjoyment in my work, one of my favorite parts about Handmade Arcade is interacting with the shoppers who take the time to look at and ask questions about the things I have worked so hard to create.”
Val Snyder, Simon's Granddaughter

HANDS-ON HANDMADE ACTIVITY AREA (HOHA)

Be a maker, get crafty and celebrate DIY culture at the expanded Hands-on Handmade Activity Area! Free to all ages, HOHA invites attendees to participate in inclusive, engaging and innovative art, craft, tech and learning activities led by 16 Pittsburgh-based artists, arts organizations, art collectives and more. Situated adjacent to the vendor marketplace, HOHA features drop-in projects, demonstrations, mini-tutorials, workshops, games, installations and more. Designed to bridge the gap between consumers and producers, HOHA engages attendees and vendors alike in a shared creative process, while encouraging the public to consider the role of art, craft and making in their own lives.

HOHA PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Fresh Beat/Fresh Rhymes with Refresh Collective

Step into the iPad Lab, put on headphones and make your own hip-hop beat! Write creative lyrics to describe what is FRESH about Pittsburgh, and rap your lines on Instagram as part of an audio/visual collage.

Letterpress Posters with Bat Cat Press

Learn about the history of printing, and print a poster and using a classic Line-O-Scribe printing press!

Holiday Wrapping Paper Silkscreen Printing with Artist Image Resource (AIR) and CAPA High School

Screenprint oversized imagery on brown paper to design holiday wrapping paper.

Family Ever After Quilt with Every Child Inc.

Create colorful squares for an enormous family quilt that will be displayed throughout Pittsburgh.





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HANDS-ON HANDMADE ACTIVITY AREA PROJECTS CON'T:

Collaborative Clay Photo Booth with Union Project

Get your hands messy expressing yourself with clay and snap a fun photo-booth image.

Trust Arts Education Studio with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

Make 3-D paper sculpture hats, wrapped bracelets and musical sliders.

Star Jars and Origami Star Boxes with Artsy Amethyst Owl

Learn the elegant art of Japanese paper crafts, which are given as good luck gifts and also used as containers.

DIY Phone Stands and Gift-Card holders with Assemble

Transform old cassette tape cases into colorful phone and iPod stands and make tissue paper mosaic gift card boxes.

Book Binding Made Easy with Girls Write Pittsburgh

Create a homemade book to use for journaling, sketching and creative ideas.

Animate-an-amphibian with University of Pittsburgh's Lab of Ecology

Use recycled CDs to assemble an animated zoetrope of a gray tree frog calling for a mate, talk citizen science with a herpetologist and get involved with the local chapter of FrogWatch!

Create Your own Holiday Magic Blend with Essential Oils with Mind Body Center

Create a unique holiday blend using essential oils and learn about their uses and design your own label.

Recycled Holiday Trees with Millvale Community Library

Create holiday trees using bottle caps, book pages, magazines and papers.

Alcohol Ink Painting with Artists and Craftsman Supply

Create paintings using Piñata inks and Yupo papers.

Metal Stamping with Touchstone Center for Crafts

Learn the process of stamping metal and create a key fob!

YOUTH MAKER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HA will also showcase 12 young artists who are recipients of the nonprofit's new Youth Maker Scholarships. Supporting local makers and creative entrepreneurs ages 16 to 18, the program provides free vendor space, stipends, mentoring and workshops for youth from around the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

The program is supported by a Great Remake Micro-grant from Remake Learning and The Grable Foundation.



Handuo Chen, 2017 Youth Maker Scholarship Winner
Photograph by Joey Kennedy





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RECOGNITION

- Pittsburgh Business Times Largest Pittsburgh-area Public Shows list 2011–2018
- 3rd Best Annual Convention, Pittsburgh City Paper 2018
- Featured in Expedia, BuzzFeed, Condé Nast Traveler and more

EARLY BIRDIE SHOPPING PREVIEW

Beat the crowds and get a first look at the market! Early Birdie ticket holders will enjoy the exclusive opportunity to shop one hour before the event opens to the public, and will receive a black cotton tote bag designed by HA vendor Kim Fox (Worker Bird) filled with crafty coupons and swag.

A limited number of \$20 Early Birdie tickets are for sale online.

NEW THIS YEAR!

THE CUTTING EDGE: A FUNDRAISER FOR HANDMADE ARCADE

Handmade Arcade hosts its inaugural benefit event on Friday, December 7, 2018, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

ATTENDEES WILL

- Get a first look at the market the night before it opens to the public
- Shop early from 140-plus featured vendors (from a total of 239)
- Meet and mingle with makers from Pittsburgh and beyond
- Assemble crafty goodie bags
- Create block prints, wood and leather key fobs and a glass mosaic
- Taste an exclusive collaborative release from Threadbare Cider and Handmade Arcade

Open to ages 18 and up, the event will feature a silent auction, music by DJ Jeff Bower, a cash bar and light bites.

Proceeds will support Handmade Arcade's free admission, Hands-on Handmade Activity Area, Youth Maker Scholarship Program and Craft Corridor.

A limited number of tickets are available here: www.handmadedearcade.org/cuttingedge

Handmade Arcade celebrates the cutting edge of craft by connecting creators and consumers through making, sharing and learning.

