

Helpful Information for Pittsburgh Area Makers, Crafters, and Artists

This document includes information about event insurance, markets, maker spaces, wholesale sites, local stores that support local makers, arts organizations, guilds, artist associations, and business support. It is not all-inclusive. If you know an event, maker space, store, etc., that is not listed, please email info@handmadedearcade.org with details.

EVENT INSURANCE

ACT (Artist Craft and Trade) Insurance: All events require you to carry insurance. They have affordable policies that you can purchase per show or for a yearly fee. <https://www.actinsurance.com/>

Handmade Arcade is not affiliated with ACT. This is not business insurance. Business insurance is recommended. Each business should find a policy and carrier that suits its needs.

MARKETS

This list only covers some events in the city. It is a list of events created by Handmade Arcade based on the knowledge and experience of our volunteer advisory committee.

Handmade Arcade: <https://www.handmadedearcade.org/>

More info about HA's markets and programming: <https://www.handmadedearcade.org/for-makers/>

Spring Market:

- Applications open in January and February.
- Makers are notified in early March.
- The market is at Construction Junction, usually on the last weekend of April.
- We accept 30 new and emerging makers.
- The Spring Market is juried by HA's Advisory Committee

Holiday Market:

- The market is open on the first weekend after the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. (Dates vary).
- The event occurs yearly at the [David L. Lawrence Convention Center](#) in downtown Pittsburgh, at 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.
- Applications open in mid-May and close in mid-to-late July.
- The event has 250 booths. Approximately 180 are reserved for standard vendors (10x10), 20-30 are reserved for newer makers (8x8), and 20 are reserved for expanded booths (20x10). We also reserved booths for sponsors, youth makers, and hands-on activity hosts.
- The Holiday Market is juried by a rotating group of guest jurors and HA's Advisory Committee.

All applicants are notified of their status (accepted, wait-listed, and not accepted).

I Made It Market

<https://www.imadeitmarket.com/>

<https://www.imadeitmarket.com/apply>

Markets include:

- Retail Shop At The Mall At Robinson
- Farmer's Market At The Block Northway
- Squirrel Hill Night Market
- Giant Eagle Market District
- Neighborhood Flea

Lawrenceville Pop Ups

<https://www.radianthall.org/lawrenceville-popup-market>

<https://www.radianthall.org/lawrenceville-pop-up-vendorsignup>

Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership Events

<https://downtownpittsburgh.com/get-involved/vendor-opportunities/>

Events include:

- **Market Square Farmers Market:** The Market Square Farmers Market will be held on Thursdays this summer.
- **Saturday Night Market:** The Night Market series will be held on Saturdays in Market Square from June through October.
- **Picklesburgh**
- **Car Bazaar:** Parking Garage Flea Market

Made and Found Pittsburgh

<https://www.madeandfoundpgh.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/madeandfoundpgh/>

<https://www.facebook.com/madeandfoundpgh>

Each year, they have a holiday market at Spirit (<https://www.spiritpgh.com/>), a bar in Lawrenceville with an upstairs event space. Many HA vendors do their holiday market. Follow them on Instagram.

Crafts and Drafts at East End Brewing

- <https://www.eastendbrewing.com/events/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/727922465236700>
- <https://www.facebook.com/alternatehistories>
- We recommend following both East End Brewing and Alternate Histories for announcements.

Three Rivers Arts Festival

<https://traf.trustarts.org/>

Steeltown Markets

<https://jenniferheastings.wixsite.com/steeltownmarkets>

Moonlight Market of Morgantown, WV

<https://www.facebook.com/wvmoonlightmarket>

400 Spruce Street, Pavilion, Morgantown, WV, United States, West Virginia
motownmoonlightmarket@gmail.com

Youngstown Flea

<https://youngstownflea.com/>

2023 Application: <https://youngstownflea.com/apply/>

Hello Handmade

IG: [hellohandmade](#)

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/hellohandmade>

Application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdn31M2tcOEqt0KYSjxRMzvMhUFSrjDAqIGzUXnb3SmScyrjA/viewform?usp=send_form

Queer Craft Market Pittsburgh

<https://www.instagram.com/queercraftmarket/>

Freaky Faire

<https://www.pittsburghfreakyfair.com/>

BitchCraft Fair - *this event is not happening in Pittsburgh in 2023.*

<https://www.bitchcraftfair.com/>

Polish Hill Market

<https://www.polishhillcivicassociation.org/>

[Sign up for their enews](#) or follow them on IG @polishhillcivic

Bloomfield Saturday Market

<https://bloomfieldpgh.org/bloomfield-saturday-market/>

Garfield Market

<https://www.facebook.com/GarfieldNightMarket/>

Mount Lebanon Artists' Market

<https://mtlebopartnership.org/events/mount-lebanon-artist-market/>

A Fair in the Park hosted by the Craftsmen's Guild of Pittsburgh

<https://craftsmensguild.org/a-fair-in-the-park/>

Rules of Participation:

<https://craftsmensguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/WEBSITE-Final-Rules-of-Participation.pdf>

MAKER SPACES

Artists Image Resource

<https://www.airpgh.org/>

Protohaven

<https://www.protohaven.org/>

Prototype Pgh

<https://prototypepgh.org/>

Union Project - Membership or Open Studio opportunities

<https://unionproject.org/open-studio/>

Pittsburgh Glass Center

<https://www.pittsburghglasscenter.org/artists>

Pittsburgh Center for Arts & Media

<https://pghartsmedia.org/>

Touchstone Center for Crafts

<https://www.touchstonecrafts.org/>

STORES**love, Pittsburgh**

<https://lovepittsburghshop.com/>

Three locations: Downtown, Mt. Washington, Strip District

Vendor applications: <https://lovepittsburghshop.com/pages/vendors>

Wildcard - Lawrenceville

<https://wildcardpgh.com/>

They buy wholesale from local and national artists.

Vendor applications: <https://wildcardpgh.com/pages/vendors>

Lawrenceville Markethouse

<https://lvmarkethouse.com/>

<https://lvmarkethouse.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Market-House-Co-Retail-2023-02-14.pdf>

They also do maker popup events. Contact mjeclectic23@gmail.com for details.

Boheme Pittsburgh - Lawrenceville

<https://www.bohemepittsburgh.com/>

How to Apply to sell with them: If you are a maker, artist, or vintage curator and feel your business is retail-ready, please DM them on Instagram or email them directly.

@[bohemeshops](https://www.instagram.com/bohemeshops) or bohemepittsburgh@gmail.com

Contemporary Craft - Lawrenceville

<https://contemporarycraft.org/>

<https://contemporarycraft.org/opportunities/artist-opportunities/>

Store application: <https://form.jotform.com/222014485721045>

Andy Warhol Museum Store - North Side

<https://www.warhol.org/the-warhol-store/>

SUMA Wares & Wears - Sharpsburg

<https://sumawares.com/>

IG: [suma.wares](#)

Heinz History Center - Strip District

<https://shop.heinzhistorycenter.org/>

The Frick Museum - Shadyside

<https://www.thefrickpittsburgh.org/>

Argyle Studio - Oakland

<https://popupargyle.com/artists-makers/>

Workshop PGH - Garfield and Wilkinsburg locations

<https://workshoppgh.com/>

WHOLESALE WEBSITES

Faire Wholesale

<https://www.faire.com/>

Abound

<http://helloabound.com>

Tundra

<http://tundra.com>

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, GUILDS, AND ARTIST ASSOCIATIONS

Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council

<https://www.pittsburghartscouncil.org/>

Pittsburgh Artist Resources

<https://www.pittsburghartistresources.org/>

Brew House Association

<https://brewhousearts.org/>

Fiber Arts Guild

<https://fiberartspgh.org/>

Associated Artists of Pittsburgh

<https://www.aapgh.org/>

The Craftsmen's Guild of Pittsburgh

<https://craftsmensguild.org/>

Sweetwater Center for the Arts

<https://sweetwaterartcenter.org/>

AIGA Pittsburgh

<https://pittsburgh.aiga.org/>

YOUTH PROGRAMMING:**MCG Youth** (Manchester Craftsmen's Guild)

<https://www.mcgyouth.org/>

BUSINESS SUPPORT**Creative Business Accelerator:**

<https://www.bridgewaycapital.org/creative-business-accelerator/>

<https://www.bridgewaycapital.org/creative-business-accelerator/first-leap-program/>

<https://www.bridgewaycapital.org/entrepreneurship-hub/entrepreneurship-hub/>

ORIGINS: An Engaged Network Of Black Creative Entrepreneurs: <https://www.originspgh.org/>

The University of Pittsburgh Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence Small Business Development Center:

<https://entrepreneur.pitt.edu/centers/small-business-development-center-sbdc/>

Duquesne University Small Business Development Center: <https://www.sbdc.duq.edu/>

Chatham University Center For Women's Entrepreneurship: <https://www.chatham.edu/cwe/>

Ascender: Pittsburgh Community for Entrepreneurs: <https://ascenderpgh.com/>

Sustainable: Online business-building tool to improve and implement your business model:

<https://sustainable.io/app/home>

Omicelo Care: Supporting Innovative Entrepreneurs: <https://omicelocares.org/>

The Warhol Academy: Programming that Empowers Economic Mobility & Community Engagement:

<https://www.thepopdistrict.org/the-warhol-academy>