Today on Across the Fence we are going to highlight work and crafters and artists in traditional and contemporary style. It's all part of this weekend's 59th annual fine craft and art show called craft Vermont presented by Vermont crafters. Good afternoon and thanks for joining us I'm Judy Simpson. For generations the Vermont crafters annual show has been a holiday tradition for families. Since 1952 Vermonters have started their holiday shopping while supporting local artists and crafters. Joining me is the Vermont crafters show Director Elizabeth Boudreaux. Welcome and great to have you back. This is always one of my favorite programs because I get to do a little shopping.

Elizabeth.: I know that's the point we want everyone to do a little shopping.

Judy.: First of all when and where is this year's show?

Elizabeth.: It's going to be Friday the 18th and it starts at 10:00 and goes to eight. It's a three day show this year it runs Saturday from 10 to six and Sunday 10:00 to five.

Judy.: Tell me a little bit about the organization of Vermont and crafters.

Elizabeth.: Vermont and crafters is and not for profit organization and it's all Vermonters. In order to participate you have to be a Vermonter. It's a juried show and juried membership that means you have to present your work before a jury and we look for quality and different things like that.

Judy.: Throughout the program are going to be learning about some of these artists and some of the things it and make. Where would you like start? Elizabeth.: Let's start with what I'm wearing house that. It's always a good place to start. The scarf is made by Ellen Howard. It's all hand dyed and hand sewn. I can tell you that I've had several over the years and I had to buy my daughter one because she kept stealing it. Then I have on am doing the whole thing a shirt by Phyllis chase. She's a local artist also should a silk screening. This is a tee shirt and she also does
these great note cards. She will be at the show. I just love this isn't it beautiful? I have jewelry also this is by Judith Giusto of Ferrisburgh round barn Marino's. This is all wool her merino sheep I believe and the earrings also. Then over here is one of her sweaters she also makes the sweaters from her sheep wool.

Judy.: What makes this particular show unique?

Elizabeth.: It's more than just the show I always think it's a community of artists coming together we're like a big family. One of the other things is that a lot of the people who have come to the show over the years have brought their daughters their granddaughters it's generational and they become friends of the artists where does that happen? I believe only in Vermont.

Judy.: Exactly. Let's take a look at some of the items ornaments of course.

Elizabeth.: Aren’t these adorable? These are by Julia Emilo. These are all hand painted gourds. Aren't they just adorable.

Judy.: Yes they're really cute.

Elizabeth.: Then up front we have this beautiful shawl. This is made by Jamie Harmon all of this wall is from her sheep and she's hand I did herself. She's a 30 year member this year. I also have some of her scans of wall the chewed also be able to find at the show. I just love her work. Her hats are beautiful everything.

Judy.: That's wonderful. Some of the members are fulltime professionals? Elizabeth.: Some are fulltime professionals and this is what they do to make their living every day and then there's others who are part time. There raising their family's or working or doing both and as part time. And some it's kind of a hobby also that there slowly turning into a small business.

Judy.: Tell me about this base because this is beautiful.

Elizabeth.: This is Matthew tells vase is in this gorgeous it's called a Lotus vase. He does incredible work we just love it. Over here I have a beautiful necklace made by Leah Jones of the alloy jewelry and if you've seen our post card her work is on the postcard. This necklace and it's called my sweet dandelion necklace. She also does hand stamped a jewelry so you can have jewelry monogrammed with your initials or children's names and she will be new to our show this year.

Judy.: That's fantastic.

Elizabeth.: There's many new members this year.

Judy.: How many members in total do you have?
Elizabeth.: We have about 250 members at this point.

Judy.: And what does it take to be a member?

Elizabeth.: Well of course be a Vermonter; juried, and it's an exciting process and I get to give you a little orientation about becoming a member and being a member there's other opportunities. We've a great web site which I suggest everybody goes to see who is going to be the show and you can look at everyone's work there and see where they're going to be placed at the show. There is a lot of benefits to being a member.

Judy.: Now you have one of my favorite things which is goat soap.

Elizabeth.: Another new member this year. This is Nathan Moore from Garlan goat soap of Vermont. I love these because they have little designs on them and you can smell them from here. Lavender pine scented.

Judy.: And they're nice and big.

Elizabeth.: What a great gift for stocking stuffer.

Judy.: That would be awesome. Of course we have art work.

Elizabeth.: Of course this is Kimberly Forny. She's also on our ports card the little ban across the top is her artwork. I just love her stuff it's whimsical it's fun and she really gives Vermont a new look.

Judy.: I love the cows.

Elizabeth.: Look at the cows that's what we're famous for.

Judy.: Here we have something up front which is nice. You can heat these up.

Elizabeth.: Can put them around your neck. And this is a baby boo boo patch. This is a little catnip fish. And this is for your back you warm these up.

Judy.: Put in the microwave and drapes over your shoulders.

Elizabeth.: And don't they smell wonderful

Judy.: Yes. You also has a special events in each show each year.

Elizabeth.: We do. We have of course the lighting of our tree for troops which we've done for the last several years. All the artisans make an ornament to put on the Christmas trees and each ornament will go to troop members and that's really great. We do the lighting a Friday night on 6:00 PM. We're also having wood demonstrations this year. Friday's woodworking day and then Saturday we have
Evelyn Gaunt who does bob and lacing which is a lost art that will be exciting to see. We have on Sunday Jackie Mangione doing watercolors. Carolyn guests doing paper cutting and Dave Kaczynski showing silver work.

Judy.: Nice.

Elizabeth.: It's going to be exciting. The other thing we're doing this year is we're asking people to bring our members are perishable item in when they come and we're going to try to do food for Vermont Food bank.

Judy.: That's nice along with your ticket bring some non-perishable items and they can be donated to the food bank.

Elizabeth.: We're excited about it.

Judy.: That's wonderful. Alright listen to some more items.

Elizabeth.: Over here we have two snowmen done by Don Heuerman and Linda canary. They're all hand carved and Linda does all the painting on them aren't they fun? Then we have here is a journal and down here is a photo book. A Brag book we like to call them. They're done by Mayday Media. They're done by Kelly Mcmanus and she loves to do whimsical fund paperwork. There'll hand down and there just extraordinary.

Judy.: So good for something you can take in keep for years and years.

Elizabeth.: Yes in you know everybody's journaling these days so how nice to have a hand bound handmade paper journal.

Judy.: And using your own hand penmanship as well as opposed to a computer.

Elizabeth.: It's kind of a lost art. Maybe we should have are writing thing at the show. Calligraphy that would be great.

Judy.: That's a good idea. We have some food items?

Elizabeth.: This is from Amy and Steve Wheeler and they do maple syrup data as they have Jed's maple mud. Oh my god it's a sauce to die for. Hot spicy mustard and they also have a Worcestershire sauce with maple in it and several other things. They will be there. We always have two maple producers out there and specialty food things also. One new one this year also short breads. You'll have to go Scottish shortbread they are delicious.

Judy.: All right we have some good working too. This cribbage board all see if I can grab it without knocking anything over.
Elizabeth.: This is by Jay's woodworking shop. He also does a couple other things one of them. If you can see this beautiful table that he's done. This is a slate top and this will all be there. This is a new member also.

Judy.: Let's take a look at this because I love this.

Elizabeth.: This is by Amy cloud and other new member this year. Her things are fun and whimsical. She has chickens these are all things from her farm and she believes that she recycles and paints and she thinks she's saving the earth one painting at a time. Aren't they fun?

Judy.: That's good 'cause this is an old shutter obviously that she's used in the back is a piece of Barn board that she's painted on. That's wonderful.

Elizabeth.: She is all different kinds of things.

Judy.: While we're back your why we take a look at this lamp too.

Elizabeth.: How fun how Vermont. This is by mad river antlers. Ken Kenya. Isn't this fantastic look at the shade. These are all antlers and the shade is just beautiful. It's cut pieces of stone in them leaves it's very botanical natural and all things we love about Vermont.

Judy.: Excellent put that back now obviously what with a craft show be without hats?

Elizabeth.: This is also a new member. This is by swan and Samantha stone little hill wool works. They have sheep also it's their own wall and they shake them and use Victorian trimmings. Aren't they adorable?

Judy.: It's lovely.

Elizabeth.: It looks great on.

Judy.: I won't try it now I will try it later. This is something you wanted to mention am going to hand it to you actually.

Elizabeth.: I love this. This is also by Jay's woodworking. This is a memory box and as you can see there's a beautiful photo on it that happens to be my parents. You can open it up and keep your keepsakes in it. Or I'm going to keep my parents keepsakes little things that I had over the years.

Judy.: Perfect for children.

Elizabeth.: Grandchildren photos inside that you want to look at. Anything isn't it beautiful.
Judy.: It is beautiful.

Elizabeth.: The love the detail all handmade and he does all of his work out of Vermont wood just read off and around his area.

Judy.: Speaking of Vermont Products there's a necklace we want to mention made from all Vermont's tones that she uses.

Elizabeth.: Yes this is from Melissa Flanagan romancing the stone I can't think of the stone but isn't it gorgeous?

Judy.: It's beautiful.

Elizabeth.: She gets them from right here in Vermont. You can find them other places but she polishes them and sets them in these beautiful settings.

Judy.: Arts and crafts have a long tradition in New England.

Elizabeth.: They certainly do. How people used to while away the winter and it's just been around forever and we've been around forever this is our 59th year. That's amazing I think and we're going strong never better.

Judy.: That's wonderful. Let's take a look at the Santa clause because I know he's usually very popular.

Elizabeth.: Oh isn't he fantastic? That is by Don and Linda Heuerman and like I had said before they did the snowmen here. Don does all the carving and then Linda does all the painting. He'll be carving at the woodworking demonstrations and that is going to be fun. Friday if you're a woodworker fan please come to that they're going to be doing it all day and they're going to have a spinoff during the day I think it at 12 and one at 545.

Judy.: Tell me about the hand crafters because you offer scholarships to colleges.

Elizabeth.: We do every year we do scholarships through VSAC we offer it two students going off to pursue education in art and we always do the scholarships and it's been great over the years. It's an exciting field and Vermonters it's hard to stay here so we also want to encourage people to become craftsmen and artists and come back to join our organization.

Judy.: We're going to show one photograph here.

Elizabeth.: Of Stephen Beties. Isn't this fantastic? Anybody recognize it? He's a photographer local and he will be on our show this year also I just love this.
Judy.: It's fantastic. I want to remind folks before we run at a time that it's the 59th annual Vermont and crafters fine craft in our show begins Friday, November 18 at the Sheraton hotel and conference center in South Burlington the show runs through Sunday, November 20 for more information call 1-(800)-373-5429 or you can log onto the web site Vermont and crafters.com. Elizabeth thank you so much for bringing all these beautiful items in.

Elizabeth.: It was great to see you and thank you. Make sure everyone come to the show look for me all the right there in the front.

Judy.: We'll see this weekend. That's our program for today I'm Judy Simpson we'll see you again next time on Across the Fence.

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