

PRESS RELEASE

EVENT: SASKATCHEWAN HANDCRAFT FESTIVAL

DATE: JULY 17, 18, 19, 2009

LOCATION: ALEX DILLABOUGH CENTRE, BATTLEFORD, SK.

The Town of Battleford transformed into a Mecca for lovers of Fine Craft and Art.

“This is the 36th year for the Saskatchewan Handcraft Festival,” said Chris Jones, SCC Member Services Coordinator. “This year, there are so many new exhibitors that we’re adding a Festival Tent in addition to the displays.” In addition to the 34 sales and exhibition booths, there will also be demonstrations in glass blowing and chain saw carving. “Craft people create beauty in many different ways,” said Jones. “Don Pell along with Al and Joan Hiebert will be demonstrating the fine, precision work of glass blowing while Michael Saretsky will be cutting loose with a chain saw. There’ll be lots of flame and flying chips.”

Exhibitors will be bringing jewellery, pottery, clothing for women and children; sculpture in metal, stone and glass; hand-carved canoe paddles, stained and fused glass and turned wood. In addition to old favourites, new exhibitors include:

- Gary Boyle –Hand-pulled prints
- Linda Boyle – Delicious handmade toffee
- Carmen Heinrichs – Wood burning
- Joanne Ross –Visual Arts
- Susan Remenda Penrose – Ceramics
- Lori Silzer – Visual Arts

“There are gifts in every price range that you can only find at the Handcraft Festival for three days in July,” said Jones. “Finding a unique gift or piece for your home and meeting the artist who made it is a great experience in this world where most everything we buy comes from off-shore factories.”

People attending the Festival can also make a picnic of it with food being provided by Pearl Hawkins of Meota. In addition to the work on display at the Handcraft Festival, more Fine Craft can be seen at the Chapel Gallery in North Battleford as the Saskatchewan Craft Council’s *Dimensions* exhibition is on display.

The Handcraft Festival runs:

Friday, July 17 – 1:00 to 8:00pm

Saturday, July 18 – 10:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday, July 19 – 10:00am to 4:00pm

Adult admission for a three-day pass is \$5.00, Seniors pay \$3.00 and children under 12 are free.

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