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Dear artists, crafters, and makers:

The Flint Hills Discovery Center (FHDC) in Manhattan, KS invites you to participate in our fifth annual Meet the Makers series from March 9-13, 2020.

Meet the Makers is a celebration of local artists, crafters, makers, and others who use their creativity to generate new and novel works. It takes place during Spring Break, the single busiest week of the year for the Flint Hills Discovery Center, with some days exceeding 500 guests in attendance. Located in our entry lobby, this event is completely FREE for the community.

Past participants have demoed oil and watercolor painting, pen and ink drawing, pottery, Henna body art, digital illustration, ceramic jewelry, metal work, ballroom dancing, traditional folk music, and much more. We encourage a wide variety of artists and makers to participate to show what our community has to offer.

All participants agree to provide ongoing demonstrations of their artwork or craft in the first floor of the glass atrium of the Flint Hills Discovery Center. Participants are encouraged to bring some kind of participatory activity or experience for guests but this is not a requirement. All participants are required to engage with our guests in a friendly and welcoming manner during the event however. In exchange for volunteering their time and talents, participants will be featured in event marketing materials and are permitted to sell artwork during the event.

Accompanying this year's series will be a pop-up art installation featuring the works of Kansas State University faculty members Erin Wiersma and Katie Kingery-Page. See more of their work here:

<https://erinwiersma.com/>

Please see the attached "**2020 Meet the Makers Guidelines**" document for a full list of event rules.

Please return the attached application by Friday, February 14, 2020. Late applications are reviewed on a case by case basis. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 785-587-2726 ext. 5603 or bridenstine@cityofmhk.com if you have any questions.

We are very excited for another year of wonderful creations and look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Stephen Bridenstine
Curator of Education
Flint Hills Discovery Center

Meet the Makers 2020



2020 Meet the Makers Guidelines

Participant Guidelines

- Participants agree to be on-site for a minimum of one day during the period March 9-13, 2020 for the time period 10:00AM – 5:00PM.
- Slots are limited for any one day and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants interested in participating for more than one day are encouraged to do so but will be assigned second dates only after all participants have been assigned a date and at the discretion of the event organizer.
- Sales are permitted but all participants must collect and report the 9.45% sales tax that applies to our location. Participants are encouraged to reach out to our Gift Store Coordinator, Penny Cullers, with questions about sales – cullers@cityofmhk.com
- Please consider bringing some kind of family-friendly, participatory demo. Spring Break brings in a lot of families with young kids. We also run a day camp each day so will be visiting each artist with the camp kids who are aged 8-12.

On the Day of the Event

- Set-up begins at 9:00AM and participants must be ready to interact with guests by 10:00AM.
- Participants may start taking down their displays beginning at 4:30PM.
- 6-foot tables and chairs are available. On days with multiple artists, locations are claimed on a first-come, first-served basis. All are located in our entry lobby, thus the event is FREE to everyone.
- If your work creates any kind of mess that cannot be easily swept up or wiped away, please bring your own drop cloths to protect tables and the floor.
- Electricity is available at each booth. A few easels are available but please consider bringing your own.
- All participants have access to our back catering kitchen with a large sink, fridge, and microwave.

Marketing and Logistics

- Participants are expected to provide a short description and images of artwork for marketing purposes.
- Photos or video taken by FHDC staff may be used in promotional material and social media.



2020 Meet the Makers Application

Primary Contact Name: _____

Business/Group Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Description of art or demo (or attach documents as necessary): _____

Check all days that you are available:

Monday, March 9 Tuesday, March 10 Wednesday, March 11 Thursday, March 12 Friday, March 13

Applications may be emailed to Bridenstine@cityofmhk.com. Applications are due by 5:00 PM, Friday, February 14, 2020. Late applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

We the undersigned agree to participate in the 2020 Meet the Makers event at the Flint Hills Discovery Center between Monday, March 9 and Friday, March 13, 2020. We agree to adhere to the attached "2020 Meet the Makers Guidelines."

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title