

Makers, Crafters and Performers wanted for first annual Midcoast Mini Maker Faire on September 7, 2013

Call for Makers Closes July 12



Photo caption:

Andy White is a local “maker” whose workshop is in Thomaston. Andy is on the selection committee of the Midcoast Mini Maker Faire to be held at the Camden Public Library on September 7. He recently attended the Maker Faire in San Francisco and returned with wonderful tales and great enthusiasm for the event. “The Maker community here in the midcoast is exceptionally strong,” he says. “We are rich with creative makers, artists, tinkerers, boat builders, and inventive minds. The term ‘Maker’ may be unfamiliar here in midcoast, but I think it is an exciting label that many of us will identify with and gain inspiration from. I’m looking forward to seeing what our makers come up with for Midcoast Maker Faire this fall!”

Camden, ME, June 5, 2013 -- The Maker Faire is coming to Camden! The first annual Midcoast Mini Maker Faire is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2013, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Camden Public Library and Amphitheatre. Admission is free for all ages. **The Call for Makers, Performers, and Crafters is open now through July 12.** Any groups or individuals interested in participating in this inaugural event should complete the simple application at

midcoastmakerfaire.com by July 12.

The Midcoast Mini Maker Faire takes after its enormous parent event, Maker Faire, which hosts 90,000 visitors in San Mateo in May. The Midcoast Mini Maker Faire will be a smaller, community-focused event, but will follow the Maker Faire motto of celebrating do-it-yourself creativity and tinkering: “Make, create, craft, recycle, build, think, play, and be inspired by celebrating arts, crafts, engineering, food, music, science, and technology!”

Featuring both established and emerging local “makers,” the Midcoast Mini Maker Faire is a family-friendly celebration featuring rockets and robots, DIY science and technology, urban farming and sustainability, alternative energy, bicycles, unique hand-made crafts, music and local food, and educational workshops and installations.

Midcoast Mini Maker Faire is at heart a celebration of makers and making. It is about spreading the concept of the identity of “maker.” America, and New England specifically, has a long tradition of ingenuity and tinkering. Midcoast Mini Maker Faire is a place for inventors, artists, thinkers, and learners to get together and share their passions and ideas. It is a place to inspire the next generation of makers.

Everyone is a Maker. Are you a garage tinkerer? Inventor? Like to experiment? Like to create, cook, sew, weld? We are looking for hands-on activities you can share with the community! Visit midcoastmakerfaire.com for more information and to submit an application to exhibit your creation. Makers and creators will be listed and featured on the website in early August.

The Midcoast Mini Maker Faire is fortunate to have the [Camden Public Library](#) as its sponsor and the [Midcoast Magnet](#) as a co-sponsor. “The Library’s mission of ‘Read; Connect; Discover’ is well served by an event such as this,” says Nikki Maounis, the library’s Executive Director. “We hope to attract Makers of all sizes, interests, and talent. Show and Tell was always one of my favorite activities as a child, and now we get to experience it all over again!” The Maker Faire is also a perfect match for the mission of the Midcoast Magnet to support “innovative projects that foster creativity, livability and economic vitality.”

Maker Faire began in 2005 in San Mateo, CA by the people behind MAKE and CRAFT magazines. Maker Faire has also appeared in Austin, Detroit, and New York City. Mini Maker Faires have started to sprout up around the United States, including events in Ann Arbor, Sebastopol, Aspen, Kansas City, and Boston.

Follow the development of the Midcoast Mini Maker Faire on its site at midcoastmakerfaire.com as well as on its Facebook fan page.

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