

1st Weekend in December

SAT. 10-5 pm

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SUN. 10-4 pm



DICKENS CHRISTMAS
CRAFT SHOW 2009

Welcome all vendors, new and old! We thank you for applying to the Dickens Christmas Craft Show, and are happy to have you join us for the 14th annual craft show. There are some exciting changes happening this year starting with a new show co-ordinator, Holly Smith. Polly and Joan are finally getting to retire so to speak, and we take this opportunity to thank them very much for many years of loyal dedication, patience and hard work. I am sure they will be stopping in to see as many old friends as possible during the show. Thanks again Polly for a job well done!

Please read the following information carefully some things may have changed since last year.

*Set-up time for the show is Friday, Dec. 5th at 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; the building will be open Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 am. for you to **put the finishing touches** on your booth. We must be **ready** for the public **by 9:30 a.m. on both days**. If necessary, you are able to dismantle your booth on Monday morning, but it has to be done **before 10 am**. There will be a **late fee charged** for anything left up **after 12 noon**, as requested by Fairboard.*

*We encourage all vendors who wish to **dress in period costume** to do so. The public has given us great reviews for the ones worn in the past; many look forward to seeing the costumes each this year. For men a costume men could simply be, a white shirt, bow-tie, suspenders, (black, brown or striped) trousers, vest, and/or a top hat, for the ladies, a period costume dress or a long black skirt and blouse. You could add a hat, shawl, apron, or even a wig. We will be rewarding the best-dressed and best booths with a discount off next year's registration. You are encouraged to use your imagination, and let's have fun!*

*We would like to thank everyone who donated **door prizes** last year. We believe that it was a great success as well as good exposure for you. If you are a first-time vendor, please feel free to donate an item and be sure to put a business card with it. Draws are held about every half-hour, with the public eagerly waiting.*

Last years winners were Bobbie Banting and Rick and Yvonne Harvey for Best Costume, Shirley Barber and Laura Busche for Best Booth and TLC for most whimsical booth.

A reminder that you are expected to maintain a high percentage (80%) of handmade merchandise in your booths.

***Your tables need to be skirted** to the floor and preferably in white. If you need a table we can **rent you either a 6' or 8' for \$10.00 each**. For those who have not already ordered a table you can **do so now** or on Friday during set-up, but not on Saturday morning, please.*

All vendors are to park vehicles beside the grandstand, as parking at the front of the building is for our customers.

***Aisles must remain free** at all times of sale items, bins, chairs etc., **as per fire regulations**. This clearance also allows for the expected large volume of traffic to flow smoothly. We want everyone to be able to see you without difficulties.*

The floor is cement so you may want a mat to stand on; also the building can have some hot/cold areas. Dressing in layers may help you to feel more comfortable.

As a final reminder please have all payments for your booths, tables, hydro etc. paid for in full before September 10th, as your space cannot be confirmed otherwise. Post-dated cheques do not reserve your space, until the cheque is cashed. Deposit cheques must have current date on them. They are given to hold a space for you and your booth number is assigned when payment is complete.

Your products and overall appearance of your booths have made the Dickens Christmas Craft Show a memorable and fun place to shop. We wish you all a very happy and successful show in 2009, and we thank-you again for all your past efforts.

Should you have any questions or concerns you may contact me at 519-428-3590 or email imojene@execulink.com or write to 1 Scott Ave. #4, Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 3H7.

I look forward to personally meeting each of you in December.

*Sincerely,
Holly Smith
Co-ordinator
Dickens Christmas Craft Show*