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**Discover New Hampshire's Creativity and Traditions and  
Tax-Free Holiday Shopping During *NH Open Doors*  
*Fall statewide touring and shopping event*  
*Veterans' Day Weekend -- November 7-8, 2009***

*Concord, NH* – On November 7 and 8, people of all ages are invited to experience the creativity and timeless traditions of New Hampshire during *NH Open Doors*, a statewide touring and shopping event. During Veterans' Day weekend, more than 150 New Hampshire artists, craftspeople, cultural organizations, retail shops, wineries, restaurants, lodging establishments and businesses will open their doors to the public, showcasing the best that New Hampshire has to offer.

*NH Open Doors* provides visitors with an authentic New Hampshire experience. As you travel the state's scenic highways and country roads through picturesque towns, you can meet and talk with artists and craftspeople as they work in their studios; find distinctive, New Hampshire-made products and art work in a variety of retail shops and galleries; sample fresh products from farmstands and orchards; savor fine cuisine and wine, and so much more. It's a great way to see New Hampshire and to get a jump on holiday (and tax free) shopping. Last year's event attracted hundreds of visitors from New England and beyond.

*NH Open Doors* participants are offering special events, including craft demonstrations and workshops, hayrides, food samplings, special menus featuring local foods, musical performances, special lodging packages, and more. All participants and attractions are listed on [www.NHOpenDoors.com](http://www.NHOpenDoors.com).

To help visitors plan their self-guided tour, the *NH Open Doors* website – [www.NHOpenDoors.com](http://www.NHOpenDoors.com) – features an interactive map with participating craftspeople, wineries, restaurants, retail shops, lodging establishments, and other attractions by region. Visitors can download and print the regional maps or custom-design a trip using Google maps.

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The League of NH Craftsmen and New Hampshire Made organizations are managing this event with promotional assistance from numerous art, craft, and business organizations throughout the state. Margarita's Mexican Restaurants ([www.margs.com](http://www.margs.com)), with locations throughout the state, is the lead event sponsor. ArtSpider.net is the media sponsor.

The **League of NH Craftsmen** ([www.nhcrafts.org](http://www.nhcrafts.org)) is a non-profit arts organization that encourages, nurtures and promotes the creation, use and preservation of fine craft through the inspiration and education of artists and the broader community. The League represents the *signature of excellence* in fine craft, through the work of its juried members, and its rigorous standards for self expression, vision, and quality craftsmanship.



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**New Hampshire Made** ([www.nhmade.com](http://www.nhmade.com)) is a non-profit marketing and business support organization that promotes the quality, variety and availability of New Hampshire's products and services statewide.

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