



See Participants in the Merrimack Region: downtown Concord

The best of both worlds: visit downtown Concord where New Hampshire's craft industry has been brought to you! Three galleries, all within walking distance of each other, feature New Hampshire products including fine arts, fine crafts, artisanal products and locally manufactured goods. And just 2 miles out of town, the Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden add a rural component to the day's activities.

Plus a festival of culture and arts: the Capital Arts Festival is taking place at the same time (Saturday, May 6) with more than 20 events, including arts, film, music and festivities, both in and outside in a unique event in the city.

Mileage: Three NH Open Doors participants are within ½ mile of each other; plus one additional venue is 2 miles from the city center.

1. LEAGUE OF NH CRAFTSMEN HEADQUARTERS, THE CRAFT CENTER, MUSEUM AND GALLERY

49 South Main St, Concord

www.nhcrafts.org

Saturday, May 6 – ONLY. 10 am to 7 pm

You could make a full day of this one location!

Guided tours of the current craft exhibition, *Pushing the Limits*, and the Grodin Permanent Collection Museum.

Demonstrations: Juried members of the League will be demonstrating throughout the day

Reception: In the Main Gallery from 5pm – 7pm.

Demonstrators include:

- **Grace Collette, rug hooking:** Grace will demonstrate how she makes rugs by pulling loops of yarn or fabric through a woven base with a crochet-type hook.
- **Aaron Clapp, wood carving:** Aaron will be carving spoons using pieces of wood recovered from trees that were overturned during the March's northeaster. Come with any questions you may have about working with wood.
- **Claude Dupuis, wood turning:** Claude will be demonstrating wood turning on the sidewalk under a tent. He will be turning tops that visitors can take with them.

- **Deb Fairchild, beadweaving:** Deb will be demonstrating her unique approach to creating lace with beads! She will also have pieces on display (and for sale) that feature a variety of beadweaving techniques. If you've always wanted to try your hand at beading, stop by and make your own floating necklace!
- **Cheryl Miller, fiber and stitchery:** Cheryl will be making a fabric collage with a variety of materials with a sewing machine.
- **Jeffrey Gale, wood splint baskets:** Jeffrey will demonstrate his process for making old-fashioned, wood splint baskets by hand. You can watch him carve freshly split wood and hand-pound it to form thinner strips of wood needed for the basket.
- **Stephen Procter, extreme pottery!** Stephen will build a human-sized clay vessel in sections using two potters wheels and a large propane torch.

2. MARKETPLACE NEW ENGLAND, INC

7 North Main St, Concord

www.marketplaceneuengland.com

Marketplace New England offers the area's largest collection of unique gifts that are made in New England. We showcase over 200 New Hampshire artisans craft, jewelry, pottery, art, souvenirs, gourmet food, NH wine so much more. The entire store is on-line at www.MarketplaceNewEngland.com.

Hours:

May 6 - 9:30 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

3. LEAGUE OF NH CRAFTSMEN - CONCORD

36 North Main St, Concord

www.nhcrafts.org

The gallery features a vast variety of high quality handcrafted work including jewelry, hand blown glass, wood bowls, scarves, mittens, hats, sculptural pieces, pottery, prints, furniture and much more, showcasing hundreds of New Hampshire's most gifted artisans.

Hours:

May 6 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 11:00 AM-3:30 PM

4. MILL BROOK GALLERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN

236 Hopkinton Road, Concord

www.themillbrookgallery.com

The gallery is a unique setting on a small horse farm, surrounded by fields, a pond, and perennial gardens filled with outdoor sculpture. The inside galleries host a large variety of fine art and fine crafts: Paintings, Sculpture, Pottery, Handmade Jewelry, and Mobiles. It is a peaceful location to enjoy. Kids are more than welcome!

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May 7 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

2 miles west of Concord Hospital on Hopkinton Road/NH Rt. 202.