

## Crafts are back

### Annual craft show this weekend at high school

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It seems that some people are born with it, while others develop it over time. Either way, creativity is a source of intrigue for those who lack it. At the Duxbury Art Association's 33rd annual craft show and sale this weekend, it will be in abundant supply.

The juried show will thrust 70 artisans into the limelight out of the more than 100 entries they received. Aside from skill, the only requisite to participate in this year's show was to create and provide hand-made crafts. Everything from homemade glass to jewelry to hand-dipped chocolate snowmen will be available for perusal and purchase.

"I think people should know that just because everything is handmade, it doesn't necessarily have to be expensive," Laurel Lies, of the DAA, said. "People tend to think it's either popsicle sticks or really fancy, and it doesn't have to be one or the other."

Lies said the show will feature handmade note cards selling for \$5 as well as handcrafted furniture for \$500.

About 1/3 of the artisans are from the South Shore, another 1/3 are from the Boston area, and the

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**Homemade** – This hat from GALVIN-ized Headwear and others will be available at the DAA's craft show this weekend.

## 70 artisans to compete

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final 1/3 hail from other New England states, Lies said.

Duxbury residents Karen and Steven Eames participated in the show for the past four or five years, they said. But they didn't always live in town.

"We were living in Boston at that time and my sister and friends were living in Duxbury," Karen Eames said. "We just heard about it from them."

Karen makes handbags, mostly crocheted, while her husband is primarily a landscape photographer.

Karen Eames said handmade crafts, particularly when each one is completely different from the last, is exceptionally time consuming.

Her bags include a lot of vintage buttons and jewelry, she said.

"I like attention to details on putting parts together and making it work as a whole," she said. "I collect lots and lots of materials and put together something different each time."

All the attention to detail, though, is gathering too much of her time. So, at year's end, she'll be retiring from her full-time position in the Boston school system as an occupational therapist. This will give her more time to work on her creative ventures.

As the years go by, she gets more and more involved in her crafts. The show seems to get better, too, she said.

"The really nice thing is that it has the support of the community," Eames said. "People come out to it and are enthusiastic about buying the artists' work – they plan to do their Christmas shopping at the show."

Anne Schroeder, who creates "Andi's People Stationery" agreed.

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is the encouragement you get from the community," Schroeder said. "Last year was my first time, and there was a lot of great energy, and people were really excited about all of the crafters who were there."

Though Schroeder worked in marketing and public relations for years, her business is based on a character with long skinny legs and big shoes that she created in high school.

The character may be old, but her business isn't – this is only her second year in the stationery business.

Since participating in last year's show, she's added a number of products and designs to her line. Schroeder sold mostly blank note cards before, but now she's offering greeted cards, personalized cards, and a birthday/anniversary calendar.

"They really reflect what's in my heart and what's meaningful to me – music, art, dance, sports..." she said.

The show will be held at Duxbury High School this weekend, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$5 (free for children under 12).