

# THE handmade MARKET

## MAY 6 & 7 @MARKET HALL

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Shop for unique handcrafted gifts from local artists and designers at The Handmade Market on May 6th and 7th, 2016.

**RALEIGH, N.C. – NC design and craft collective, The Handmaidens, announce the 20th installment of The Handmade Market.**

The Handmade Market is a two-day, indoor designer craft fair and market featuring handcrafted goods from more than 50 artists, designers and crafters. The FREE event will run from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 7th, 2016. There is a special preview shopping night Friday May 6th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Shoppers can enter the Friday night event for \$5.00 and it is open to anyone wanting to shop the latest designs or have a little more shopping room. The Handmade Market will be held at Market Hall, in downtown Raleigh. The entrance is located at 215 Wolfe Street in City Market, just south of Moore Square.

Interested artists, crafters and designers applied for The Handmade Market throughout the winter and early spring. Applicants were juried and accepted into the event with a focus on local and regional artists. The jury concentrated on designers that represent such diverse groups of modern handcrafts including, jewelry, children's goods, men and women's apparel, fashion accessories, home goods, bath and body, fine art and stationery. The jury consists of artists, designers and crafters of varying media experience.

Professional photographer, Elizabeth Galecke, will return with her popular 15 minute photography sessions, both Friday evening and all day Saturday, inside The Handmade Market. These sessions can be booked ahead of time at [Elizabeth@ElizabethGalecke.com](mailto:Elizabeth@ElizabethGalecke.com), but walk-ins are welcome. Additional details can be found at [www.thehandmademarket.com](http://www.thehandmademarket.com).

The Handmade Market also includes a fundraiser to benefit a local charity. In the past, visitors to the market have raised thousands of dollars for such causes as Hospice of Wake County, Meals on Wheels, The Scrap Exchange, Animalkind, Read and Feed, Toxic Free NC, Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, and many more. This May, The Handmade Market will be partnering with The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. Baskets overflowing with participating artist and local business donations will be part of a voluntary raffle. All raffle money collected will be donated to the charitable partner.

Since its inception in 2006, The Handmade Market has become one of the Southeast's most highly anticipated shopping events. The Handmade Market is produced by The Handmaidens and made possible with support from local businesses and volunteers. For additional information, participating artist gallery, customer feedback and pictures from past events, please visit: [www.thehandmademarket.com](http://www.thehandmademarket.com).

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