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Artisans go all out for weekend fair in Truro

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TRURO — Tradesman's Park, the town's artisan complex on Route 6, will be bustling with activity this weekend as part of the Cape-wide Fall For The Arts celebration. The Guild of Fine Glass Artists and Round Cove Woodworks, housed in the Tradesman's Park, will be joined by a host of artists and artisans, mostly local, who will provide demonstrations and workshops and other activities in the hope that others will be inspired.

The festivities begin Friday night from 7-9 p.m. with a meet-the-artists opening reception. The fun continues all day Saturday and Sunday when there will be food to eat, live music, art exhibits and more.

"It's really an extension of what we do," said Christie Andresen of the Guild of Fine Glass Artists. "We'll be open to the public to answer questions and encourage people in their own art work."

Activities include rug hooking by Homer Virgil Pinkley, weaving by Hilde Olsen and a French polishing workshop by Round Cove Woodworks. The fair will feature hot glass vessels and ornaments by Jacob and Noah Humiston, contemporary art glass by Andresen and sculptural glasswork by Donna Mahan, a gallery show by John Choly, photography by Carol Ann Bishop, nature photography note cards by naturalist Tor Hansen and pottery by Susan Kurtzman of Jobi Pottery. Mary Garrett of Flowers By Mary will do a flower arrangement demonstration. There will be an art glass raffle, a "pumpkin flower" centerpiece raffle and hourly door prizes.

The event is part of the Cape-wide Fall For The Arts Festival that is being presented and promoted by The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, of which the Truro artisans are members, and Cape Cod View Magazine. Over 450 venues around the Cape will feature family-friendly performances and exhibitions and present opportunities for people to mingle with exhibiting artists. This is the second such festival. The first was held in four towns. A slew of local businesses and individuals have chipped in to make Truro's fair possible.

"We're hoping for exposure," said Rick Jacobson and Anonette Berger of Round Cove Woodworks. "We want other artists to want to be here." Berger said of the Tradesman's Park, which is still in its infancy as a place for artists and crafts-people to join forces. "My dream is to write a grant, start a non-profit and get other artists and artisans to ply their trade, teach their trade."

The second large, corrugated building of artist bays is now under construction at the complex. "The buildings are very affordable and cheap to heat," said Jacobson, who added that the owners will work with interested artisans to customize the bays.

"We want to keep this location alive," Andresen said.

The Tradesman's Park is located on Route 6 in North Truro, behind Seamen's Bank. There should be plenty of parking, fair organizers said.

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