

Downtown Silver Spring,  
Handmade Mart, and  
FRESHFARM Markets present...



# FAQ PAGE

## Handmade Mart at the Holiday Shop -n- Stroll Dec 5, 10am-3pm 🌿 Downtown Silver Spring

### **What is the Handmade Mart?**

The Handmade Mart is an annual juried craft event that had its first show in the Spring of 2009 with 50+ independent artisans and crafters selling their handmade goods along Ellsworth Drive in Downtown Silver Spring. This December, Handmade Mart is teaming up with the FRESHFARM Markets to produce the Holiday Shop -n-Stroll -- a huge, outdoor, holiday shopping extravaganza like no other!

### **What kinds of crafts will be there?**

The Handmade Mart showcases unique handmade goods, including knitting work, jewelry, clothing, paper goods, t-shirts, home furnishing, accessories, art and more!

### **When and where is the fair being held?**

The upcoming Holiday Show will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 10am to 3pm along the bustling Ellsworth Drive in the heart of Downtown Silver Spring, Maryland. Close to Metro and easily accessible from all major thoroughfares, Ellsworth Drive is a heavily trafficked pedestrian route [closed off to motor vehicles] on the weekends.

### **How do I get there?**

The Holiday Shop -n- Stroll will take place on Ellsworth Drive, between Fenton Avenue and Georgia Avenue. We encourage all local shoppers to take public transportation. The Silver Spring Metro stop on the Red Line is a 5 min. walk from the Handmade Mart. Check [wmata.com](http://wmata.com) for Metro information.

If you're driving, there are 2 free public lots that you can park in, which are located right next to the Mart. Lot entrances are on both Ellsworth Drive and Wayne Ave.

### **How do I participate?**

The application process for crafters for the Holiday Shop -n- Stroll runs until October 19th. You must submit your application and photos by the deadline in order to be considered for a spot in the fair. You can download your application directly from [handmademart.blogspot.com](http://handmademart.blogspot.com).

Please be aware that this is a juried show for all applying crafters. All completed applications will be reviewed and we will make our choices based on the quality and uniqueness of the work presented. If you are interested in selling produce with the FRESHFARM Markets, please contact Janna Howley at [jannahowley@freshfarmmarket.org](mailto:jannahowley@freshfarmmarket.org).

### **What does my booth fee cover?**

Your \$65 fee includes a 10ft. x 10ft. booth space. The event is outdoors and will go on rain or shine; a tent is recommended. Vendors are also responsible for their own tables, chairs and displays. Crafters also receive their logo + link on our website. Electricity will also be available for an additional \$10 fee (outlets are limited, so first come, first serve).

### **Can I share a booth with a friend?**

Sure! But each booth-sharer must apply with their own application and photos (see application for further details).

### **When and how will I know if I'm accepted?**

You'll be notified by email on October 21st on whether or not you've been accepted.

**Is my booth fee refundable?**

Once accepted as a vendor, you have until October 28th to pay your booth fee and guarantee your spot at the fair. There are no refunds for cancellations. If you cancel, you forfeit your booth space; you are not permitted to sell or trade your space. We reserve the right to fill spots as we see fit from the vendors on our waiting list.

**Taxes?**

All accepted vendors will have their names and addresses given to the MD Comptroller's Office, which will then send every vendor a 30-day temporary tax license, along with information on where to send their tax payment (MD has a flat 6% sales tax). Vendors will have 30 days to calculate and send in their payment.

**More questions?**

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