

A New Faire sparks curiosity

The Tennessee Soybean Festival invites you to come and witness feats of human ingenuity, creativity, and talent! For the first time ever the Festival will be home to a brand new Faire. A Faire that will spark your curiosity, your creativity, and your community pride! We welcome you to the Makers Faire!

The word faire is a French verb and it means "to make" or "to do." This is exactly what our event is about! All participants in this faire will bring items to display, sell, and demonstrate. Those items have all been made with the artisans' hands. All of your senses will be engaged. You can hear live music from the MV Duo, an award-winning local blues band. and have your mind blown away by the South's very own illusionist, Bentley Burns. You can touch

and smell each handmade curiosity. View the work of local artists and maybe even some engineers.

With all of this wonderful talk about the Faire, you may be wondering exactly what the Faire is looking for. Do you make something with your hands, like jewelry, quilts, home décor or leather goods? Are you an artist, sculpture or performance artist? Do you have an invention that you want to share with the community? A yes to any of these questions means that the Makers Faire is the right Faire for you! The Faire is seeking participants that would like to share their art and craft with the world. All participants must create each item that they sell or demonstrate. We are also seeking individuals who have a unique talent such as poi ball danc-

ing to perform at the Faire. If you are any of these wonderful people contact Sarah at whitebearjewelry@gmail.com or visit the events section of the TNSoybeanfestival.org site for more information and an applications. The Faire will take place on Lindell Street, in downtown Martin, on Sept. 4 at noon.

The Faire is not only for shopping and entertainment but education. The cottage industry is vital to the local economy and to the development and growth of our community and our children. Sarah Skelton, coordinator of The Makers Faire, seeks to provide the citizens and artists of Weakley County with opportunities to create and be a part of a thriving and exciting community of people who want nothing more than to make Martin the art center

of West Tennessee. Skelton is creating a wondrous new organization, The Artists' Guild of Martin, to help make this dream a reality. All proceeds from booth rentals will be going toward the creation of this non-profit organization. The Guild aims to bring art and art education to the people of Martin through organized shows, classes taught by local artists and musicians, and scholarship funds for students who would like to participate in band but cannot afford an instrument.

The Tennessee Soybean Festival and The Artists' Guild of Martin warmly welcome you to join us at this unique faire to experience all the wonders that art can provide. We invite you to take part in our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/themakersfaire.



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