

Main Street Makers Market set for May 11

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Saturday, May 11, will bring the opportunity for Clintonians to peruse the Olde Towne Clinton brick streets for special handmade and unique items at the Main Street Clinton Makers Market.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the family-friendly atmosphere invites the community to gather and shop with local artists, craftsmen and vendors. Falling on Mother's Day weekend, it offers an opportunity to find a one-of-a-kind gift for the special day. Shoppers can also enjoy food and fun with family and friends and can grab lunch or a snack at any Olde Towne restaurant or from one of the many market food vendors. The market will end at 1 p.m.

A new name was given to the market in 2019 in hopes of highlighting true artists and makers. As shopping and décor trends have shifted back toward more unique and handmade items, the Makers Market theme seeks to attract talented artisans who have carefully mastered their craft and focused on providing a beautiful handmade product.

Proud owners of vintage automobiles, as well as some mid-century classic models, will cruise-in to display their cars during the market. Spectators and enthusiasts can get a good look at the beautiful automobiles and talk with the owners.

Vendor booths are still available, and applications may be obtained online at www.mainstreetclintonms.com/market or by calling the Main Street Clinton office at 601-924-5472.

Kristen Brandt to speak at Clinton Ink-Slingers' meeting

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Kristen Brandt, special initiatives director of the Mississippi Arts Commission, will be the guest speaker for the May 18 meeting of the Clinton Ink-Slingers. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Clinton Visitor Center, located at 1300 Pinehaven Drive in Clinton.

Brandt is a Mississippi native holding a bachelor's degree in English literature from Mississippi College and a master's degree in folk studies from Western Kentucky University. Her responsibilities include managing a portfolio of grants for writers and overseeing special projects, such as the Mississippi Artist Roster, the Mississippi Writers' Trail, and the Underserved Initiative.

J. Moffett Walker, Ink-Slingers' president, and Joedda Gore, publicity chairman, invite both emerging and dedicated writers as well as artists of all disciplines to attend the presentation to receive information regarding

funding opportunities through the Mississippi Arts Commission's Minigrants Program. Individual Artist Minigrants provide up to \$500 in support for artists to complete one of three eligible projects: attending a professional development workshop/conference, developing both digital and print marketing materials, or to purchase consumable supplies. The applications may be submitted May 1 - June 1.

For more information about Individual Artist Minigrants, visit arts.ms.gov/ grants or call MAC at 601-359-6030.



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