

Meet the Makers

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Wednesday, September 18, 2024

What is “Meet the Makers?”

This is a one-day event for our **trade members** featuring hands-on activities and live demonstrations throughout the day that highlight the skill, craft, and creative talent that sets our products apart from lesser-quality mass produced items.

How do showrooms participate?

Any showroom may participate by inviting a manufacturer they represent to provide an artisan to come to MDC to demonstrate their craft or lead a hands-on activity that demonstrates how their products are made.

Examples might include a person who adds carving or hand-applied finishes to a furniture item, a person who leads a screen-printing activity trade members can try themselves, or an artist who uses an unusual medium or method to create their one-of-a-kind pieces.

How will the day be scheduled?

Once your showroom has decided which “maker” you will invite, select a **block of time** that the maker will be on hand in your showroom space demonstrating their craft. We strongly recommend a two to three hour time block (minimum) so that trade members may attend as many showroom demonstrations as possible.

MDC will provide one large tent that will be set up near the North entrance where three keynote demonstrations may be held. This outdoor space will be ideal for a craftsperson whose demonstration might be on the messy side, create fumes, or may require special equipment not suited to an indoor showroom (blacksmith, anything requiring a power nail gun or spray paint, etc). **These tent demonstrations must be secured in advance by contacting Patty in the Resource Center.** There will only be three time slots available for the tent, and we want to be sure the three demonstrations are something special and unique that will draw a good audience.

Be a good neighbor!

This is not the day to provide lunch or a presentation in your showroom that is set for a specific time. We have received lots of feedback from past events, and showrooms overwhelmingly do not like too much overlap in the schedule. This causes trade members to miss out on things they would like to attend because too many things are happening at the same time. **We urge showrooms to schedule their demos in a more open-house style over a period of a few hours so designers can stop in and see as many different demos as they like.** Serving food is strictly optional, but if you like, please plan refreshments that can be grazed on throughout the day.

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Wednesday, September 18, 2024
10:00 – 3:00

Meet the Makers is a one-day building-wide event for trade members featuring hands-on activities and live demonstrations hosted by MDC showrooms.

Participation Information:

Showroom name: _____

Showroom contact person: _____

Activity: Live demo in showroom Activity in showroom

Describe your demo or activity:

Time period for showroom demo or activity (minimum two hour time block)

Keynote Demonstrations in outdoor tent (three time slots available)

Preferred time for Tent Keynote Demo: 10:30 12:30 2:00
(indicate first, second, and third choice time slots)

Describe your proposed Keynote Demonstration in detail:

Special equipment/ considerations needed from MDC:

(Please note here any special equipment/accommodations needed for your Tent Keynote and/or showroom demo/activity. Please fill out the attached equipment request form for basic MDC equipment needs.)

Proposed Tent Keynote agreements are due on or before **June 14, 2024**.

General participation agreements are due on or before **June 28, 2024**

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Meeting & AV Equipment Request

Requested by (Contact): _____

Showroom: _____

Event Date: _____ Event Time: _____

Need Set Up By (Date & Time): _____

TABLES

- 6' X 24" Beige Laminate Table (25) QTY: _____
- 6' X 30" White Laminate Table (15) QTY: _____
- 72" Round Wood Tables QTY: _____
- Hi Top Tables – Silver (17) QTY: _____
- Hi Top Tables – 2' X 4' (6) QTY: _____
Rectangular (41" Tall)

CHAIRS

- Beige Pattern with Cushion (218) QTY: _____
- White Plastic (157) QTY: _____

MEETING ACCESSORIES

- Pipe & Black Drape (2 Sections) QTY: _____
- Silver Trash cans (8) QTY: _____
- Coat Racks (2)

AV/PRESENTATION

- Epson Projector Cart
- LCD Projector with Connections & Remote
- Portable Projector Screen (1)
- Podium (1)
- Bluetooth Portable Speaker
(FOR MUSIC USE ONLY!!!)
- Lavalier Microphone (3) QTY: _____
- Cordless Microphones (2) QTY: _____
- Stainless Steel Easels (2) QTY: _____
- Heavy Duty Lg Easels (2) QTY: _____
- Collapsible Easels (53) QTY: _____
- Flip Chart (1)

Please list any other special requirements or set up regarding movement of furniture, products or displays required for your event.

NOTE: MDC AGREES TO LOAN ITS EQUIPMENT TO A MICHIGAN DESIGN CENTER (MDC) SHOWROOM FOR THE BENEFIT OF AN MDC SPONSORED EVENT. THE SHOWROOM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING EQUIPMENT IN GOOD REPAIR. IN THE EVENT OF DAMAGE AND/OR LOSS, REPAIR/REPLACEMENT COSTS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BORROWING SHOWROOM.