



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Community Businesses and Individuals Provide Support for the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair**

CONCORD, NH -- The League of NH Craftsmen is pleased to have the support of community businesses and individuals for the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair, August 2-10, 2008, at the Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury, New Hampshire. "This is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fair, and with help from our sponsors we are providing fun, educational activities and celebratory events for those who attend the Fair," said League of NH Craftsmen's Executive Director, Susie Lowe-Stockwell. The lead media sponsor for the Fair is Comcast. The League is extremely grateful to Comcast, lead individual sponsor E."Tin" Bacon, and to the following businesses and individuals who have committed their support through financial sponsorships, in-kind services or donated product to the League for the Annual Craftsmen's Fair: *(This is the listing at time of this release):*

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### **A Birthday Bash to Celebrate 75 Years**

This year, a special Craftsmen's Fair Birthday Bash will be held on Thursday evening, August 7, when the craft booths and all Fair activities will remain open until 6:00 PM and will feature dinner and concert by folk and blues singer Tom Rush. During the Birthday Bash, the League of NH Craftsmen will present awards to juried members of the League for booth display and education content, as well as recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the Fair and the League. The evening will be topped off with a fireworks display. Tickets are \$40 per person for the dinner, Tom Rush concert, and fireworks; \$25 per person for the Tom Rush concert and fireworks only. Tickets can be purchased on the League's website, [www.nhcrafts.org](http://www.nhcrafts.org).

### **Fair Information and Early Ticket Sales**

The 75th Annual League of NH Craftsmen Fair will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily, and until 6:00 PM August 7 rain or shine, from August 2-10. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors, students, active duty military (with ID), and groups of 20 or more. Admission is free for children 12 and under. A ticket includes admission to all exhibitions and demonstrations, as well as a second day free return to the Fair. This year, visitors can purchase tickets in advance on the League's website, [www.nhcrafts.org](http://www.nhcrafts.org). This is a great way to avoid the long ticket lines at the Fair gates. Tickets that are purchased on the League website after July 26 will be available for pickup at any ticket gate. Advance discounted tickets (\$1 off regular price) are available until August 1 at the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce office on 41 Main Street in New London.

Parking is free and childcare is available on site at \$2 per hour. Picnic areas, as well as a food tent, indoor cafeterias, and an outdoor Garden Café (serving adult beverages) are open daily. No pets are permitted on the fairgrounds or left in cars in the parking lots.

### **Special Fuel Up at the Fair Promotion**

With the national average cost per gallon of gasoline now over \$4.00 (at the time of this printing), the League has come up with a promotion to help provide some relief. The first 250 people who attend the Fair, Monday through Friday, who bring a gas receipt to the Sunapee Chamber of Commerce booth at the Fair will be automatically entered to win a \$50 gas card and other prizes, including gift certificates from Sunapee Region restaurants and other businesses. There is one entry per family, and contact information must be provided. There will be a drawing for the gas card and other prizes at noon each day.

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**About the League of NH Craftsmen**

The League of NH Craftsmen is a non-profit, craft education organization. Its mission is to encourage, nurture and promote the creation, use and preservation of fine contemporary and traditional craft through the inspiration and education of artists and the broader community.



The League is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information about the Fair, or the League of NH Craftsmen, call 603-224-3375, email [nhleague@nhcrafts.org](mailto:nhleague@nhcrafts.org), or visit the League's website at [www.nhcrafts.org](http://www.nhcrafts.org).

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