

Vendors sought for summertime Huttleston Marketplace in Fairhaven

Local artists, crafters, dealers of antiques and vintage collectibles, and local food producers will have a new place to display their products for sale in Fairhaven this summer at the Huttleston Marketplace, to be held on Saturdays on the lawn of the town's Visitors Center. From mid-June and until Labor Day weekend, the marketplace will have vendor spaces available in an attractive and convenient setting at Route 6 and Main Street, next to Fairhaven High School.

"This is intended to be a vibrant little crafts and vintage collectibles fair that happens every week on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.," say Fairhaven tourism director Chris Richard, who is organizing the market. "It will provide very affordable space for crafters, artists, and other compatible merchants to set up shop, so to speak. Vendors can sign up for a single week, several weeks, or for the entire twelve-week season. Besides arts and crafts, antiques and collectible, I hope to see some fresh produce, plants, prepared foods, and maybe even a little bit of live entertainment."

Guidelines for vendors have been created to help insure the quality of the products sold. Crafts must be hand made in New England. Imprinted clothing such as T-shirts that are not handmade, must have images created by the sellers that have local significance. Antique and vintage items must be of a certain age and condition and have collectible value. Food products must be made locally.

"The public coming here each week will see select, unique things for sale. There won't be any new mass-manufactured goods, multi-level marketing products, or garage and rummage

sale items,” says Mr. Richard. “Shoppers will be supporting creative artisans from our own region.”

Application forms and guidelines for vendors are available now and can be downloaded from the Fairhaven Office of Tourism website at <http://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace>. For additional information about the Huttleston Marketplace, you can email Chris Richard at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov or call 508-979-4085.