

Out & About

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MEET THE MAKERS DAY!



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EVENT

Meet the Makers Day

Learn how things are made in Downtown Racine at new event

RACINE — The Downtown Racine Merchants Association (DRMA) announced the first Meet the Makers Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, throughout Downtown Racine.

"This event will be a great opportunity to see all of the amazing things that are made right here in Downtown Racine," said Scott Obernberger, chair of DRMA. "With more than a dozen participating locations offering demonstrations throughout the day, we are inviting everyone to come into our stores and studios to see first-hand how we make our products — whether it is candles, bath and body products, jewelry, home goods or delectable treats, this is an incredible chance to see not just where things are made, but how they are made."

"We are thrilled that 14 of our members will be participating in this first Meet the Makers Day," said Obernberger. "Each location will be doing scheduled demonstrations throughout the day so that you and your families can come and learn more about how much work, craftsmanship and love goes into everything we do in Downtown Racine. Whether you want to learn more about wine, incense, upcycling or how photo memories can be turned

If You Go

WHAT: Meet the Makers Day
WHEN: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 8
WHERE: Downtown Racine
COST: Free

ABOUT DRMA

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into unique gifts, there will be something for everyone."

Participating locations and scheduled demonstrations/lectures include:

■ **Upcycling!** — Learn how to make durable, reusable bags out of yesterday's fashions at Orange Thread Collection, 302 Main St.

■ **Crafting Keepsakes** — Showing how photos can turn into various items to preserve precious memories at Lighthouse Gallery and Gifts, 306 Main St.

■ **Meet the Winemaker** — Mike and Jenn Kush, who have worked throughout the world's wine regions, will feature five of their wines from New Zealand and Portugal at Uncorkt, 240 Main St.

■ To be announced

— Tangles Salon Studio, 304 Main St.

■ **Get Wheel** — Watch Scott make vases and bowls on the pottery wheel at Twice Baked Pottery, 320 Main St.

■ **Incense 101** — Not all incense is created equally. Discuss brands and different forms, from traditional sticks to resins and even cover smudging with ceremonial herbs at Sheepish, 326 Main St.

■ **Making Cupcake Bouquets** — Watch as Maria demonstrates cupcake decoration and turns cupcakes into bouquets at Main Street Bakery, 328 Main St.

■ **Personalized Body Butter Creation** — Learn how to get the perfect body butter for you. Watch a demonstration on how body butters are personalized to fit a mood and style at Sheabrojae's Natural Expressions, 330 Main St.

■ **Love Your Lip Balm** — Learn about natural cosmetic ingredients while lip balm is made to nourish dry winter lips at Nailed It!, 333 Main St.

■ **Forging Sterling** — Stop and see examples of how sterling silver wire is forged into jewelry and jewelry components at Art Metals Studio, 332 Main St.

■ **Let There Be Light** — Come and see how candles are made at Red Moon, 334 Main St.

■ **Oil Painting** — Jennifer Zygmont will demonstrate

the art of oil painting from a still life at Artists Gallery, 401 Main St.

■ **Woodturning** — Enhancing the Beauty of Wood — Turning small vessels and ornaments. Involving children in designing and making their own pendant at Artists Gallery.

■ **Watercolors** — Use of transparent watercolor on paper in a casual, impressionistic style at Artists Gallery.

■ **Highlighting Women Makers** — Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St.

■ **Custom Design Basics** — Learn how fine jewelry is made through a demonstration at Gold Diamond & Design, 402 Main St.

"This is a family-friendly event, a chance for you to bring your children to Downtown Racine and have them learn about the craftsmanship and the art of production that takes place here every single day," said Obernberger. What better way is there to spend the day than learning with your family?"

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