

The Cape Cod Chronicle



Last year's Kill Tide Fair

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Castleberry Craft Fairs

*American made Arts, Crafts,
Specialty Foods & Music*

Next fair: 7th Annual Kill Tide Arts and Crafts Festival

Rte. 6A, 773 Main St.

Drummer Boy Park, Brewster

Saturday August 25 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

and Sunday August 26 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

www.CastleberryFairs.com

Minding Your Business

“Castleberry Craft Fairs have been coming to the Cape for seven seasons,” Terry Mullen, event coordinator of the group said. “We are a family business based out of New Hampshire, but we live on the Cape all summer. We have produced juried arts and crafts fairs throughout New England since 1989. Twenty-nine years! We are passionate about the work we do and we hope you can join us!” Yes, they are always looking for artisans (though this summer’s Cape shows are full) and of course always hoping you will attend one of their fairs. They’ve been to Chatham twice this summer, one in early July and the other just recently in early August. The second Brewster show is in Drummer Boy Park on Aug. 25 and 26. “We call it the Annual Kill Tide Festival because in late August the current along Cape Cod Bay changes killing off the larvae of the dreaded greenhead flies, a cyclical phenomenon referred to locally as the ‘kill tide.’ The Brewster show has a lot of artists, higher than other show.”

Then you can find shows off Cape throughout the fall culminating in the Holiday Craft Spectacular in Hanover, Mass. on Dec. 1 and 2 this year. “It’s always the weekend two weeks after Thanksgiving.”

“We’ve learned the goals of every show are to please the artisan, the shopper and the bookkeeper!” smiled Mullen. And after nearly three decades in this business, the Mullens have

perfected the event. “Most of the artisans are local and from the Northeast, and all are hand-crafted and well-made. They are all juried shows so we are very conscious of keeping them varied, if your craft is already in the show we put you on a wait list.” Mullen encourage any artisans who are interested in exhibiting in the off Cape shows or next year to fill out their online application now.

“Currently there seems to be a focus on personal care products and something I call ‘vintage chic.’ Craftsmen repurpose an item into something new. For instance, one craftsman makes jewelry out of broken pieces of antique china. And we are excited about the Cape Cod Cutlery; they make their own knives!”

Along with original art and photography at the Brewster show, shoppers will find sterling silver jewelry, sea glass jewelry, quilts, soy candles, ornaments, leather, pottery, doll clothes, flags, toys, pillows, fused glass, blown glass, shell craft, metal sculpture, wood inlay, puzzles, lighting, wearable art, aroma-therapy, planters, turned wood, garden décor, fiber art and so much more! Sample specialty food items such as kettle corn, baked nuts, cranberry jellies, olives oil, seasonings, herbal dips and more there too. Admission is free with free parking at all the Cape Cod shows, and events are held rain or shine.

Can’t make a show this year? Mark your calendar for next summer!

