Volunteer with the Creative Arts at The Big E

Volunteer Opportunities
Volunteers are an important part of Creative Arts at The Big E! We are always in need of volunteers before, during and after the fair. We have volunteer opportunities appropriate for people of all ability levels.

Why Volunteer? As a volunteer, you may earn day ticket to The Big E fair, meet new people, learn more about a craft from fellow crafters and judges, and be proud of your contribution towards creating an amazing Creative Arts display that is admired by thousands.

DURING THE FAIR

**The Creative Arts Ambassador**
*September 16 - October 2  
4 hour shifts between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm*

The volunteer Ambassadors are the friendly faces everyone sees when they enter the New England Center. Ambassadors greet fair visitors, answer questions about our wonderful exhibits and general fair questions. Ambassadors monitor exhibits during the Fair and make sure that no one touches the displays. Ambassadors volunteer for 4 hour shifts and receive a free entry ticket and free parking to the Fair for that day! We also offer free snacks and beverages while you are volunteering.

*The New England Center will likely close at 9 pm

**The Creative Arts Tour Guide**
*September 16 - October 2*

Tour guides will be provided with information to share with our fairgoers about the wonderful exhibits, history, and how to become involved. Tours will be scheduled on weekends and some weekdays on the hour or every other hour from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

**Demonstrators**
*September 16 - October 2  
4 hour shifts between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm*

We in the Creative Arts Department at The Big E feel it is essential for those involved in any aspect of creative arts (quilting, photography, gardening, knitting, and more) to share their skills with others. By sharing our love of the arts, we promote awareness of the crafts and encourage others to carry on artistic traditions. Your knowledge and support can inspire people to continue their projects and discover new crafts.

Each year, demonstrators represent and promote their craft at The Big E. The role of the demonstrator is to show the public how their art, craft or horticulture is done, how to get started, and where to go for help, instruction, and supplies needed. Through educational presentations, demonstrators motivate others to try something new. You may demonstrate your craft at areas set up amongst our display, or new for this year, on the stage.

**PRE AND POST FAIR VOLUNTEERS**
Volunteers who donate 8 or more hours of time before the Fair begins and after the Fair closes receive a one day ticket to The Big E for every 8 hours of volunteering.

**Pre & Post Fair Organizers**
*August—October 4*

Assist with clean up and take down of displays. Sort paperwork.

**Creative Arts Set up Assistant**
*September 1 (photography) and September 9-15 (all other departments)*

Our Set-Up Assistants handle all the entries received for the Creative Arts after judging. They assist with the set up and placement of the over 1,000 entries for display.
Scribes and Presenters
September 2 (Fine Arts), September 8-9 (All other departments)
Judging day is a busy day for the Creative Arts department. We have several departments to be judged and each judge needs a scribe and often a presenter who lays out the items to be judged. The scribe writes all the placings and judge’s comments as each item is judged. They also review judging sheets for completeness. Presenters keep judges moving by keeping entries organized during the judging process and present judges with the next item to be judged. These two positions are often switched between individuals during the day, one person will act as the scribe for a couple hours and then switch with the presenter.

Receiving and Post Fair Pick Up Assistants
RECEIVING: September 1 (Photography & Fine Arts), September 7 (most other departments) & September 12-13 (Food)
PICK UP: October 3 & 4 (all departments)
Assist exhibitors when they drop off their entries for judging and picking up their entries after the Fair. Assistants check each entry as received for overall condition and check that the entry is properly entered and tagged. After the Fair, assistants help exhibitors locate their entries, pick up their paperwork and check out.

If you have any questions, please contact Creative Arts at Creativearts@TheBigE.com or call 413-205-5015.

Thank you for your support and time dedicated to the Creative Arts.
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Thank you.

Please consider becoming a Creative Arts Volunteer and help make Creative Arts the Best!
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Volunteers are an important part of The Big E Creative Arts. If you have a skill to share or a passion for helping and being involved, we may have the perfect role for you. We invite you to complete the form below.

Please try our online SLING sign up. You can view times available and sign up online. Please email CreativeArts@thebige.com for an invitation.

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**Skills/Interests**

Please Describe

Please List any Dietary Restrictions

**Please check Volunteer Opportunities you are interested in:**

- [ ] **The Creative Arts Ambassador** Please mark **beginning** of your 4-hour shift for each day you would like to volunteer.
  - [ ] Please check here if you are interested in leading guided tours of the Creative Arts.

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Are you able to walk for 3 ½ hours during your shift as an Ambassador? ___ Yes, if no, we will provide seating for some of the time. If you are unable to walk, please contact our office so we can find ways for you to assist.
☐ **Creative Arts Demonstrator.** Come show others how to do your craft.
   Craft: ___________________________________________________________
   We will contact you to make sure we have everything you need for your demonstration.

☐ **Pre & Post Fair Organizers**  *August-October 4 (various dates)*
   Dates & Times Available ________________________________________________

☐ **Creative Arts Set Up Assistant**  *September 1 & 2 (Photography) and September 9-15 (all other departments)*
   Please write in times available.

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☐ **Judge’s Scribes and Presenters**  *September 2 (Art/Photography) September 8-9 (all other departments)*
   Department to assist with:
   ________________________________________________

☐ **Receiving and Post Fair Pick Up Assistants**

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☐ Please mail my car and entry pass.
☐ I will pick up my passes after August 15. (please call ahead, the office is staffed part time). 413-205-5015
☐ I require handicap parking and have a state issued handicap placard or plate.

Anyone volunteering 5 (five) or more days during the Fair will be provided a photo ID badge and must make arrangements to pick up in the office and have their photo taken (after Labor Day).
Please return by **August 29** to Creativearts@TheBigE.com or mail to:
Eastern States Exposition, Creative Arts
1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA  01089

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