

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

dates subject to change slightly

*September 15-October 1 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 15-October 1

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 15-October 1 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 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 3

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

Creative Arts Set up Assistant

September 1 (photography) and September 7-14 (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 1 (Fine Arts), September 6-9 (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: August 31 (Photography & Fine Arts), September 5 (most other departments) & September 11-12 (Food)

PICK UP: October 2 & 3 (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.

The incredible displays admired by all that visit the New England Center are only possible with the support of our amazing volunteers!

Thank you.

Please consider becoming a Creative Arts Volunteer and help make Creative Arts the Best!

Please return this form by **August 15** to CreativeArts@TheBigE.com or mail to:

Eastern States Exposition, Creative Arts
1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089

Volunteer with the



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.

First Name	Last Name	Email					
		City		State	Zip		
Phone Number	Cell phone	Physical Limitations that my restrict your activities					
Emergency Contact Name				Relation			
Street Address		City		State	Zip		
Phone Number	Cell phone						

Skills/Interests

Please Describe	
Please specify if you have any allergies or 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.

	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1
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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 3 (various dates)
 Dates & Times Available _____

Creative Arts Set Up Assistant August 31 & September 1 (Photography) and September 7-14 (all other departments)
 Please write in times available.

8/31	9/1	9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/14

Judge's Scribes and Presenters September 1 (Art/Photography) September 6-9 (all other departments)

9/1	9/6	9/7	9/8	9/9

Department to assist with: _____

Receiving and Post Fair Pick Up Assistants

Receiving				
Depts	Photo & Fine Arts	Depts 1-16, 30-39	Food	Food
Day	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday
Date	8/31	9/5	9/11	9/12
Hours	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	9:00 AM-11:00 AM
Please write in hours available				
Pick-Up				
Day	Monday	Tuesday		
Date	10/2	10/3		
Hours	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM		
Please write in hours available				

____ 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).

Additional Volunteer Opportunities

There are events this summer and we are looking for volunteers!

Wine and Cider & Perry Competition: Saturday, June 3rd, 2023

Cheese Competition: Friday, July 7th, 2023

I would like to receive more information about: (please circle all that apply)

Wine and Cider & Perry Competition Cheese Competition I am unable to volunteer at either of these events