



For Immediate Release:

Calling all makers, crafters, tinkerers, and artists: the application for the second annual Rochester Mini Maker Faire is now open.

Rochester, NY - On Saturday, June 13th, the Rochester Mini Maker Faire will be hosting a kickoff event to announce the call for applications from makers, crafters, tinkerers, and artists for its second annual event and to celebrate the start of the National Week of Making. The kickoff event will take place in the Eleanor Eisenhart Morris Ballroom at the Rochester Museum & Science Center at 10am. After the kickoff, attendees are invited to visit the science museum where several local makers and makerspaces will be showing off their work.

Rochester Mini Maker Faire:

This year's Rochester Mini Maker Faire will take place on Saturday, November 21st from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

Maker Faires are celebrations of everyone who loves making, art, science, technology, and creativity. The Rochester Mini Maker Faire is an offshoot of the celebrated Maker Faire (www.makerfaire.com) created in the San Francisco Bay area. Maker Faire celebrated its 10th annual event this past year and they still continue to bring in over 100,000 people from all over the world. Mini Maker Faires are smaller events that take place all around the world, including Columbus, Washington DC, Toronto, and recently Buffalo.

The Rochester Mini Maker Faire celebrated its first event in November of 2014 with over 90 maker exhibits from across Western New York and 1,500 visitors in attendance. Several of the exhibits from last year included:

- A world record breaking sculpture made entirely out of toothpicks
- Soldering workshop with an electronic badge that you could take home
- Records you could paint, a community mural, and a knitting machine

- Hands-on robotics
- Board and computer games created by Rochesterians
- A Giant Seesaw that anyone could play on
- 3D printers, CNC machines, and other leading-edge inventions and technologies
- Student projects from local schools and colleges

Call for Makers:

The Rochester Mini Maker Faire is looking for a wide variety of projects that feature the maker spirit. Displays and projects can range from homemade instruments to futuristic clothing, puppets to water rockets, exhibits where you build new things or take them apart, or anything else you can create! Artists, tinkerers, builders, crafters, roboticists, musical performers. Groups or individuals. Everyone is a maker. Makers of all ages are encouraged to apply. Visit makerfairerochester.com for more information and to submit an application to exhibit your creations.

The call for makers will be open through November 1st, 2015.

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Other sponsors from last year's event include: Rochester Institute of Technology, Monroe Community College, University of Rochester, Time Warner Cable Connect a Million Minds, Datto, Simplified Building, Wegmans, Yelp Rochester, and the Rochester Makerspace.

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