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Arts and Crafts Directory

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Join us in the Food Tent

October 5th & 6th

FOOD TENT MENU

Please be ready with your order.

Sandwiches	Drinks
Hot dog	Soft drinks
Bratwurst	Hot chocolate
Hamburger	Hot spiced cranapple drink
Cranberry bratwurst	Cold cranberry cocktail drink
Shredded cranberry pork sandwich	Coffee (regular or decaf)
Cranberry meatball sandwich	Bottled water
Shredded cranberry chicken sandwich	

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Now Serving Breakfast!

Pancake Breakfast, 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Regular or Cranberry Pancakes, Pork Sausage and a Drink

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AUXILIARY FOOD/SNACK BOOTHS CRANBERRY FEST 2024

LOCATED ON MAIN CRANBERRY FEST GROUNDS

FOOD SPACE 1

Taco Joe's

Items sold: Tacos, walking tacos, burritos, quesadillas, tamales, taco salads, nachos and cheese, nacho deluxe, taquitos, chimichangas, hot ham & cheese sandwiches, breakfast burritos, soda, water, hot chocolate, tea. *Serving breakfast starting at 7:00 AM!*

FOOD SPACE 2 & 3

J.P.N.'s Concessions

Items sold: Bison & elk burgers, smoked brisket, prime rib sandwich, Cuban sandwich, Sloppy Joes, smoked kielbasa, Italian sausage, fresh cut fries, cheese fries, sloppy cheese fries, deep fried pierogies, deep fried potstickers, mini egg rolls, deep fried pretzels, funnel fries, lemon shake ups, slushies, cotton candy, frozen dipped cheesecake, frozen dipped bananas, coffee, hot chocolate, water, soda.

FOOD SPACE 4, 5, & 6

All Star Catering

Items sold: Cheese curds, corn dogs, fries, chicken tenders, mini donuts, gyros, chicken fajitas, pulled pork, lemonade.

FOOD SPACE 7 & 8

Bortolotti's CinCin

Items sold: Hawaiian ham sandwich, chicken ranch BLT, lemongrass veggie wrap, jalapeno and cranberry turkey wrap, jambalaya (add shrimp), Italian meatballs, Tribute jalapeno beer cheese dip with Bavarian pretzels, pumpkin butternut squash soup, chips, baked apples with homemade whipped cream, coffee, hot apple cider, water, soda.

FOOD SPACE 9

Grandpa Choo Choo

Items sold: Kettle corn, caramel popcorn, cheese popcorn, cranberry popcorn.

FOOD SPACE 10

Scrima's Food - Fired Pizza

Items sold: Wood Fire Pizza- by the slice or whole, breadsticks, hot apple cider.

FOOD SPACE 11 & 12

Dublin's

Items sold: Reuben sandwich, corned beef sandwich, club sandwich, turkey/bacon/apple/cranberry sandwich, mozzarella sticks, jalapeno poppers, special appetizer, soda, water, coffee.

BOOTH NUMBER: X 1 & 2

Travelin' Nuts LLC

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Welcome to Eagle River's 44th Annual Cranberry Fest!

The 44th annual Cranberry Fest, an Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center-sponsored event, will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6.

This year's festival will again be located at the Vilas County Fairgrounds on Highway 70 W., with additional activities downtown on Saturday only.

Cranberry Fest has something for everyone — an arts and crafts show with more than 250 booths, cranberry food sales, a bakery, family fun, entertainment, sweatshirt and T-shirt sales, and more.

With more than 45,000 people attending the festival annually, it is one of the highlights of the fall.

Downtown activities will include an open-air antiques market, farmers market, food and entertainment.

While you're at the fairgrounds, check out the food tent. You'll find soups, charbroiled sandwiches and fresh cranberry baked



Arts, crafts and food vendors are located around the grounds at Cranberry Fest.

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goods, cranberry beer and cranberry wine.

How about fresh cranberries? More than 8,000 pounds of local premium-select fresh cranberries will be sold during this annual event.

Cranberry Fest is made possible by many volunteers who help

organize, set up, clean up and everything in between for this festival.

The chamber would like to thank everyone for all of their time and efforts, and would like to welcome one and all to experience the excitement of this year's Cranberry Fest and the beautiful

scenery and shops of Eagle River. Cranberry Fest is traditionally held on the first full weekend in October.

Mark your calendar for the Oct. 4 and 5, 2025, festival. We hope to see you soon during an Eagle River visit!

Please ... No pets!

Fest organizers remind visitors that pets and animals are not allowed at Vilas County Fairgrounds, according to Parks and Recreation Chapter Ordinance 19.08 Animals.

"This ordinance will be enforced by event organizers and area law enforcement. You will be asked to leave the grounds immediately and could be fined, so please leave your animals at home," said a fest spokesperson.

In addition to any vendor, exhibitor and food concessionaire areas located at Vilas County Fairgrounds, pets are not allowed at Riverside Park or Eagle River tennis courts.

"In areas where permitted, pets shall be kept on a leash no more than 8 feet long. All pets shall be effectively restrained or under the owner's control at all times," the spokesperson said.



Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Oct. 4, 5 & 6, 2024

MAIN EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

- Cranberry Marsh Tours, Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce, 10 a.m. to noon.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

- Fresh, Premium Cranberry and Craisins® Sales, Fairgrounds, Downtown Eagle River and Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce
- Pancake Breakfast, Fairgrounds, 7 to 10 a.m.
- Open Air Market, Downtown Eagle River, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Cranberry Marsh Tours, Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Arts & Crafts Fair, Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Bake Sale, Cranberry Fest Headquarters Tent, Next to Fresh Cranberries at Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Beer & Wine Garden, Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Family Entertainment by Bill Stevens Entertainment, Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

- Pancake Breakfast, Fairgrounds 7 to 10 a.m.
- Bake Sale, Cranberry Fest Headquarters Tent Next to Fresh Cranberries at Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.
- Fresh, Premium Cranberry and Craisins® Sales, Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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The annual event celebrates Wisconsin's famous little red berry, the cranberry.

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Activities planned downtown Saturday

While there will be a lot of activity at the Vilas County Fairgrounds during Cranberry Fest, there also will be plenty of attractions in downtown Eagle River.

The festivities will include a farmers market, an antiques show and a food stand — all within just a few feet of dozens of unique shops in downtown Eagle River. Featured food will include many delicious cranberry-flavored products.

For the convenience of festivalgoers, the first three blocks of Wall Street will be closed to traffic for the antique/vintage show and farmers market Saturday.

In addition, a bus shuttle will provide transportation between the fairgrounds and downtown.

“People visiting the area are encouraged to extend their stay at Cranberry Fest in downtown Eagle River,” said Kim Emerson, executive director of the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center.



Beyond the Cranberry Fest grounds, other items and products are available in downtown Eagle River starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, including an antique sale, farmers market and fresh cranberry sales. —NEWS-REVIEW PHOTO

Antique/vintage show

A favorite annual attraction of Cranberry Fest is scheduled to return this year, with the open-air antiques market Saturday, Oct. 5.

The Eagle River Chamber of Commerce will host the event. The

show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first three blocks of Wall Street.

A variety of antiques and collectibles will be available for sale, including glassware, jewelry, furniture, sporting goods and more.

Farmers market

Fresh fall produce will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, in downtown Eagle River. A variety of fresh produce will be for sale on Wall Street. Fresh cranberries and Craisins® can be purchased downtown.

More than 400 volunteers make it happen at festival

The Eagle River area is known for its Chain of Lakes and its chain of events throughout the year.

Cranberry Fest the first full weekend in October is one of the biggest links in that chain, thanks to hundreds of volunteers who help make it all possible.

Volunteers are the key to every community event in the area and Cranberry Fest is no different.

According to Kim Emerson, executive director at the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, Cranberry Fest has an incredible number of enthusiastic volunteers who give graciously of their time and talents.

Emerson said that without all of these people, Cranberry Fest would not be possible.

While planning for this year's event, Emerson noted that Cranberry Fest utilized more than 400 volunteers, giving more than 2,000 hours during the festival alone.

“People are really surprised when you start talking about how many volunteers it takes to carry out Cranberry Fest,” said Emerson.

She noted many volunteers come back year after year because they enjoy the event so much.

“We are fortunate many of the volunteers return year after year, working in the same areas, while some choose to try something new. Plus, these people, along with friends and family, are always willing to help out in a pinch,” she said.

Emerson said a frequent comment heard from all the new volunteers is, “I never knew how much fun it could be to help. I'll be back next year.”

Comments heard about the volunteers from visitors are equally positive.

“Cranberry Fest has happy volunteers. Everyone is so helpful, that's why we like to come to Eagle River,” said a festival veteran.

Out-of-town visitors also ask how the chamber can accomplish its many large events.

“How can Eagle River organize so many great events? How do you get all those volunteers? We could never do that. Do you know how lucky you are?”

Emerson responds with, “We are very fortunate to have these people and we greatly appreciate all that they continue to do for the events of Eagle River, especially Cranberry Fest.”

Cranberry Fest is an all-volunteer, communitywide event.

Volunteers range in age from 9 to 90, and come from all over the area.

No experience is necessary and training is provided.

Festival volunteers are treated to coffee and lunch in a heated tent designated just for them during the weekend.

New volunteers are always welcome and the hours are flexible. If you are interested in volunteering at any of the Eagle River area events, call the chamber at 715-479-6400.

CRANBERRY MARSH TOURS SCHEDULE

October 3-6

Bus leaves from Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, 201 N. Railroad St.

- Thursday - 11, 11:30 a.m.
- Friday - 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 a.m., noon
- Saturday - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (every 30 minutes)
- Sunday - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (every hour)

Reservations appreciated.
\$10/adult; \$5/ages 6-12;

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Free shuttle bus offered at festival

Bus shuttle service will be available to transfer people to all the activities during Cranberry Fest.

The shuttle will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

The shuttle will pick up interested individuals at the east gate of the fairgrounds near the tennis courts.

Buses will run approximately every halfhour Saturday, with stops at Olson Memorial Library, First Congregational United Church of Christ and Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center for marsh tours.

There will be one bus stop downtown Saturday for the antiques show and farmers market at BMO Harris Bank at the corner of First and Wall streets.

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CRANBERRY FEST CRAFT EXHIBITORS

Books

- J 24 **R.J. Kinderman** - Author/self publisher of children's picture books, ages infant to 8 years old.
- Tent 12 **Dionne Klem** - Grandma Hearts Book series. Children's book written by me - Dionne Kelm.
- Tent 25 **Scott Roux** - Author selling his book "Everything Has A Meaning."
- Tent 46 **Jenifer LeClair** - Jenifer LeClair is the author of 8 award-winning mystery novels in her series: The Windjammer Mysteries.

Candles

- Barn 2 **Wick Sister's Candle Co.** - Concrete candles, wax melts, and room sprays.
- BB 1, 2 **Beckley's Best Blends Candles** - Handmade soy candles.
- L 12 **Kota Bear Candles** - 100% soy wax candles, hand painted in Milton, WI. Candles come in fun, unique, and upcycled containers, jars, tins. Small wood, handmade shelves and stands, birdhouses.

Clothing

- B 13 **Hugs by Mick** - Hand knitted shawls, wraps, hats, scarves.
- E 9, 10 **Simply Irresistible Creations** - Scarves, mittens, earrings, necklaces, bracelets.
- G 8, 9 **My Girlz Clothing Co** - Hand-painted clothing and leather goods
- K 9 **Whittons Mittens** - Wool and Cashmere mittens.
- K 6 **MaxiPink Designs** - Hand sewn and felted one-of-a-kind hats and handbags for women and kids.
- M 5, 10 **Elsheimer Fur Company LLC/ Wildthings** - Fur hats and accessories.
- R 12 **Alcar Designs** - Wildlife sewn clothing and accessories.
- Tents 21-24 **Junction City Craft Co** - Sewn and embellished women's clothing.
- Tent 29 **Enchanted Egg** - Embellished and upcycled clothing.
- Tents 4, 5 **HMB Designs** - Handcrafted jewelry and vinyl printed shirts.
- Tents 17-19 **Furhats/Beaverhoops LLC** - Warn fur gear, hats in many styles, earmuffs, headbands, mittens, gloves, scarves.
- Tents 42, 43 **DeerTshirts.com** - Hunting and fishing themed shirts.
- Y 1, 2 **Pro Designs of WI, LLC** - Rhinestone apparel, and laser engraved items.
- Y 11, 12 **Oh How Cute** - Infant, toddler, and women's embroidered/appliqued coordinates.

Fine Art

- C 1 **Wood Art by Vel LLC** - Oil paintings of wildlife scenes on wood.
- H 25, 26 **Wennersten's Etchings** - Fine art etching work.
- J 23 **Musky Dude** - Wildlife artwork burned by hand on wood.
- M 4 **Simply Your Way** - Mandalas, 3D Art, Tic Tac Toe games, Ornaments, Toothpick Holders.
- Tents 14, 15 **Everything Antlers** - Items made from antlers- knives, lamps, chandeliers, jewelry, and more.
- Tents 26-28 **Mikes Antler Art** - Items made from real antler lamps, tables, wine racks, pens, knives, cribbage boards, etc.

Floral

- A3 **Mouse-Mix** - Handmade, all-natural potpourri-baked pest deterrents for home, cabin, camper, farm, lawn and garden.

Food Products

- Barn 15 **PK & K Sweet Creations** - Homemade fudge, candy, caramel apples, candied nuts, cake pops, cookies and freeze dried candy.
- J 27 **Rustic Oak** - Rustic oak cocktail syrups.
- N 23, 24 **Knaus Cheese Inc** - Cheese, sausage.
- Tents 6, 7 **Grandma Nanyies** - Dips.
- Barn 8 **Naturista Monarch** - Cocktail infusion jars.
- C 10 **Schleif Sugar Bush** - Maply syrup.
- C 7 **JD Salsa** - We sell salsa seasoning used to mix with a can of tomatoes to make salsas, dry Bloody Mary mix to mix with tomato juice.
- D 2 **Prairie Junction Co.** - Different flavors of toffee.
- F 14 **Appleworks** - A variety of flavored hot apple cider mixes including cinnamon, caramel, berry, peach, peppermint, cherry and cranberry apple cider. Mixes dissolve instantly in hot water.
- F 16, 17 **Mrocos Sex Olives** - Olives and more.
- F 2, 3 **Dave's Coffee Cake** - Prepackaged coffee cakes.
- G 1 **Twisted Sister Toffee** - Small batch artisan toffee.
- H 14, 28 **Starla's Seasonings, Dips & Mixes** - Starla's seasonings, dips and mixes seasonings, dips, fruit dips, cheesecakes, beer bread mixes, freeze dried candy.
- H 13 **Dulce Nulla Gourmet Desserts** - Gluten-free baked goods such as donuts, marshmallows, and individual cakes.

- K 2, 3 **Ultimate Confections Inc.** - Hand-dipped chocolates.
- M 1 **Country Store of Eagle River** - Caramel apples, cranberry fudge, cranberry bark, and more.
- N 11, 12 **La Campagne Bakery** - Cranberry oatmeal cookies, cranberry apple crisp, cranberry sourdough, cranberry cinnamon bread, cranberry toasted cereal, dark chocolate cranberry oatmeal cookies, etc.
- T 11, 12 **Chef Heatley's Hot Pepper Farm** - Chef-created artisan hot sauce.
- Tents 37, 38 **Carol Ann's Candies** - Handmade toffee, turtles, fudge mint meetaways, caramel apples fun seasonal treats.
- Tent 41 **Nectar of the Vine** - Gourmet wine slushy mixes in 18 flavors. Sampling only a 1oz cup sample of NON-alcoholic wine slushy which is prepared onsite in a slush machines that requires 20 amps electricity.
- Y 3 **Christian's Maple Syrup** - Pure maple syrup, barrel-aged maple syrups and flavor-infused maple syrups.

Furniture

- R 17 **Rustic Dreams** - Using salvaged lumber to build cabinets, end tables, coffee tables, benches, trash containers, etc.
- Tent 47 **Boyd Woodworking** - Handcrafted, custom home decor and furniture made from live-edge wood and epoxy resin.
- V 5, 6, 11, 12 **Oak Outlet** - Lodge-themed furniture and lighting.

Holiday

- A 10 **Al's Landscaping & Snowplowing LLC** - Holiday wreaths, decor and wood crafts.
- B 20, 21 **Judi Kahle** - Fall and Christmas floral decorating for tables, walls, and doors.
- T 7, 8 **North Pole Crafting Co.** - Custom ornaments, gnomes, holiday mugs, holiday apparel.
- T 23, 24 **Emily Cunningham** - Hand crafted sewing products. T-shirts, tumblers, pillows, garlands, handmade holiday and home decor, wooden signs.
- Tents 44, 45 **Kim's Prims and Whims** - Hand-sewn holiday decor.

Homegoods

- L 9, 10 **316 Legacy LLC** - Framed artwork, tea towels, and t-shirts.

Jewelry

- A 17 **Rosey Oak** - Engraved and individually hand painted wood earrings and hair clips, wood magnets, ornaments, and gifts.

- H 24 **Monika's Creations** - Sterling silver jewelry, fossils, gemstones, pearls, cloisonné enamel.
- K 4 **Bedangled** - Artisan jewelry.
- P 23 **Geurts Gems** - Handmade jewelry featuring semi-precious gemstones, freshwater pearls, leather, wire, and metals.
- R 6 **Ziegler Designs** - 14kt gold filled and sterling silver contemporary jewelry.
- R 20 **T and R Jewelry** - Sterling silver rings, earrings, and pendants, as well as opal and semi-precious stone inlays.
- Tent 16 **Design Your Lobes LLC** - Handmade backless spiral, vira, ear cuffs.
- Tent 20 **ArmCandy** - Leather bracelets.
- Tent 31 **Decades of Designs** - Stone jewelry, crosses, stones.
- Tent 36 **Baltic Amber** - All handmade natural Baltic Amber Jewelry.
- W 5, 6 **Very Wang Pearls** - Handcraft fresh and salt water pearl jewelry, larimar, opal, and gemstone jewelry with s925 sterling silver, 14k and leather. Permanent jewelry.
- Tent 48 **Tangled Forest Jewelry** - Nature-inspired artisan jewelry.

Metal

- A 13 **RT's Pro Cuts** - Handmade metal garden and wall art, powder coated for a long lasting finish.
- Barns 10, 11 **Treghost LLC** - Metal signs, metal on wood home decor.
- C 4 **Dragonfly** - Salvaged barn tin homegoods.
- G 2 **DNA Metal Art** - Handmade metal and fractal wood burned art, yard art, and signs featuring high quality finishes at affordable prices.
- O 3, 4 **Thunder Valley Fabrication** - Steel plasma art; home, garden garage and mancave décor.
- P 12, 24 **Wisco Metal Works** - Rusty and powder coated garden art (stars, moon, suns, fish, animals on a stake). Shotgun shell luminaries, metal sculptures. Can cooler dispensers.
- Q 1-4 **Pauls Porch Pots** - Repurposed maple syrup buckets.
- Tents 1-3 **SWEN Products** - Weathervanes, wind spinners, corn hole score boards, beverage stands, scenic art and yard signs.
- W 1-3 **Riutta Enterprises LLC** - Chainsaw carvings and metal art.
- Z 1-4 **Steel Heart, Ltd** - Garden, holiday, and home décor crafted from metal.
- J 12 **Spark Plug Guy** - Small metal sculptures made with recycled items.

Glass

- J 11 **Chris Bowe** - Blown glass, polished gemstones, art.
- U 3 **Wicked Wire Jewelry** - Fused glass decorations, trinket dish, glass jewelry, fine wood table games.

Miscellaneous

- B 10 **Dahlia Decorify** - Handmade rock, beach glass, pottery shards framed art, using hand-picked items by me, from the Great Lakes shoreline.
- B 12 **Gather & Company** - Journals, apparel, stickers and more.
- B 19 **Bullseye Bow** - Toy bow and arrow sets.
- B 2, 3 **Herber Studios** - From engraved ornaments, to charming suncatchers, elevate your gifts and decor with Herber Studios.
- B 4, 5 **Veronica's Arts** - Barnwood and driftwood art, music and barbwire art, rustic lamps, secret books, journals, ornaments, magnets.
- Barns 12, 13 **Trillium Designs** - Hand-crafted fractal wood products.
- Barns 4, 5 **Britt's Leather** - Handmade leather belts, wallets, handbags, sunglass straps, coasters, bottle holders, buckles, hat patches, and more.
- Barn 9 & Corner **Rugs From Yesterday** - Braided rugs.
- C 8 **MidCentury Records** - Vinyl art including notebooks, coasters, wall art.
- F 19 **Artful Endeavors** - Eye catching fantastical pieces to brighten any space.
- G 6 **Something Fishy** - Decorated coconuts.
- H 10 **The Art of Pens** - Hand-turned pens and peppermills.
- J 13, 14 **Two Feathers Gourds** - Hand-crafted gourd art.
- J 28 **Cherishables** - Basketry.
- J 9, 10 **Karen Sherer-Smith** - Baked goods such as mini bundt cakes, pies, and sweet breads; wooden birdhouses, feeders, and planters.
- L 13, 14 **Heph-Zi-Bah** - Cranberry products- air freshener, potpourri, incense, cleansing bars, jams, salsa, chocolate covered cranberries, dried cranberries, taffy, wax melts.
- M 9 **Ring Around the Wreaths** - Burlap wreaths, chunky yarn, lighted glass blocks, and more.
- N 19, 20 **Board In The Kitchen** - Cutting boards, tasting flights, coasters and trays made from solid surface material (coriander).
- R 8 **Carol Bury** - Fabric gnomes.
- R 5 **Charcuterie Boards by Soren** - One-of-a-kind granite and quartz charcuterie boards and coasters.

T 5, 6 **Urban Crafty Farmer, LLC** - Handmade wreaths, swags, bows, table decor, lanterns. Tomato cage trees, gnomes, ladders.

Tent 34 **By George! CBD** - Handmade Colorado hemp-derived CBD products for people and pets.

Tents 39, 40 **Summer Snow** - Original framed glitter art.

X 14, 15 **Junction City Garden Crafts** - Garden art, mosaic turtles, tire-bird feeders.

Painting

B 8, 9 **Earth and Wood** - Wildlife painting on birch bark (framed).

D 10 **Frog Creative Studios** - Custom paint by number kits from local artists, potholders, and custom puzzles.

N 17, 18 **Coming Up Roses Art** - Painted Mirrors in a four-season tree theme.

N 6 **Jeff Renner Wildlife Art** - Wildlife art - canvas prints of songbirds, loons, eagles, bear, upland dogs, pheasants, deer, etc. Hand-made wool mittens.

Photography

J 6, 20 **Lakeland Aerial Photo** - Aerial photos of lakes in reclaimed barn wood frames.

N 22 **Natural Spaces Photography** - Wisconsin and Great Lakes photography.

P 20 **Whispering Point Photography** - Northwoods nature/fine art photography with an emphasis on loons.

Tent 13 **KC Decor** - Homemade framed nature photography, framed wildlife, dream catchers, dream baskets, mandalas, antler art.

Pottery

C 2 **Agra Pottery** - Wheel thrown and hand-made functional pottery.

F 1 **Jen Anderson Pottery** - Functional Stoneware Pottery.

H 22 **The Personal Touch** - Wheel-thrown pottery and clay sculpture.

J 21 **Johanna Buwalda** - Intricately decorated colorful functional pottery.

R 9 **Daniel Kuchenbecker Fine Art** - Stoneware bowls, vases, plates, pitchers, platters, and more.

Tent 10 **Land O' Libby** - Handmade slab-built pottery. Dinnerware to garden accessories. Nature and animal themes. Very colorful.

Sewn

A 2 **Yoooper Chook** - Sell warm winter hat my sister and I make.

B 1 **Shari's Crafty Creations** - Handmade whimsical sewn creations: gnomes, snowmen, highland cows, donkeys, ginger breadmen, owls, penguins, moose.

B 16-18 **Etak 15** - Hot mats and other kitchen essentials.

Barn 14 **Gem Bug Designs** - Vintage hard-dyed tee-shirts. Repurposed cargo shorts into purse, bags, totes. Vintage collar necklaces.

Barn 6 **Darcy Taylor** - Towels, potholders, scrubbers, scrunchies, headbands, and fleece mittens.

H 6 **Refind Designs** - Recycled wool and cashmere sweater mittens (baby to adult), slippers (baby to adult) with leather grip and soles.

I 1, 6 **Homespun Country** - Seasonal handmade primitives and folk art.

M 2 **BKS Designs** - Upcycled bags which include crossbody, shopping bags made from upcycled burlap fabric and woven plastic.

P 9, 10, 21, 22 **Carol's Creative Crafts** - Appliqued home décor.

Tent 35 **The Doll Depot** - Tents sets for Barbie and American Girl. Set includes tent, sleeping bag and bean bag chair. Football snowmen. Single and Double crocheted towels.

Soaps

H 21 **Bare Naked Soap Company** - Handcrafted goat milk soap and body care products.

J 26 **Star Lake Soap LLC** - Handmade soap.

L 11 **Gracie Pie Apothecary** - Artisan quality goat's milk skin care including soaps, exfoliators, facials, anti-aging, creams, and more.

A 11 **Man Hands** - Hand and body scrubs geared toward men.

F 11 **Nature Made Heaven Scent Soap** - All natural handmade soaps, bug spray, dog shampoo, body butters, sugar scrubs, and more.

K 5, 10 **M & N's Artisan Shop LLC** - Soap, shampoo bars, conditioner bars, body butter, lotions, scrubs, candles, wax melts, woodcrafts.

Soy Candles

Barn 16 **Wild Daisy Decor** - 100% soy candles.

Stained Glass

A 18, 19 **MKC West** - Stained glass handcrafted into nightlights, nativities, candles boxes, window panels, etc.

F 4, 5 **The Lighthouse** - Stained glass.

Textiles

B 14, 15 **Nancy's Nitts d Notts** - Hand crocheted and knitted wearables and accessories.

Barn 3 **Katiedids** - Quilted wall-hanging to bed quilts.

Barn 7 **Twenty Paws Knitting** - Luxury hand knit beanies, cowls, snoods, and mittens made from 100% merino wool.

C 3 **Quilted Crafts by Sue** - Unique, brightly colored, modern quilted items. Quilts, tableware's, purses, totes, hot pads, oven mitts, placemats, cosmetic bags, etc...one-of-a-kind items!

F 10 **Trisha's Got Roots** - Silkscreened shirts, plasma-cut metal wall decor.

F 18 **The Eco Purse Project** - One-of-a-kind, handmade upcycled clothing and accessories made from reclaimed fibers.

H 5, 19 **Chain One Design** - Crochet hats and scarves.

T 17 **Cheryl Parker** - Crocheted hats for newborns through adults.

U 1, 2, 4 **Jill Zwiers** - Hanging hand towels, sets, bag holders.

Y 14 **Sjocase Hats** - Funky and functional polar fleece hats, scarves, leg warmers, fingerless gloves. Also, sculptural hats for your head!

Wooden

A 1 **Farmhouse Dreamer LLC** - Wooden home decor.

A 15, 16 **Carving the Wood** - Hand carved wood sculptures and décor.

B 11 **Blood of the Lamb Ministries** - Planters, inside and outside seasonal decorations.

B 6, 7 **Linda's Crafts** - Fall and Christmas items, skis, sleighs, lanterns, Christmas ornaments.

Barn 1 **Blueberry Lane Ventures** - Custom CNC products. Lots to pick from - we take orders and ship as well!

C 11 **Dane Laser Designs** - Laser designed and cut art and home decor, including: multi-layer lake maps, tiles, handmade cutting boards, ornaments, 3D designs, gifts, and more.

D 1 **A2B Creations LLC** - Handmade items from whiskey barrels, barn wood, and some chainsaw carvings too!

D 7, 8 **Amy Jacobs** - 100% hand crafted indoor and outdoor wooden décor.

F 12, 13 **Buy Me That** - Handcrafted seasonal décor - flowers, snowflakes, snowmen, scarecrows, etc.

G 3 **James Baumgart** - Wooden cribbage boards and sports plaques, Christmas plaques, and wooden games.

G 4 **Tupalee's** - Wood art, resin art, laser art, earrings, and games.

H 11, 12 **Sagekraft Designs** - Premium cutting boards, cheese slicers, chess sets, knife holders, cookbook stands.

H 7 **Round Barn Woodcrafts** - Wooden cutting boards, salt and pepper mills, and other functional woodcrafts.

CRANBERRY FEST CRAFT EXHIBITORS CONT...

I 10	Nate Freberg Woodshop - Elegant and modern home furnishings and accessories.
K 1	Wallace Erickson - Hand-crafted cedar strip canoe hutches.
K 8	Needle and Leaf LLC - Wine barrel staves repurposed into candle holders, wine holders, towel holders, and mason jars repurposed into soap pumpers, lights, candles, household items, fishing items repurposed into lights
L 27, 28	Plan B Designs, LLC - Hand-made wood door signs.
L 5, 6, 19, 20	Gottwalt Crafts - Decorative and seasonal wooden products
L 26	Fortney's Personalized Crafts - Personalized wooden signs, posts, calendars, benches, kid items
M 6	C Squared Wood Products - Cutting boards, peppermills & salt shakers, cribbage boards, charcuterie trays, cheese slicers, bowls, tasting flights, and more.
M 3, 8	Natural Wonders - Hand-carved wooden art, home and garden décor, and handmade goat's milk soap.
N 7, 8	The Last Measure - Wooden furnishings, decor, seasonal and hand paintings.
P 5, 6	NAP Creations - Wood signs, tiered tray decor sets, 3D door signs and holiday decor.
T 9, 10	Hower Toys/Ooh Its Soy Good - Wood Toys, Soy Candles, Sock Monkeys
Tent 32, 33	Diamond Willow Dreams LLC - Chainsaw-carved lights, wood-handled grilling tools and fire poker.
Tent 8	Boards N More LLC - Wooden signs, bullet tumblers, sublimated mugs and wine tumblers, wine glasses, resin crafts, and more.
W 10, 11, 23	Made for you Furniture - Wooden furniture and signs.
Z 10, 11	Old Barn Woodworking - Handmade wood crafts and decor.
Tent 11	Jim Thompson - Wood cribbage boards, tv tray cribbage tables, travel sets, cutting boards, chessboards.

Visitors, area residents invited to tour working cranberry marsh

Eagle River Cranberry Fest continues to be a special event for North Woods residents and visitors with many activities for all, including the opportunity to visit and tour a working cranberry marsh.

Tours of area marshes have been taking place for more than three decades, resulting in visitors gaining insight and knowledge about the importance of cranberries to Wisconsin.

Visitors to the fest can take a guided tour of one of the largest cranberry marshes in the area — Lake Nokomis Cranberries

— located right here in Eagle River.

Tour attendees will visit a marsh that has called Eagle River home for more than 75 years, learn the history of the cranberry marsh and how it has been developed into a 334-acre marsh throughout the years, see the layout of the cranberry marsh close-up with a scenic drive on the marsh, and learn about harvest equipment.

Tour guides will explain the hard work that needs to be done at the marsh spring, summer, fall and winter.

Visitors will learn why Wisconsin is No. 1 in cranberry production, plus

they'll find out all of the health benefits received from eating cranberries.

After the scenic tour of the marsh itself, the second stop of the tour will be at the Lake Nokomis Cranberries tasting area where they will be able to sample Lake Nokomis cranberry wine and other local wines.

There also will be samples of cranberry barbeque sauce, chocolate-covered cranberries and yogurt-covered cranberries.

The last stop of the tour will be at Lake Nokomis Cranberries Wine & Gift Shop, where visitors will find many

cranberry-related items, including cranberry wines, lotions, soaps, candles, sauces, jams and those delicious sweetened, dried cranberries. Also available will be farm-fresh cranberries straight from the marsh.

To become a part of the two-hour cranberry marsh tour and wine tasting, people should make their reservations early. Tours are very popular and book up quickly. Tours run Thursday, Oct. 3 through Sunday, Oct. 6.

To reserve a spot on the tour, call the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce at 1-(800) 359-6315 or (715) 479-6400.

Library Friends to hold book sale Oct. 3-5 during Cranberry Fest

The Walter Olson Library Friends (WOLF) will hold a book sale Thursday, Oct. 3 through Saturday, Oct. 5 as a part of Cranberry Fest celebrations. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The Library's Trustees will also be selling food on Saturday, October 5. Proceeds from the sales go toward programs and services for the Library community.

The Walter E. Olson Memorial Library is located at 203 N. Main Street and is a stop on the free Cranberry Fest shuttle bus route on Saturday during Cranberry Fest.



Various crafts and handmade products can be spotted both off and on the Cranberry Fest grounds.

—NEWS-REVIEW PHOTO

Premium select berries offered at three locations

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center will have premium select cranberries for sale at the 44th anniversary celebration of Cranberry Fest Oct. 5-6.

Fest spectators can look for fresh cranberry sales located throughout the community at three locations — the Cranberry Fest grounds at Vilas County Fairgrounds, the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at 201 N. Railroad St., and downtown Eagle River at the corner of Railroad and Wall streets.

Only the best berries will be sold, according to

chamber Executive Director Kim Emerson.

"The berries are high-quality, premium select, because they follow the U.S. Department of Agriculture processing standards for fresh cranberries," she said. "The fresh fruit is hand-sorted, clean, mature, firm and free from moisture, bruising and decay."

Each berry is approximately one-half inch in size and displays a fairly uniform red to deep purple color.

"Don't forget to take home fresh cranberries, and if you haven't tried Craisins®, be sure to get some of those too," she said.



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Weavers, fiber artist groups to host Exhibit and sale on Saturday, Oct. 5

A variety of fiber artists will be at the one-day Lake Country Weavers and Fiber Artists Guild exhibit and sale during Cranberry Fest in Eagle River, Wisconsin on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Hosted by guild members, the exhibit will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. only on Saturday, October 5 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 105 N. First Street in Eagle River. Admission to both the exhibit and sale is free.

The church is located on the corner of First and Division streets. The Chamber assured us that the Cranberry Fest shuttle bus from the fairgrounds will stop in front of the church at regular intervals on Saturday.

If you have ever wondered how wool from a sheep in the meadow turns into a warm scarf or sweater, this is the place to

be. You will see members spinning fiber into yarn using a traditional spinning wheel or an electric spinning wheel. You might even be there when beads are plied into the finished yarn.

Because the typical weaving loom is rather large and difficult to move, one member will be demonstrating band weaving and tapestry weaving on smaller looms. Come and be inspired!

Another member is a prolific knitter and seamstress. She will have on hand many of her items including mittens, hats, socks, bibs, and blankets.

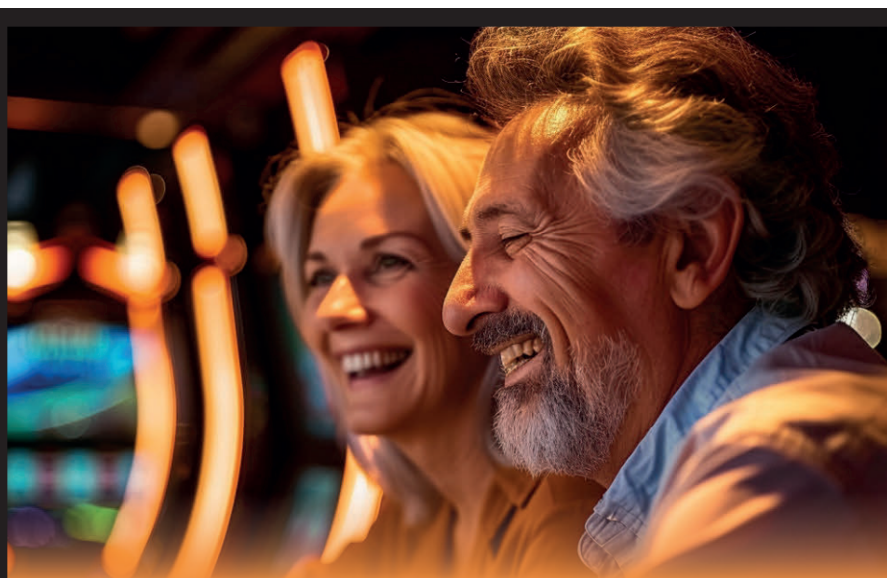
A fiber show would not be complete without a knitting demonstration. A number of the members are accomplished knitters. If you have a question, they can offer their assistance.

The church will be filled with a variety of items for sale that were made by

the guild members. The pews will be covered with hand woven rugs and table runners. Interspersed among the rugs, will be hand-knit wool/mohair mittens, knit and then felted wool clogs and hats, hand-knit acrylic mittens, handspun yarns, and many small novelty items that are a must to see. Quilted wallhangings will grace the pews as well.

The Lake Country Weavers and Fiber Artists guild helps support weavers, knitters, crocheters, rug hookers, spinners, and other fiber artists in the North Woods. To further education and camaraderie, monthly meetings are held. A wide geographical area is covered from Land O' Lakes to Rhinelander, Manitowish Waters to Phelps.

For more information on either Cranberry Fest or guild activities, call Mary Jackl at (715) 545-2897.



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FORK Hosting Downtown Food Tent at Cranberry Fest

Cranberry Fest is about a lot of things, and food is one of them. Fest goers who find themselves downtown Eagle River on Saturday will find cranberry brats and pulled pork sandwiches, drinks and baked goods for sale at Rotary Square at the corner of 1st and Wall Street. Serving hours will be from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m.

Proceeds of the food sales downtown will benefit Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK), a local nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide nutritional support to local children from food insecure homes. Also available at the Square

location as well as outside the food tent on the festival grounds, will be FORK representatives selling FORK's \$5200 Grocery Raffle tickets. That is \$100 of groceries a week for a year from the locally owned grocery store of your choice.

Tickets are \$5 each, or a book of 5 tickets for \$20. The raffle drawing is Sunday Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Cranberry Fest food tent on the festival grounds. Raffle ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

Learn more at FeedOurRuralKids.org/Grocery-Raffle

Performing at Cranberry Fest has changed, but the love of music remains the same

BY BILL STEVENS
SPECIAL TO THE CRIER

Another year has passed and it's time for the annual Cranberry Fest in Eagle River. This event has always been a favorite for us. We feel at home in this little northern town.

The amount of work that goes into this festival is daunting but, year after year it comes together because of the chamber and all the hard working volunteers.

This year has had some setbacks for us but, also full of blessings. Last year on our way home from Cranberry Fest I suffered a mild stroke. This has left me unable to play the guitar at this time as well as the trumpet. However I discovered that I can play chords on the keyboard and have been working hard to change most of our music over to keyboard backgrounds with me



Talented musicians Bill and Bonnie Stevens will be returning to 2024 Cranberry Fest to perform a variety of knee-slapping songs. —NEWS-REVIEW PHOTO

playing chords. My speech was not affected so there's two blessings. Plus I can do what I love most which is sharing the music with all of you.

So while this year will be a little different; Bonnie and I will be back with both of us on vocals, me

on keyboard, and Bonnie on the sax along with percussion.

Feeling blessed we can continue the music and so looking forward to seeing you all in the Information/Headquarters/Bakery Tent at this year's Cranberry Fest!

Bill and Bonnie Stevens will entertain in the Cranberry Fest Headquarters/Bakery tent at the Vilas County Fairgrounds, sponsored by the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

Festival grounds parking to see changes in 2024

The task of getting an estimated 45,000 people to and from the Vilas County Fairgrounds for Cranberry Fest is a huge undertaking and will see some changes to operation this year.

All festival grounds parking for the 2024 event will only be able to enter from Highway 70 on to South Forrest Street, which will be a one-way street.

Drivers are asked to pay attention to signage and ask volunteers who will be on hand to direct traffic

where they should exit the fairgrounds.

Parking assistance will again be provided by the Eagle River Lions Club – the cost of \$10 per car. Club members will be able to answer directional questions as well as guide fest-goers to the designated areas at the fairgrounds.

Proceeds from the parking fee will go to the Lions Club and Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center to support area projects and events.

Food tent to include pancake breakfast

The main food tent at Cranberry Fest is managed by the change to Abundant Life Church.

In addition to soup, sandwiches, and hot and cold drinks for lunch, a pancake breakfast will be served Saturday and Sunday mornings, Oct. 5-6, by the Abundant Life Church group.

The pancake breakfast has been popular for vendors staying on the grounds as well as early morning festivalgoers.

Hungry customers will enjoy their choice of regular or cranberry pancakes, pork sausage and a drink.

Breakfast will be served from 7 to 10 a.m. both mornings.

Lunch will be served after 10 a.m.

2024 Wisconsin cranberry crop projected at 4.9 million barrels

State expected to produce 61% of U.S. crop

Wisconsin's cranberry growers are expecting a 4.9-million-barrel crop in 2024, based on a recent USDA National Agriculture Statistic Services (NASS) crop production report.

If the projections stay on course, Wisconsin will remain the largest cranberry producer in the world, growing and harvesting approximately 61% of the nation's supply.

The USDA NASS forecast, based on grower surveys, marks the 30th year that Wisconsin has led the nation in cranberry production.

The other largest cranberry growing states and their 2024 crop size projections are: Massachusetts at 2.2 million barrels; New Jersey at 580,000 barrels and Oregon at 560,000 barrels.

In total, the U.S. crop is expected to be 8.24 million barrels, according to the USDA NASS.

Wisconsin's final 2023 crop came in at 5.47 million barrels.

"Wisconsin is a global leader in cranberry production, generating \$1 billion in state economic impact and providing thousands of local jobs across Wisconsin, and we are proud to continue that tradition in 2024," said Grant Holley, executive director of the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association. "Weather has been the prominent challenge for our crop this year, and while we are down slightly from year's past, it is the knowledge and dedication of our growers that has kept us from an even worse one."

Named in 2004, this year marks cranberries' 20th anniversary as Wisconsin's official State Fruit. Wisconsin cranberries are the state's number one fruit crop both in terms of size and economic value.

"Our 250+ multigenerational family farmers are hard at work preparing for harvest season, and will soon have another crop of cranberries ready for tables across the U.S. and around the world," said Holley

Wisconsin cranberries are grown on 21,000 acres across 20 counties in central and northern regions of the state.

Approximately 5% of this year's crop will be sold as fresh fruit, and the remaining cranberries will be frozen and stored for longer-term sales as frozen berries, dried cranberries, juices, sauces and more.

Wisconsin's cranberry harvest typically begins in late September and runs until mid-October.

WSCGA was founded in 1887 and is committed to developing and implementing programs that will assist growers in doing a better job of growing cranberries and strengthening the public support for the industry in Wisconsin. For more information, visit www.wiscran.org.



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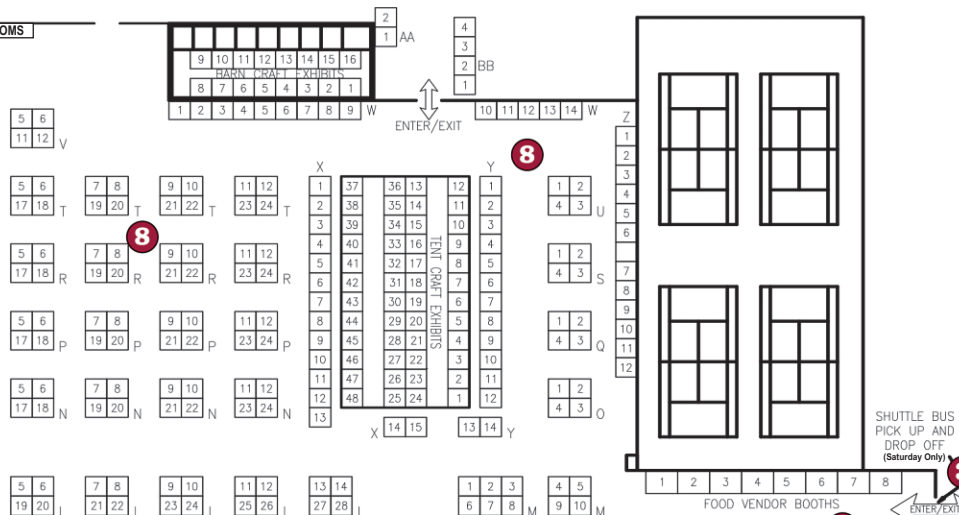
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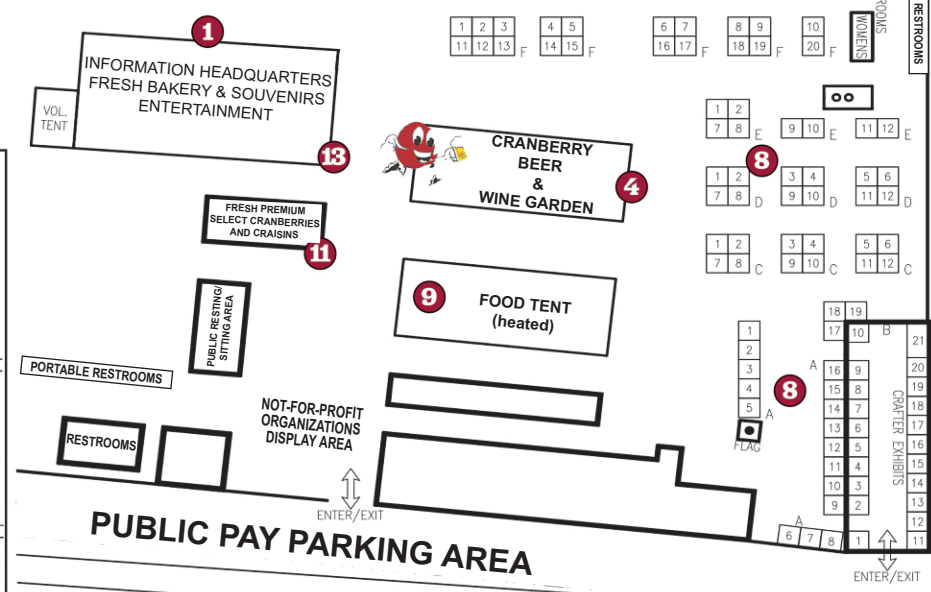


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FOREST STREET

- 1 Fest Headquarters & Information, Bake Sale, Musical Entertainment, Souvenirs, Cranberry Fest Coffee & Soda
- 2 Eagle River City Hall
- 3 Shuttle Bus Stop
- 4 Cranberry Wine & Beer Garden
- 5 Book Sale, Olson Memorial Library
- 6 Open-Air Antiques Market & Farmers Market
- 7 Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, Shuttle Bus Stop, Marsh Tours
- 8 Arts & Crafts
- 9 Food Tent - Food, seating, heated tent
- 10 Specialty Foods
- 11 Fresh Cranberry & Craisin Sales
- 12 Lake Country Weavers & Fiber Arts Guild Exhibit and Sale
- 13 ATM

The Arts & Crafts Show at Cranberry Fest is juried by the Cranberry Fest Craft Committee and only original handcrafted items are accepted. The committee reserves the right to refuse items that are not original art.



ENTRANCE FROM HWY 70

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Need Help? Stop at the Fest Info Headquarters near the fresh cranberries on the Fest grounds, or the Visitors Center on Railroad Street, downtown Eagle River.