

## Piedmont Craftsmen 41st Fair November 19 - 21

In 1963 in Winston-Salem, NC, a group of men and women gathered around each others' kitchen tables and came up with the idea of forming a guild that would involve both makers and lovers of fine crafts, creating a forum for building a wider appreciation of quality craftsmanship. The group called itself Piedmont Craftsmen, and held their first Fair in the original Krispy Kreme building in Old Salem in November of that year. From November 19 to 21, the 41 Anniversary Piedmont Crafts Fair will wrap up a year-long celebration of the guild's past four decades.

While shoppers will find a wide variety of handmade work in all price ranges, quality craftsmanship and excellent design have always been the hallmarks of Piedmont Craftsmen. The annual fair showcases the handwork of more than 150 fine artisans from across the southeast in a setting that allows shoppers to meet the craftspeople, talk to them about their work, and view demonstrations of craft techniques. Exhibiting members include craft artists who work in clay, wood, glass, fibers, leather, metal, photography, printmaking, and mixed media creating one-of-a-kind works that enhance the quality of everyday life with their functional and aesthetic qualities. In addition to the quality of the work shown, the Piedmont Crafts Fair has a well-deserved reputation for an ambience that is relaxed, welcoming, and beautiful. The Piedmont Craftsmen 41st Fair will be held at the Benton Convention Center in downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Piedmont Craftsmen represents the highest standard of contemporary and traditional craft. Exhibiting membership includes artisans and craftspeople from across the Southeast who has been juried into the guild by a standards committee made up of exhibiting craftsmen and collectors of fine craft. Members range from nationally and internationally known artists with works in the White House, Smith and other prominent collections to young and emerging artisans. The work available at the Fair and in the PCI Gallery and Shop encompasses everything from time-honored traditional methods to work produced with cutting edge technology and materials.

Fair proceeds support the programs of the non-profit Piedmont Craftsmen. The guild conducts workshops, mounts exhibitions, and operates a gallery and shop in the heart of the Downtown Arts District in Winston-Salem, NC. Shop hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information about the Piedmont Craftsmen Fair or membership in Piedmont Craftsmen, call (336) 725-1516.

Admission to the Fair is \$6:00 for adults and \$5:00 for senior citizens, students and groups. Children under 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Weekend passes are also available for \$10.00. Fair hours are Friday, November 19 from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, Saturday, November 20 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, and Sunday, November 21 from 12:00 pm - 5:00 p.m. A special Preview Night Gala will be held Thursday, November 18 for members of Piedmont Craftsmen, Inc.

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## My Answer

Ms K,

I get so tired of people telling me to smile or do you ever smile? You carry a sad face all the time. Are you every happy? O.K. what is there to smile about? Ms K I have so many problems that I don't have anything to smile about. I see some people all the time laughing, happy, nothing to worry about. Sometimes I wonder what life is all about. My mind is constantly on how am I going to solve this problem or how did I ever get in this mess. Everytime I think I may be straightening things out the truth is I'm in a bigger mess. Could or would you offer some suggestions on how a person could ever smile with all these problems? I go to sleep with problems and awaken with problems. There is no end to my problems.

"Rick"

Dearest Rick,

Do you love yourself? Do you care about yourself? Do you care about other people? If your answer is no then there is your problem. To be happy is to care. You DO have so many things to smile about. You are not trying to find them. Open up to the world and let happiness find you. Try smiling even when you are not happy. Other people will open up to you. It seems to me that you are a victim of hatred to yourself and to others. Don't worry about how you got "into your mess". Get your positive attitude to working and get out of it. Some people smile when they are not happy. If you are a pain to yourself, don't try to pass it on to others. You would not go to bed with problems if you would only thank God for keeping you through the day and ask Him to keep you through the night. When you wake up ask Him for a good day. There are so many good things in life, find them. You are wondering what life is all about; life is only what you make it!

Maybe you should stop thinking about yourself so much and start thinking of others. We all have problems. We must remember we can't make other people miserable because of our misery. Rick, I think you are feeling sorry for yourself and you're not trying hard enough. I think if you focus more on the needs of others, you will find yourself thinking less of your problems. Try smiling more and listening to others with concern and care. I'm sure you will get the same from them. I'm thinking that you are a very temperamental or a very moody person. Rick whatever your problems are you are not making them any easier with your negative attitude. Get out of it, you can. Don't give up. Remember the remedy for forgetting your own problems is to help others with theirs.

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving. It is this time of the year that we can sit back and see how good God has been. Give thanks for what you have.

Ms K is waiting for your letters. Your letters and my responses make a lot of people's lives happier. We won't know unless you write.

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