



Summer 2012: May Subscription

Welcome to your first month of Flint Handmade's Inaugural Craft CSA! We so excited to be launching a craft program based on the model of community supported agriculture, where individuals pay a set dollar amount upfront to purchase a seasonal "share" or "subscription" in a local farm to help with start-up costs in exchange for a box of produce from the farm for an agreed upon number of weeks.

Of course, instead of fresh, local produce, our CSA subscribers will receive hip and modern crafts from local artisans. As far as we know, we are the ONLY organization in the nation to be offering a craft CSA, so we appreciate your willingness to join us as trailblazers in the handmade movement!

Once a month from now through September, you will be receiving a bag with several handmade items inside. We would love to hear your thoughts on the crafts you receive and tailor subscriptions for future months to your preferences, so we encourage you to contact us at flinthandmade@hotmail.com!

Also enclosed in your subscription are a few Flint Handmade membership brochures. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, tax deductible donations from individual members are extremely important in helping us carry out our mission of promoting creative expression and commerce in Downtown Flint. If you are not already a member, we hope you will consider becoming one and/or sharing these brochures with other crafters and craft enthusiasts in your life.

Enjoy your May subscription and we will be emailing you soon with pick up information for your June subscription!

Crystal Pepperdine, Founder and Executive Director of Flint Handmade (FH)

Featured Craft: 2 Bars of Lemongrass Sage Soap with Essential Oils

Angelic Soaps and Gifts is a unique herbal Bath & Body business started in 2002 by Dieshawn Holmes in Michigan. Growing up as an only child and taking an interest in crafts, Dieshawn's passion for crafting grew even stronger as an adult. Taking enrichment classes offered by the local school district, she attended a class on making a herbal Mother's Day gift basket where herbal bath products and herbal soaps were handcrafted. After that day, a love for soap making evolved.

Initially selling by word of mouth and later vending at craft shows, Angelic Soaps and Gifts has grown. Attending annual conferences on bath and body production helps us to learn new techniques and to master the new methods of soap making, along with discovering new raw materials that will nourish and keep skin healthy.

Find out more at www.angelicsoapsandgifts.com.



FEATURED CRAFTER
Dieshawn Holmes

CSA BONUS CRAFTS \$9 VALUE FOR FREE!

Felt Flower Ring (\$5 Value)
by Amber of handleber
www.handleber.com

Illustrated Greeting Card (\$4 Value)
by Nicole of Sloe Gin Fizz
www.sloeginfizz.etsy.com

**Bonus crafts are great to keep for yourself
or give as gifts to loved ones.**

We would love to see photos of you using, wearing, displaying or giving any of the crafts you receive in the Craft CSA!

Email photos to flinthandmade@hotmail.com
and we will publish them on our blog.

UPCOMING FLINT HANDMADE EVENTS

Sunday, May 6: craftLAB at The Lunch Studio, Noon-3pm
Learn the coiled papercraft known as quilling from Jenni Snyder.

Sunday, June 3: craftLAB at The Lunch Studio, Noon-3pm
Workshop topic to be announced, but we promise it will be a lot of fun!

Sunday, July 1: craftLAB at The Lunch Studio, Noon-3pm
Learn basic beading techniques for earrings and a bracelet from Jenni Dones.

Saturday, July 14: Craft City at Buckham Alley Fest in Downtown Flint, 6pm-10pm
FH members will be vending their jewelry, bath & body products, papercrafts and more.

Sunday, August 5: Craft Supply Swap at the Lunch Studio, Noon-3pm
Bring your old craft supplies and swap them for new-to-you supplies from other crafters.

*MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FLINT HANDMADE
IS AVAILABLE AT OUR BRAND NEW WEBSITE!*

www.flinthandmade.org