



Madison County Historical Society's Cottage Lawn Museum, 435 Main Street, Oneida, NY 13421

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 MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society's long-running Madison County Craft Festival has artisans, food trucks, live music, NYS wine and spirits, and free children's activities planned for an enjoyable family-fun weekend. Past attendance has been between 3,000 - 3,200 people over the weekend. There is an admission of \$5 or \$8 for a weekend pass. Children 12 and under are free.

**Deadline to apply: July 31, 2026. Spaces may be available after the deadline date, please call the historical society.**

*Proceeds from the Madison County Craft Festival support the educational programming at the Madison County Historical Society.*

### **Available Spaces:**

- This is an outdoor show. There are 18 tent spaces (10' wide x 13' deep) & 82 lawn spaces (12' x 12') available. For a lawn space, you must provide your own coverage/tent. For a tent space, we provide you coverage underneath one of our two tents. (Tables and electrical hookup are available for additional fees). Note that the Madison County Craft Festival Committee tries to satisfy all space requests; however, spaces are assigned in the order received. Artisans and Edible Art Vendors who have participated in the previous year's show can request a different space than the one assigned to them, provided that the Artisan or Edible Art Vendor, who may have also participated in the previous year, does not occupy that space.
- The best option is for you to bring your own pop-up tent. We do have tables for rent if needed

**Show set-up time/other:** Friday, Sept. 1, 10 am - 6 pm. Arrangements can be made in advance for set-up at other hours. Coffee and donuts are served each morning to the vendors participating in the show. Check with show officials for location.

**Event Hours:** Saturday, September 12, from 10 am -5pm & Sunday, September 13, from 10 am -4 pm

**Security:** MCHS will provide security from 7 pm Friday - Saturday 7 am; Saturday 7 pm - Sunday 7 am.

**Parking:** NO Parking is allowed on the grounds. Parking is available on streets as well as a City of Oneida lot.

The Madison County Craft Festival's early history began on May 22, 1965, when the Historical Society initiated a commitment to the preservation of traditional crafts by exhibiting agricultural implements and tools, once used for home crafts and cottage industries. This exhibit set the stage for the first Traditional Craft Days (former name) in September of 1965, highlighting the skilled craftsmen and women who demonstrated their artistry in the traditional methods of creating works of art. The Society furthered its involvement in folk art when it created a Traditional Craft Archive in 1971 complete with slides, tapes, movies, and periodicals documenting the traditional craftsmen and women. On June 11, 1976, the New York State Legislature declared Oneida Craft Capital USA for the Madison County Historical Society's commitment to traditional crafts and the craftsmen and women who demonstrated their artistry in the fields of shingle making, blacksmithing, pottery, quilting, spinning, woodworking, and soap making. In 2018, the 54<sup>th</sup> year of the show, the Madison County Craft Committee changed the event's name to the Madison County Craft Festival. The Madison County Craft Festival Committee honors the traditions outlined in 1965, by selecting talented artisans through a jury process. Each artisan must create and sell only items made by him/her. If an artisan would like to demonstrate, then we ask that the artisan let us know, so that we can advertise their demonstration. If an artisan would like to display a picture of him/her in his/her studio/workshop during the show, then they may do so.

