



MINI MAKER FAIR

Offering up to \$500 to Local Makers!

Artists and Makers - Request for Proposals

Mini Maker Fair on SCSU Campus

Deadline for Proposals: Sunday, May 21st

Event: Thursday, June 22nd

Are you a maker? Have you been putting off that geeky project that you're really excited about but don't feel you have an audience for? Looking for an excuse to show off that DIY contraption or system that you are unabashedly proud of? Are you a tech-enthusiast whose artistic process lends itself to being paired with alternative forms of high-tech production. We'll connect you with the resources you need and pay you to show off your projects!

Visual Arts Minnesota is seeking artists and makers to demo or exhibit for Lemon Twist, VAM's attachment to the Lemonade Fair held on the SCSU Campus on June 22nd. This year VAM will be piloting a mini maker fair alongside our regular tour of residential galleries! Artists and makers of all disciplines who have a passion for innovation in their craft are encouraged to submit proposals to exhibit, display or demonstrate.

A maker fair is an educational show-and-tell, often techy, geeky and passionate, and always interdisciplinary, innovative and forward thinking. This maker fair will showcase individual or collaborative projects, hobbies, processes, and DIY activities. **VAM will work to pair makers with the resources they need.** We are partnering with the SCSU art department and ISELF as well as with other local maker groups to bring an enlightening, educational experience to the patrons of the Lemonade Fair. VAM will provide the space and resources to execute qualified and approved projects. If there is a resource you need to realize your project, VAM will find a way to get you access!

Consider brainstorming projects that get people excited about making and art:

Sometimes it's robots and programming, sometimes is sewing in new and collaborative ways, some times it's hosting a screenprinting workshop or even making something

from discarded items and trash but its always a new take on what your doing in such a way that genuinely excites others to want to engage and learn.

What is your thing?

- Where arts and crafts overlap high-tech fabrication?
- Projection art/live video art?
- Personalized DIY commodities?
- Innovation in folk art or craft?
- Programming and robotics?

The possible themes are endless...

VAM will be offering stipends ranging from \$200 - \$500 to exhibiting artists and makers who are qualified and passionate.

Qualifications

Up to 10 artists/makers or maker teams will be selected for this event

Eligible artists or makers must

Be a maker: have a hands on creative activity that you can share with the community!

Be passionate about your craft

Have an interest in demonstrating your craft

Be available to actively collaborate with partners who supply resources

Be willing to problem solve and collaboratively respond to varying resources

Have an interest in community engagement and learning

Proposal submission process

If you are a maker and want to take advantage of this opportunity:

Submit via email a three to five paragraph proposal outlining

Who you are as a maker, what it is you make and why you make what you make.

What your maker fair project would look like, what you propose to do.

How what you make and what you present might serve a purpose in the community as a demonstration. How do you see your project impacting Lemonade Fair goers/audiences?

Is it interactive? Hands-on? Educational?

Although not required, pictures will go a long way in helping us evaluate your proposal.

Consider sending a few (2-3) low-resolution pics of your work and process attached to your email, or if you have a website send us a link!

**Send your proposal via email
to vam@visualartsminnesota.org**