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Cape Cod Maker Faire® 2023 Celebrates Ingenuity, Innovation, and Creativity

Local makers, tech enthusiasts, hobbyists, and crafters to headline popular community and workforce development event on March 25

Mashpee, **MA...** The Cape Cod Maker Faire, a one-day festival for all ages, returns to Mashpee to celebrate the inspiring contributions being made across the region from a host of talented and inventive contributors. Mashpee Middle-High School will again serve as site host for the event, which will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 9am to 3pm.

This free, family-friendly event showcases the local maker movement and embraces the "do-it-yourself" spirit of the participants. From hands-on experiences and exhibits to presentations and commercial maker booths, the faire will engage and entertain attendees of all ages.

"We are delighted to once again offer the Cape Cod Maker Faire® to the community as this event embodies collaboration and creativity at its finest," said Kara O'Donnell-Galvin, Executive Director of the MassHire Cape and Islands Workforce Board (CIWB), who is presenting the event. "The creativity and innovation that exist on Cape Cod and the Islands deserve to be highlighted. This one-day festival offers makers, tech enthusiasts, crafters, and artists a chance to shine and allows the community an up-close view of their talents and expertise."

In prior years, the Cape Cod Maker Faire® has welcomed jewelry-making, pottery, home-made slime, and wood working booths, as well as electronic displays, virtual reality experiences, and video production and amateur radio enthusiasts. Student projects are also on display, as is green technology, textile arts and crafts, and puppetry.

The faire is also home to a VEX Robotics competition comprised of student teams from Cape and Islands school districts. "The Cape Cod Maker Faire® provides our students an opportunity to celebrate their creativity in front of a welcoming and enthusiastic audience and there is great value in that experience," said Michael Looney, Director of Career and Technical Education at Mashpee Middle-High School. "The best part is that participants, attendees, and the community take something positive away from the day."

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