



Originals
Craft Sale

Exhibitor Guide 2025

Originals Spring Craft Sale Presented by Signatures

Welcome to the Signatures family of shows! Thank you for joining us. Please take a moment to review this guide to ensure a successful show experience and to take advantage of advance pricing options.

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Show Details

Show Website OriginalsShow.ca
Show Managers Christine Mathieu | cmathieu@signatures.ca
Show Location Hall 3 | EY Centre
4899 Uplands Drive
Ottawa, ON | K1V 2N6

Key Dates & Times

Wednesday, April 2nd Move-in and set-up 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. | **Note: Loading zone closes at 6 p.m.**
Thursday, April 3rd 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday, April 4th 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, April 5th 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 6th 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | **Move-out from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.**

Building Access Times for Exhibitors

Thursday only 8 a.m.
Friday to Sunday 9 a.m.

Admission Prices

General Admission \$10.00 | Seniors (65+) \$8.00 | Free for ages 17 and under.
50% off Admission Thursday after 5 p.m. | Complimentary drink with ticket on Friday after 5 p.m. (19+)
Customers may pick up a free re-admission ticket at the show.

Complimentary Tickets – NEW CHANGE

New this year, all artisans will be emailed 6 complimentary tickets automatically on March 12th, 2025. You will not need to request them through a form this year. Your 6 complimentary tickets will be emailed to you without request. All exhibitors are entitled to six (6) complimentary admission tickets to the show. You are encouraged to use these tickets as a marketing tool to promote attendance at the event by running giveaways on social media or through other channels.

Discounted Artisan Tickets

All artisans can purchase 50% off general admission tickets. These tickets must be purchased two weeks prior to the show, no later than **March 19th, 2025** using [this link](#).

Show Suppliers

GES – Display/Material Handling – <https://ordering.ges.com/CA-00069034>
EY Centre – Electrical/Parking Passes – <https://eycentre.boomerecommerce.com>
DE Systems – Internet Services (ordered through EY Centre) – <https://eycentre.boomerecommerce.com>

Scam/Phishing Emails

Beware of fraudulent emails falsely associated with Signatures Shows. These scams often request urgent information, offer the likes of attendee lists, exhibitor directory listings or travel/accommodation discounts and include suspicious links. Official event communications will only be sent from @signatures.ca domains. If you receive a suspicious email, please contact info@signatures.ca to verify its legitimacy.



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Parking Info

Paid parking is available in the front lot at the EY Centre for a flat rate of \$10.00/day without in/out privileges. Parking passes that include in/out privileges are available for purchase through the EY Centre's [online ordering portal](#) at a rate of \$40.00 for the four (4) days of the show. Parking during Wednesday's move-in is free.

Limited RV parking is available in the back parking lot with the purchase of a designated RV parking pass. Power hookups for these vehicles, if required, can be supplied at an additional cost and should be ordered in advance with your parking pass. There are no additional fees to park a trailer attached to a vehicle.

Booth Location

Booth location assignments and the show floor plan will be posted online at [OriginalsShow.ca](#) in late March 2025; you will receive an email notification from our team when this information becomes available. **Please check your junk/spam folders regularly to ensure you are up to date on important show communications.**

Move-In/Move-Out

For exhibitors bringing their goods to the show, you will be issued a **Move-In Pass** that will include instructions on accessing the facility loading area, approximately two (2) weeks before the show. This pass needs to be printed and displayed on the dash of your vehicle on move-in day.

For exhibitors shipping their goods & display to the show, you may arrive any time after 8 a.m. to set-up your booth. Your crates and/or pallets will be moved to a storage area by GES at the conclusion of set-up. For more information on shipping, please refer to the [Shipping Information Sheet](#).

IMPORTANT Persons under the age of 15 are **NOT** permitted in the exhibit hall during move-in **or** move-out for liability and safety reasons. Our onsite staff will be enforcing this rule – please plan for childcare in advance.

Move-In Steps

- Upon arrival at the EY Centre, proceed to the Hall 2 rear loading doors accessible via the **Delivery Lane** along the North end of the building.
 - **Do not obstruct fire lane access with your vehicle at any time.**
- Register your arrival with onsite show management and collect your exhibitor badges.
- Unload your vehicle as quickly as possible onto a provided dolly.
- Dolly your goods to your booth and unload them immediately. **Do not take more than one (1) show dolly or remove a dolly from circulation by leaving your goods on it.**
- Return the dolly to the loading area and move your vehicle to the front lot to allow others access.
- Proceed with your booth set up.

Attention: If your goods/display need to be set-up in stages, you **must** unload your show dolly, return it to the loading area, and move your vehicle away from the doors so other can have access while you work in your booth. When you are ready to continue unloading your vehicle, you may take another dolly.

A number of dollies are supplied through GES for exhibitor use, but you are strongly encouraged to bring your own dolly if possible. Doing so greatly speeds up the move-in and move-out process for everyone. We are not able to provide labor to assist with unloading your vehicle or setting up your booth; as such, it is very important you bring your own help if required.

The loading area closes at 6 p.m. and all goods must be unloaded from your vehicle by this time; set-up continues until 8 p.m.



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Please notify us if, for any reason, you will not be arriving by 5 p.m. on move-in day; any booths remaining empty by 6 p.m. may be reassigned at the discretion of Show Management without compensation to the exhibitor.

The show opens at **10 a.m.** on **Thursday, April 3rd, 2025**, please ensure you allow yourself enough time to complete your booth display by 9:30 a.m. on opening day. **Thursday morning move-ins will not be permitted.**

Deliveries at the Show

You may arrange for courier companies to deliver packages to the main entrance area during show hours. Our staff will sign for any pre-paid deliveries and deliver them to your booth. If the delivery is not pre-paid, we will notify you of the courier's arrival. Be sure to include **Originals Spring Craft Sale** in your addressing labels.

If your courier cannot guarantee the delivery of your package during show hours, we recommend sending it to your hotel (indicate the Guest Name and Room #) or to pick it up at the courier's office yourself.

Move-Out Steps

Booth teardown begins **after** the show closing announcement at **5 p.m.** on **Sunday, April 6th**. It will take approx. thirty (30) minutes for GES to remove the aisle carpet. Until this is done, we ask you to teardown in your booth space and that you do **not** roll dollies on the carpet or block aisles with your boxes, crates or display.

- Dismantle your display completely in your booth space, pack your goods for transport and leave them in your booth. **Do not take a show dolly to tear down on.**
 - Bring your vehicle to the loading doors. **DO NOT** park your vehicle(s) at the loading doors until you are ready to move-out.
 - Take a show dolly and load your vehicle as quickly as possible.
 - Return the dolly to the loading area.
 - Move your vehicle away from the loading doors.
- **ALTERNATIVE:** If you do not require access to the rear loading doors, you may move out through the building's front entrance. **Please note: Dollies are not permitted in the facility lobbies; exhibitors moving out through the front must hand carry their goods.**

Booth Display Requirements

Mandatory elements: Business sign, floor covering and lighting. Booths will be checked for compliance.

Your booth includes 8' high white drape along the back and side(s), and 750 watts of electricity. You must supply your own display equipment, additional crossbars, floor coverings, lights and other items required for your setup. Rental equipment is available through [GES](#).

Tables and chairs are not included with your booth. Tabletop displays that do not incorporate a design element are not permitted. A professional looking display will increase your sales potential at the show.

Backdrops are required in all booths. The booth draping can be integrated into your display but must not be considered the main visual element of your backdrop.

Floor covering is required for the visible floor space within your booth area. Floor coverings should be adhered to the show floor using high-adhesion, double-sided cloth tape common to trade shows which leaves almost no residue. You may bring your own floor covering or rent from [GES](#).



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Booth draping is provided. Fire-resistant white draping is 8' high and will be installed along the back and two (2) sides for aisle booths or the back and one (1) side for corner booths.

Crossbars holding the draping are not weight-bearing and therefore cannot be used as supports for hard walls, grids, or shelving. Lightweight items may be hung from the crossbars with S-Hooks. You may rent additional crossbars to mount lighting or additional drape from [GES](#).

Signage is required to identify your company, and your booth number sign (provided by Show Management) must be visible. All signs in your booth must be professional in appearance and cannot exceed 8' in height. Handwritten or fluorescent signs are not acceptable.

Lighting is required, as the overhead lighting is reduced. You may wish to bring your own lighting or rent additional lighting from [EY Centre Electrical Services](#) to sufficiently light your display and showcase your products. LED lighting is recommended.

Show Management reserves the right to request improvements to your display. If you are unsure whether your display meets our requirements, please email us and we will happily review and provide feedback.

Booth Sizes

Exhibitors with hard wall displays, grid displays, or an assortment of tables, please be aware that the inside dimensions of the booths are smaller than the assigned display space to accommodate posts, crossbars, and electrical cables measuring approximately 3 inches in diameter. Display equipment such as racks, stools/chairs, desks, hangers, etc. may not protrude into an aisle as it is a fire code violation which impedes traffic flow and causes corresponding safety concerns.

Contracted Size	Actual Size	Contracted Size	Actual Size
5' x 10'	4'9" deep x 9'9" wide	10' x 10'	9'9" deep x 9'9" wide
5' x 15'	4'9" deep x 14'9" wide	10' x 15'	9'9" deep x 14'9" wide
5' x 20'	4'9" deep x 19'9" wide	10' x 20'	9'9" deep x 19'9" wide

Storage

Storage space for overstock is limited, so plan to incorporate storage within your booth or to restock in the mornings. Please remove empty plastic packing bins or boxes to your vehicles and trailers for storage. Fire panels, pull stations, and fire exits must never be blocked or impeded by storage. Empty boxes are not permitted in storage areas, as they present a fire hazard.

Security

Security controls are in place to prevent thefts during set-up, show hours, and overnight, but we require full cooperation from all exhibitors to ensure these measures are effective. The following guidelines should be observed at all times, including during move-in and move-out:

- * Keep your booth attended at all times.
- * Wear your Exhibitor Badge at all times.
- * If you have any problems or observe any unusual activity, please notify Show Management immediately.
- * Non-exhibitors are not permitted in show storage areas at any time, for any reason.
- * Do not leave any valuables or cash in your booth unattended at any time during the show or overnight.
- * Place a night sheet or another type of barrier, such as netting, across your booth entrance overnight.



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- * Stay in your booth for a few minutes after the show closes each night to allow time for all customers to leave the hall. The hall must be vacated no later than thirty (30) minutes after closing each night.

Signatures cannot assume responsibility for any losses incurred from shoplifting, pilferage, or any other causes. We reserve the right to inspect any box or crate that is removed from the exhibit hall.

Exhibitor Services

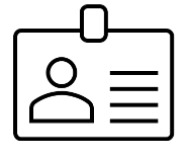
Exhibitors enjoy complimentary material handling for shipments, discounted hotel rates and free listing on our show website with a product image (if provided). **Note: Any requests for changes to web gallery listings must be received, no later than, 30 days before the show.**

A small exhibitor area equipped with a fridge, microwave and kettle will be available onsite.

Exhibitor Identification

Each booth will be provided up to four (4) Exhibitor Badges containing the name of the artisan/staff and their company. Additional badges can be purchased for \$10.00/each.

Badges are only for people working in your booth and must always be worn during show hours. Exhibitor badges may not be given to family or friends to visit the show, please use the complimentary admission tickets for this purpose. All exhibitors will receive 6 tickets by email. See Complimentary Ticket Section to order additional tickets (if required). Blank badges with only a company name will not be printed.



Please order your badges for the show using the [online order form](#) by **March 19, 2025**. Additional badges may not be available on site and badges are not transferable.

Communications

Wireless internet connections are available at a cost through EY Centre's official supplier, DE Systems. To ensure your POS device(s) work without interruption, we recommend purchasing an internet connection; the available options can be reviewed through the [EY Centre Exhibitor Services Portal](#). For those opting to use cell data/hotspots instead of purchasing a dedicated connection, we recommend contacting your cellular service provider to upgrade your data allowance if required. **There is no free wi-fi available at the EY Centre.**

Customer Services

Show customers enjoy free re-admission for the duration of the show, onsite ATMs, a convenient concession located within the exhibit hall and access to our onsite feature area.

Event Promotion & Social Media

Signatures Shows conducts extensive advertising, promotion, and public relations campaigns prior to the show. In addition to this, we expect our exhibitors to help promote the show in their respective communities and audiences as this leads to stronger attendance, increased overall sales, and a healthy handmade community.

Social media marketing is an effective tool to reach a large audience quickly, but to reach as many potential customers as possible we also need your involvement. Here are a few simple steps that can make a huge difference for the show and your results there:

- ❖ Contact your existing customers and invite them to attend Originals Spring Craft Sale to see your new works. Email them the show information and/or encourage them to purchase their tickets in advance (ticket discount promotions are often available in the weeks leading up to the show!)



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- ❖ Share your best product images or videos to your Instagram page using the official show hashtags – **#Originals**, **#HandmadeLive** and **#Ottawa**
- ❖ Like and share show related content from our Instagram ([@OriginalsOttawa](#)) and/or Facebook page ([@OriginalsShow](#))
- ❖ Download and share our official [Social Media Assets](#) in your show related posts.

Regulations & Insurance

Exhibitor Regulations

Please note, we will be actively enforcing the following rules on set-up day and throughout the show. By complying with these guidelines, you allow the show to run smoothly for everyone.

- * You are only permitted to display the products outlined in your contract. The addition of non-juried products, other artisans' work or commercial products will result in termination of your participation.
- * Jewellery products in non-jewellery booths is not permitted unless indicated in your contract.
- * The price of work for sale must not be altered or changed during the show.
 - "Reduced Price", "Sale", "Show Special", two-tier pricing (e.g. ~~\$30.00~~ \$25.00 on price tag/ticket), or other signs of this nature are not permitted.
- * Business must solely be conducted in your booth space without disruption to neighbouring exhibitors.
- * Video displays, music, or other attention-grabbing devices require prior Show Management approval.
- * Your display must not exceed your assigned booth size.
- * You must comply with all public health, fire, and electrical regulations.
- * If you wish to display or distribute flyers not directly related to your craft, prior approval from Show Management is required.
- * You must always wear your exhibitor badge.

Photography

Photography of another artisan's booth or work is not allowed unless you have their permission to do so. Customers must also acquire your consent prior to taking any photos. If you observe anyone taking photos of your work without your permission, please inform a member of our Show Management team. Accredited media personnel and show staff are permitted to shoot videos and take photos for promotional purposes.

Gourmet Foods

Food exhibitors must comply with all federal, provincial, and municipal public health guidelines as well as package-labelling and facility regulations in accordance with Health Canada. All exhibitors with food products must complete the [Ottawa Public Health authority form](#) at least **fourteen (14) days** before the show.

All food sampling must take place within your assigned booth space and must have clear ingredient labels with allergen alerts posted. If you will be sampling food in your booth, please complete the [EY Centre Food & Beverage Sampling Authorization Form](#) and submit it to catering@eycentre.ca for approval.

Body Care & Home Fragrance

For the health and safety of our attending customers and other participating artisans, candles, soaps, bath bombs, perfumes and other heavily scented products must be wrapped or tightly contained for display.



Single-Use Plastics

As an event organizer, we are committed to supporting the shift towards a greener future and your proactive efforts in embracing sustainable practices that will not only help protect the environment but also enhance the overall customer experience.

Municipal and provincial legislation pertaining to plastic checkout bags and other single-use plastics have already come into effect in some markets with wider federal bans still in the works. Exhibitors are encouraged to implement sustainable plastic alternatives to allow for a smooth transition and ensure compliance with any new regulations when they come into effect. Information on the potential federal ban can be found [here](#).

Fire Regulations

The EY Centre, in accordance with the Ottawa Fire Safety Code and Fire Service, requires that all decorations and materials for display are flameproof. This law does not apply to your work. An inspector will be visiting every booth on set-up day to conduct fire tests on all display materials.

It is recommended that you test all your materials prior to arrival for set-up. Hold a flame to a sample of the material for 12 seconds; if it burns for more than 2 seconds after you remove the flame, it is not acceptable. Flame proofing should be done well in advance of the show as materials may require more than one application and will require drying time for maximum absorption. Some facilities require proof of flame proofing, please bring your documentation with you. There are products available in spray or liquid applications at retail stores such as Home Hardware, Canadian Tire and Amazon.

Electrical Regulations

Each booth is supplied with 750 watts of electrical power. Power is supplied to the individual booths through the installation of a single shared outlet – one plug-in per booth. Bring a power bar, or more if required, for power distribution within your booth. Extension cords must be grounded with three prong plugs.

Lighting is required in your booth as the overhead lighting will be at reduced capacity. We encourage you to bring your own lighting to complement your products. Displays should be designed so the lights are mounted securely on a non-conductive material (i.e. e.g. wood or rubber) and are aimed away from draped curtains. Metal clamp-on lamp holders **cannot** be mounted directly on the metal tubes used in the construction of display booths.

Additional venue/supplier electrical policies include, but are not limited to:

- Latex wire cord, duplex, and triplex plugs are not permitted.
- Equipment which trips circuits due to overload may not be restarted until EY Centre Electrical Services has found the source and corrected the problem.
- Wall and pillar plugs distributed around the building are for the specific use of the EY Centre and its exclusive service providers and are not for the use of exhibitors. A fee will be charged if these outlets are used, or they may be disconnected at the discretion of the building.
- The use of small appliances such as kettles, irons, portable heaters, or microwave ovens are not permitted in your booth unless additional power is purchased from [EY Centre Electrical Services](#).



Any electrical products used in your display or being sold by you (i.e. lamps, etc.) must be CSA approved and have a CSA sticker or stamp on them. **Remember to turn your lights off every night.**



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Insurance Requirements

Liability insurance with a minimum \$2,000,000 coverage is required. We recommend that you contact your regular insurance provider first to provide coverage. If they are unable to provide coverage, there are some providers who specialize in insurance for exhibitors. Signatures does not endorse any providers, but information on these insurers is widely available online.

Hotel Info

Reduced rates for our exhibitors have been negotiated at the hotels listed below. Please identify yourself as a Signatures Shows participant to receive the discounted rate (subject to availability). After the reservation deadline, these rates may still be offered subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion.

Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport – 2400 Alert Rd., Ottawa, ON, K1V 1S1 | 613.288.9001

★★★

The hotel offers free parking, free Wi-Fi, onsite restaurant, airport shuttle service, pool and fitness centre.

Cut-Off Date: Room rates are guaranteed until **March 3rd, 2025** (subject to availability).

Group Code: **90S**

Rate: **\$149.00/night** for a Standard 2 Queen Room or Standard 1 King Room

Rate is based on single or double occupancy and excludes taxes.

Reservations: Call 613-288-9001 or [book your reservation online here](#).

Distance from EYCentre: 0.5 km; 8 min walk

Rideau Heights Inn – 72 Rideau Heights Drive, Ottawa, ON, K2E 7A6 | 613.226.4152

★★

The hotel offers free parking, complimentary Wi-Fi and light breakfast.

Cut-Off Date: There is no cut-off date for bookings.

Group Code: **SIGNATURES SHOW**

Rate: **\$110.00/night** for a King Suite, Queen Suite or Standard Double

Rate is based on single or double occupancy and excludes taxes.

Reservations: Call or email info@rideauheightsinn.com and quote the group code to book your reservation.

Distance: 6.1 km; 11 min drive



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Checklist

Check when completed:

- Make hotel reservations (please refer to the deadlines above)
- [Order Exhibitor Identification Badges](#) (Deadline: March 19th, 2025)
- [Order discounted show tickets](#) - (Deadline: March 19th, 2025)
- Order display equipment, carpet, etc. from [GES](#) (if required)
- Order additional power from [EY Centre Electrical Services](#) (if required)
- Order Wi-Fi from [DE Systems \(via EY Centre\)](#) (if required)
- Order a parking pass through [EY Centre](#) (if required)
- Arrange for the shipment of goods and display material (if shipping)
- Arrange for insurance coverage
- Fireproof materials used in display
- Email existing customers and encourage them to come to the show
- Promote your participation on social media
- Hire staff to help with move-in & move-out and/or during show hours (if required)
- Arrange childcare for children under 15 during move-in & move-out (if applicable)
- Food vendors - Complete the [Ottawa Public Health Vendor Form](#) (Deadline: March 19th, 2025)
- Food vendors - Complete the [EY Centre Food & Beverage Sampling Authorization Form](#)

