



Second Annual Illinois Local Holiday Market Takes Place Saturday, November 26

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BUZZ MAGAZINE - The second annual Illinois Local Holiday Market will take place on Saturday, November 26 at the Expo Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds from 9 am to 3 pm. Entry to the Holiday Market is just \$1.00 for those 18 years and over.



In addition to local Illinois vendors, the event will have FREE make-and-take crafts with Springfield Art Association, FREE community yoga with FLOW Midwest Yoga & Meditation, and performances from Springfield Youth Performance Group and LotusFire BellyDance.

“We are excited for this year’s market on Small Business Saturday. It provides a one-stop-shop for those wanting to support local independent businesses during the holidays,” said Gemma Long, Illinois Local co-founder.



The Painted Tin Bin participated in last year’s market. Owner, Erin Saxton-Snodgrass, said, “Being a vendor at Illinois Local events, as well as being a member of Illinois Local, has allowed my business to not only sell products to new and existing customers

at a large-scale event, but has also meant I am able to market and expand my private party and DIY workshop offerings. Without the opportunities Illinois Local provides, my business' growth would have stalled," said Erin.

Erica Luce of Flourish Flower Company offered design-your-own holiday wreaths at last year's market and sold out. "We had the best time making wreaths nonstop for four hours straight," she said. "You pick your wreath size and bow, all the ornaments you want, and I whip it up before your eyes."

"It was just the best day meeting people who enjoy supporting local small businesses. Our hearts were so full of gratitude for so much support for our little flower shop. We can't wait to see you in a few weeks."

The team from Sangamon Reclaimed will be returning this year. Owner Amanda Compton said, "This event is one of our favorites in the year because it helps set the tone for the holidays around the shop. "I encourage everyone to come out and support these top-notch vendors and the holiday market, which truly embodies the spirit of Christmas."



A+M Calligraphy will be offering live calligraphy at the holiday market.

“The Illinois Local holiday market was my very first market for A+M Calligraphy, and I cannot say enough good things about it,” said owner Adriana Molina. “Meeting not only all the other small business vendors, but also the people of the community filled my heart so much. Seeing the community come together for shopping and gifting is so festive and a perfect way to prepare for the holidays and support local.”

The vendor lineup for this year’s Illinois Local Holiday Market so far are:

- Homemade Passions by Bryce
- The Painted Tin Bin
- The Rustic Threads Boutique
- Johnny & June
- Two Thousand Eight
- Robert’s Seafood Market
- Timelessly Fused
- The Garage on Leonard
- Flourish Flower Co.
- Findingflowerchild
- Belle + Rae
- Modern Iris Boutique
- All Dolled Up Hair Salon
- Beauty by Scott
- Paladin Combatives
- Blush and Beige Boutique
- Sweet Peony Bakery
- Sangamon Reclaimed
- Reap + Sow
- Yellow Bird Coffee House
- Prairie Sage Stitching
- The Shabby Shic Farmhouse
- A + M Calligraphy
- Double MK Boutique
- Drenched in Peace
- 420 Pipes
- Ceramics Made by Rosie
- Clay, Girl, Hey
- Incredibly Delicious
- The Strawberry Finch
- Kersondra Photography
- Potions and Popcorn
- Props You Up

- Two Minds Custom Designs
- Gowns Bridal & Formal Boutique

For more information about Illinois Local or to register as a vendor at this year's Holiday Market, visit illinoislocal.org.

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