

# ARE YOU A **MAKER** OR **TINKERER** WHO'D LIKE TO SHOWCASE YOUR TRADE OR SKILL?

THE INDIANA STATE MUSEUM HAS TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!  
**MEET THE MAKER SERIES AND TINKERFEST**

## How People Make Things: Meet the Maker Series

March 5 - May 7, 2022

Makers, hobbyists, tinkerers and artists who would like to share their craftsmanship through live demonstrations and teach the community about their trades are invited to host a table during the "Meet the Maker" series at the Indiana State Museum in conjunction with the *How People Make Things* exhibit that runs through May 15, 2022.

How People Make Things, geared towards families with children 5-10 yrs. old and inspired by the factory tour segments from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood television series, offers hands-on activities using real factory tools and machines to create objects with four manufacturing processes - molding, cutting, deforming and assembly. The exhibit tells the story of how familiar childhood objects are made and how people, ideas and technology transform raw materials into finished products. <https://www.indianamuseum.org/experiences/how-people-make-things/>

Guest makers will work alongside children, families and staff in a creative environment to share and teach visitors about skills, tools, processes and creations of their craft. Visitors are invited to get up close, ask questions and personally connect with people in our community who create items we see and use every day.

Makers are asked to host a table for a minimum of 2 hours on a scheduled Saturday. The "Meet the Maker" series will run March 5-May 7, 2022. Makers would be provided table(s), chairs, parking and admission passes but are required to bring their own materials.

For more information or to sign up for a "Meet the Maker" session please contact Bethany Thomas at [bthomas2@indianamuseum.org](mailto:bthomas2@indianamuseum.org).

## Tinkerfest

Saturday, May 14, 2022

The Indiana State Museum's Tinkerfest is a gathering of people who love to learn through exploration and discovery. Makers, artists, crafters, engineers and tinkerers are invited to come together and showcase their diverse hobbies, projects, skills and trades.

Tinkerfest is a daylong celebration of curiosity and creativity. This family friendly event gives visitors the opportunity to get a hands-on experience learning how things work by tinkering and making. Past tinkering activities have included 3D printing, plastic bag fusion, tin stamping, automotive mechanics, flight simulation, Rube Goldberg machines and much more.

The event runs from 10am to 5pm on May 14 and will encompass the entire museum. The event is free with paid admission to the museum.

During the event, tinkerers will host a table with a hands-on activity, project, skill or trade that can be shared with visitors of all ages. Individuals, student clubs, organizations, including nonprofit and for-profit businesses, may apply to have a table by going to <https://forms.igle/9L42EaqfRKfZzSKm7>. Applications are due by April 1, 2022. There is no fee to apply or to host a table. Accepted tinkerers will provide their own supplies for the event. Tinkerers will receive an exhibitor guide that will provide event logistics, free parking and museum admission tickets.