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Correctional Facility to Host Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show

Public can purchase unique inmate-produced paintings and products

BATON ROUGE, La. – The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections is pleased to announce that Dixon Correctional Institute (DCI) will host its annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, November 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The outdoor event will take place on the DCI grounds at 5568 Hwy 68 in Jackson, Louisiana.

The public is encouraged to attend and tickets are only \$5. Parking is free as well as entry for children six and under. Tickets can be purchased at the gate and the only acceptable form of payment is cash. As a convenience, there will be an on-site automatic teller machine or ATM. To experience everything the event has to offer from hobby crafts, concessions to face painting for children, visitors should plan to arrive early.

The incarcerated men at DCI create various items such as paintings, furniture, jewelry, woodwork, iron/metal work, plants, leather goods such as purses, belts and wallets, and so much more. These handcrafted items will be on display for the public to purchase.

“The arts and craft show is a great opportunity to spend a beautiful fall day with family and friends in Jackson,” said Dusty Bickham, warden, Dixon Correctional Institute. “The inmate-made hobby crafts are one-of-a-kind and would make great gifts for you or your loved ones.”

Inmates who participate in the hobby craft program and exhibit positive behavior are eligible to participate in the event. The high-quality goods and wares showcases their intricate carpentry skills, artistic abilities, and helps them become productive citizens, all while earning incentive income. The sale of these items often help to support their family, or lessen the burden of family support, or they can use the earned income to either purchase or replenish arts and crafts supplies. Proceeds go towards the inmate’s account and helps them prepare to reenter the community, which works to lower recidivism.

The first arts and crafts show held at DCI was in the spring of 2023 and the bi-annual event draws more than 300 visitors from neighboring parishes. As a security measure, the public is reminded that drugs, alcohol or weapons are not permitted on the premises.

For more information about the arts and craft show or to obtain a media pass, please contact Lisa Hawkins at lisa.hawkins2@la.gov. Learn more about DCI, [here](#).

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