

Christmas In Windsor Information Sheet

A Community Oriented Event

Christmas in Windsor is a community-oriented event started in 1979 by a local group of crafters. In the beginning, the shows were in homes, churches, and store fronts. However, as the interest and the attendance grew, so did the number of crafters outside the original group which had become known as the Quality Crafters. For a number of years, Quality Crafters joined with the Windsor Art League to hold Christmas in Windsor. When the Art League no longer wished to participate, Quality Crafters joined with the Civic Committee to sponsor the event. During this time, Christmas in Windsor became known as more of a community event rather than an event sponsored by a local craft club. When the Civic Committee ceased to exist, the Quality Crafters joined with the Chamber of Commerce in putting on the event. Now Quality Crafters is helped by the local Optimist Club, and the show uses the Windsor Community Rec Center.

Christmas in Windsor has grown from a few local crafters to a show with over 120 booths and 80 vendors from Colorado and Wyoming. There are crafters from woodworking to contemporary digital imaging. All kinds of handiwork can be seen as one strolls down the aisles. Many craft shows allow vendors to sell purchased items. However, Christmas In Windsor has become unique in that **all items in the show are handmade or improved by the vendors; that is a prerequisite for participation in Christmas in Windsor.** Christmas In Windsor has become one of the premier craft show in northern Colorado. People love the venue, the atmosphere, and the talent of the crafters.

All income from the entry fee goes back into the community. Quality Crafters sponsor two WHS scholarships for \$500 each. They donate to the food pantry and buy toys for Santa's Toy Shop, an Optimist Program that provides toys to needy children at Christmas. They donate to a developmentally disabled home and to many other charities. For helping with the show, the Windsor Breakfast Optimist Club is also provided funds from the Quality Crafters. "Friend of Youth" is their motto. Its projects include Santa's Toy Shop, the city Easter Egg Hunt, Middle School Student of the Month, and it co-partners with the Windsor Police Department for the Bike Rodeo and their Halloween Alternative. The Optimist Club also gives two \$500 WHS scholarships. Individual youth are at times sponsored in special scholastic or athletic activities as well. The club is always considering ways it can help youth in the community.

If you are a crafter who would like to have a booth in our show, our booths fill up quickly once we start accepting reservations. However, we usually have drops as the date approaches. These are filled from our waiting list based on type of craft. To be in the show:

1. Go to www.Christmasinwindsor.com.
2. Click Reserve a Booth.
3. Click Sign Up to register on our site.
4. Once registered, Click Login to login to the site as a vendor.
5. Here, click Reserve a Booth if you want to register for this year's show.
6. Or, if you want to be on the Waiting List click Update Your Information.
7. At the top is a checkbox labeled "Check this box to be put on the Wait List." Check it.
8. Scroll down and click the Submit button.