

Port Townsend Handmade Market // Just Around the Corner!

Hello, Port Townsend Handmade Market Vendors! We are so excited to see you in just a couple of short weeks! Just a few updates to share with you this week:

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Don't forget that your Vendor Portal also has an option for hotel bookings if you haven't gotten your accommodations nailed down yet. The Harborside Inn will only be holding these room blocks for another week or so, so be sure to reserve now if you need!

LOCAL RECOMMENDATIONS

If you are coming to Port Townsend the day before the show and looking for some fun things to do after you set up, we've made this short little guide of things to check out in the area! Check it out in your [Vendor Portal](#).

UNAPPROVED PRODUCT LINES

As you all know, UCU is a juried show. We jury for many reasons but one of the most important is to protect the diversity of products, for you, our vendors! So if you make bags and applied in the bag category but at the show we see that you've brought a wall of soap, we are going to sadly have to ask you to take it all down. WHY? Because we juried our bath & body category with the bath & body applicants in mind, and it wouldn't be fair to them to have more saturation in their category than we've planned on. We also put tons of time into making a map that keeps vendors from similar categories geographically separate, and when vendors show up with unexpected products it really hampers these efforts.

We believe that some healthy competition can make for a great shopping environment, but we are very mindful of oversaturation, particularly in extremely competitive categories such as jewelry, ceramics, bags, etc. So please **ONLY** plan on bringing inventory that was represented on your application. If you have added a new product line since being accepted to the show, or would like to bring something that isn't in line with the other items you make, please email us (with photos) so we can let you know if it's an acceptable addition to your booth. Thank you!

LOAD-IN REQUESTS

Kristen has begun working on the load-in schedule and has noticed that many of you have not yet filled out your preferences. If this is you **[please do so by June 26th](#)**, otherwise you will be randomly assigned to a time slot for your load-in.

More to come soon!

- Lindsey, Kristen & Heather