

MoD starts 17th Annual Holiday Treasures Arts & Craft Sale Dec. 1

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The Museum of Dufferin is inviting the community to get into the holiday spirit with their 17th annual Holiday Treasures Arts & Craft Sale.

"We're so pleased, we love doing this," said Nanci Malek, events and marketing coordinator for the local museum. "This has been a tradition for a long time and we get excited to see the museum turn into a winter wonderland with all the beautiful arts and crafts surrounding the main gallery."

The annual craft and arts focused event is scheduled to kick off on Dec. 1 with the works of 58 artisans ranging from jewelry, pottery, and woodworking to one-of-a-kind textiles, and fine art.

Last year the Museum of Dufferin introduced an online component to the holiday sale, which will be making a return with 10 artists. Malek said the addition of online shopping was a big success for the event.

"It was our best year ever in sales, and we're hoping for the same this year because we have incredible artists," said Malek. "People are very used to [online] in their shopping needs right now."

Tickets for the holiday sale are free and are now available, but must be reserved in advance for specific timed-entry.

"It's so everybody has an opportunity to come in, not feel rushed, and have space because there's only a certain amount of people allowed in at a time. It worked really well, there wasn't the rush," said Malek.

She also noted that the museum will be requiring proof of vaccination for the event.

"We're very strict this year, proof of vaccination must be given before you can even enter the building," said Malek.

The Museum of Dufferin will be holding a friends and family photo shoot on Dec. 4 between 11:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. for a donation, which can be reserved at dufferinmuseum.com/holidaytreasures.

The 17th Holiday Treasures Arts & Craft Sale will begin on Dec. 1 and run until Dec. 12. The sale is open Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.