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### First Collaborative Artisan Market and Family Fun Days Funded by Community Endowment (CEL) of Lexington July 19-21, 2019

**LexArt** and ArtSpan at the Munroe Center for the Arts team up for a weekend of art, food and fun July 19-21, 2019 to promote Lexington's art community and to invite young and old together to spark their creativity!

Hosted by LexArt at 130 Waltham Street, Lexington, MA the weekend opens with an Artisans Market 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday and features art made by LexArt members and studio artists at the Munroe Center. The market will be open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday as well.

Saturday and Sunday will feature art and craft do-it-yourself activities and demos by LexArt and ArtSpan volunteers. Come try your hand at making! See artists in action! Demonstrations will include throwing clay on a potter's wheel, painting, photo transfers on polymer clay, turning wood on a lathe and more. Craft activities include tie dying, leather tooling, face painting, printing with vegetables, or making bookmarks out of metal or hand decorated paper. The demonstrations and activities will run from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Make a day of it! Have lunch with food-truck favorites **Chicken on the Road** on Saturday or **Chubby Chickpea** Sunday. Enjoy Mo's Ice Cream truck both days.

"We are thrilled to be able to join up with the Munroe Center for this event," said Terumi Irizawa, Director of Operations and Programs at LexArt. "We hope to continue to facilitate collaborations across town. A generous grant from The Community Endowment of Lexington facilitated this joint venture and promotes our growing community of art and culture. And, I think we all agree, arts support the economic health of our community."

Cristina Burwell, Executive Director of the Munroe Center for the Arts summarized the growing relationships between arts organizations and Lexington. "In 2010 the Munroe Center for the Arts joined forces with the Lexington Arts and Crafts Society for an art walk. This catalyzed Lexington Open Studios the following year. In recent years, our two organizations and the Lexington Center Alliance spearheaded the Autumn Art Walk. We look forward to the Artisan Market and Family Fun Day growing into the next greatly anticipated annual town art event."

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The Lexington Arts and Crafts Society (dba LexArt) is a 501c(3) non-profit established in 1935. Its vision is to enrich lives through the power of art and craft as an educational non-profit collaborative that supports, encourages and inspires artisans at all stages of their creative journeys and promotes art in the community by providing studio space, gallery shows, classes and workshops. For more information, visit [www.lexart.org](http://www.lexart.org)

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Munroe Center for the Arts' mission is to further the cultural and artistic education of the residents of Lexington, MA by running a community arts center, teaching visual and performing arts education classes, providing low-cost studio space for community artists, operating a gallery and organizing community-arts related events. For more information, visit [www.munroecenter.org](http://www.munroecenter.org)

The Community Endowment of Lexington enhances the quality of life for Lexington citizens. CEL, an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, awards grants to nonprofits and town agencies working the areas of health and human services, arts and culture, the environment, and community building; provides ways for donors to give back and leave a legacy; and encourages innovative and collaborative solutions to issues facing Lexington, MA. For more information, visit [www.lexingtonendowment.org](http://www.lexingtonendowment.org).