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Calling All Maritime Artisans ...

Boat builders, traditional furniture carvers/makers, basket weavers, lace makers, silversmiths, blacksmiths, boat model makers, decoys carvers, weavers, coopers, rope makers, or all others engaged in maritime arts ...

For 24 years, the **Salem Maritime Festival** has been a unique celebration of Salem's four centuries of maritime heritage, engaging "Ships, Sawdust, Sailors & Song." At the 2012 Salem Maritime Festival on **Saturday, August 4th**, demonstrators of traditional crafts will once again be the highlight of our programming, as we make Derby Wharf come alive in a special tribute to Salem in its early seaport heyday with live music, re-enactments, visiting vessels, harbor cruises and a wide range of free, family activities.

We are looking for skilled craft persons who are willing to come, demonstrate and share the passion for their traditional craft. We like demonstrators who are willing to prepare short presentations, demonstrations and/or "hands on" activities to share with our Festival visitors. Stipends awarded on acceptance of application.

Complete this one-page form to apply for our Demonstration Program:

Deadline for Applications is Monday, May 14th, 2012

Come Celebrate Four Centuries of Salem's Maritime Heritage

The Salem Maritime Festival supports the following definition of "traditional maritime arts:" *Traditional arts are those art forms that are learned as part of the cultural life of a group of people whose members share a common ethnic heritage, language, religion, occupation, or culturally united geographic region. Folk and traditional arts are shaped by the aesthetics and values of a shared culture and are passed from generation to generation, most often within family and community through observation, conversation and practice.*

Source: *The National Endowment for the Arts*