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Event: 19th Annual Northern Virginia Christmas Market
Dates: November 9-11, 2012
Times: Friday-Saturday 10am-6pm; Sunday 10am-5pm
Location: Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA 20153
(Off Rt. 66 at the intersection of Willard Road & Route 28)
For detailed directions visit www.dullesexpo.com or call 703-378-0910
Admission: \$8 Adults; Children 12 and under Free (For \$1 off admission, bring a canned food donation to benefit the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia); Free parking and second day return. ATM on premises
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19th Annual Northern Virginia Christmas Craft Show Coming to Dulles Expo Center

It happens only once a year! The Northern Virginia Christmas Market returns to the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA on November 9-11, 2012 featuring 250 juried artisans from across the country offering fine arts, functional and decorative pottery, handcrafted jewelry, stained glass, woodcrafts, photography, toys, collectible bears, fiber arts and much more. From whimsical to country, contemporary to casual, it's the finest collection of affordable crafts in the region, including thousands of creatively-made gifts, fresh holiday decorating ideas and one-of-a-kind Christmas collectibles. Whether you're a twenty-something or a baby-boomer, there's something unique and extraordinary for every taste and budget.

Not just another country craft show; it's a huge holiday marketplace. In addition to the thousands of handmade crafts there will be over twenty "Taste of the Holidays" specialty food vendors offering gift-packaged gourmet fare such as almond pound cakes, holiday cookies, spicy salsas, soup and dip mixes, fudge, Virginia Peanuts and homemade jams and jellies. These goodies are ideal for creating gift baskets, loading up Santa's stockings and gathering hard-to-find executive and hostess gifts. Notable new artists and returning favorites include:

- Joanne Lehman of *Lehman's Chair Caning* will demonstrate chair caning using old world methods and will be selling many chairs created from old wood and original 19th and 20th century designs.
- *Peter Robinson Smith* creates figurative and functional sculpture out of wire mesh with life like features in large and small scale forms. He will also be displaying a ¾ scale horse at the front of the show.
- *Pet Diners Plus* will be bringing artsy looking pet bowls for dogs and cats, including raised vanity feeders for kitties and counters for canines.
- *Blue Ridge Salvage* creates original and traditional handmade wooden toys using salvaged wood from West Virginia.
- Penny Ogle of *Blackberry Hill* will be bringing her bright colored children's teepees which create a cozy setting for little ones. She even has dog and cat teepees for those pets who need to find a place to hide!
- Beth Phillips from the *Barking Dog* brings whimsical folk art paintings in hand made frames, as well as handmade photo frames made out of old shutters.
- *Nadia Azumi* will be selling her fantastic hand painted silk scarves and paintings, some of which have murano glass fused to the silk.

Food banks are experiencing a critical shortage of supplies as donations drop and demand for free and discounted food continues to soar. The Northern Virginia Christmas Market holds a major food drive each year benefiting the Capital Area Food Bank by offering \$1 off admission to attendees donating cans of non-perishable food. Last year over 2 tons of food was collected during the 3-day event.

Serving the DC area for over 25 years, The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest public, nonprofit food and nutrition education resource in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area. Last year the Capital Area Food Bank distributed 20 million pounds of food through more than 700 partner agencies in the region. For more information: CapitalAreaFoodBank.org