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### **Kick off holiday shopping at annual IU Kokomo arts and crafts show**

**KOKOMO, Ind.** — Holiday shoppers can choose from the finest offerings of Kokomo-area artisans and crafters, at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Indiana University Kokomo Arts and Crafts Show. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, November 3, in the Kelley Student Center.

More than 80 vendors will showcase their products. Popular returning booths include Lori Shreve’s Boyd’s Fudge and Carol Schwarzkof’s Christmas decorations. Also, IU Kokomo students who are going to Italy will sell handmade jewelry as a fundraiser for their trip.

There will be a variety of handmade jewelry, handmade glass beads, silver cutlery, woodcrafts, stained glass, teddy bears, American Girl doll clothing, felted wood and cloth purses, tutus, headbands, handmade soaps, candles, birdhouses, kettle corn, baskets, and many, many other items.

“I think we have just about anything you could want,” said Linda Bielewicz, event chairperson.

All vendors complete an application process, and then a committee of the IU Kokomo Staff Council, which sponsors the event, juries the submissions. Proceeds from booth rentals benefit the council’s scholarship fund.

The arts and crafts show is free and open to the public. Each attendee will receive a raffle ticket, to win a door prize donated by a vendor. The Cougar Country Café will be open for lunch.

*Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.*

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