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Employee Craft Fair is Tuesday, Nov. 8

- From candlestick makers to gift baskets, handcrafted ware of 35 expert artisans will deck the Plaza and 3rd floor lobbies of Gateway Building with seasonal cheer.

(Nov. 4, 2005) Back by popular demand, the annual employee crafts fair is gearing up for its seasonal appearance, when 35 vendors will line the Third Floor and Plaza lobbies of the Gateway Building, Tuesday, with a cornucopia of hand-crafted items, reports event coordinator Donna Deverell.

"We're filling up the Plaza level lobby as well as the third floor," said Deverell, "There are so many participants, we even had to start a waiting list."

The waiting list marks a strong comeback for the once-biennial crafts fair. The first crafts fair was held in 1992, shortly after the Gateway Building opened. For the next few years, spring fever and autumn harvest brought crafters from different departments and divisions together for anticipated and colorful bazaars held in the third floor lobby. The fair was not held last year, but filled two lobbies in 2003.

This year's cornucopia of hand-crafted items include candles and incense, Native American dream-catchers , handknit baby blankets, photo albums, handcrafted covers, hand-sewn baby clothes, jewelry, gift baskets, table runners/pillows, button pins and boxes, jewelry, framed vintage postcards, Christmas tableware, seasonal items and so much more.

New this year: Signed copies of a new novel by Division 7 TOS Paul Alleyn,"Whatever it Takes," and the musical wizardry of Ron Hoover (ITS) on CDs.