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Ankeny Art Center Announces 45th Annual Santa's North Pole Village Craft Sale

Beloved community tradition returns November 7, 2026 with over 150 vendors, festive trolley shuttles, and holiday magic.

ANKENY, IA — September 30, 2026 — The Ankeny Art Center will host the 45th Annual Santa's North Pole Village Craft Sale on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Prairie Trail Sports Complex in Ankeny. The event is one of the community's longest-running holiday traditions, drawing more than 3,500 shoppers each year and featuring nearly 200 artisan vendors offering handmade goods, holiday decor, homemade treats, and unique gifts,

Pre-sale tickets will be available at a discounted price beginning October 1, giving shoppers early access and helping reduce wait times the day of the event. Tickets and full event details are available at ankenyardcenter.org/santasnorthpolevillage.

New this year, shoppers can enjoy trolley shuttles from expanded parking locations at B&B Theaters and Cascade Falls Aquatic Center, featuring festive rides with Santa and the Grinch. These additions create fun photo opportunities and add a festive experience to the day.

"Santa's North Pole Village is one of the most joyful days of the year in Ankeny," said Steve Van Oort, Board President of the Ankeny Art Center. "For 45 years, this event has brought together artists, holiday enthusiasts, and families in a way that truly reflects the spirit of our community. Every ticket purchase made at the craft sale directly supports the Art Center's mission, helping us provide year-round arts education, exhibitions, scholarships, and creative programming for all ages."

The craft sale is the Art Center's largest annual fundraiser, supporting visual arts classes, youth programming, gallery exhibitions, and expanded access to the arts across the region.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Prairie Trail Sports Complex, 2250 SW Vintage Pkwy, Ankeny

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Event and pre-purchase ticket information is available at:
[_www.ankenyartcenter.org/santasnorthpolevillage](http://www.ankenyartcenter.org/santasnorthpolevillage)

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About Ankeny Art Center

The Ankeny Art Center is a nonprofit organization based in Ankeny, Iowa, serving northern Polk County through visual arts education, exhibitions, and community programs. The center provides accessible opportunities for people of all ages to learn, create, and experience art while supporting local artists and strengthening community connection through creativity.

Learn more at www.ankenyartcenter.org

High-resolution images and interviews are available upon request.

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