Soap Making Class, May 3

Portland, IN. Would you like to learn how to make your own natural hand soap? One without any chemical additives to irritate your skin? Rachel Sadowski, Michigan artist, will teach a class on the art of making soap for personal use Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Women's Building of the Jay County Fairgrounds. Rachel is a very talented beader and maker of chokers, shawls, ribbon shirts, jewelry and fantastic handmade soaps and lotions. In this class she will share her knowledge in demonstrations and hands-on learning of homemade soaps using the cold process method.

Class participants will learn a brief history and basic chemistry of handmade soap making and the necessary materials, supplies and equipment. They will learn the safety procedures when working with lye (sodium hydroxide), taking accurate measurements and proper mixing temperatures, how to color and scent your soap, how to prepare your molds and what molds are best to use, about insulating, cutting, curing and storing the finished soap and how to package and decorate your handmade soaps. Class participants should be able to make up to three different soaps and take home with them their own soap and soap mold. Pre-registration is requested.

Registration for this class is $35 which includes instruction and all materials used that day, soap and the soap mold. Class is limited to 16 participants. Contact Kay Neumayr at 765-426-3022 or kay.neumayr@ncglnac.com for more information. *This event is made possible in part by Region 5 Partner Community Foundation of Randolph County, the Indiana Arts Commission and The National Endowment for the Arts.*

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