

Craft

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the customers. They remember you from year to year," Murdzek, who has exhibited at the Founders Festival for the past 10 years, creates stained glass designs - mostly with a nautical theme. This year he is introducing a free-standing stained glass sailboat.

"We travel to shows throughout the country. Farmington's is better than most," said Holly Schwantes, of Kewaunee, Wisconsin. Schwantes and her mother have been making wood toys and selling them at shows for 19 years. This will be their 12th year at the Founders Festival.

Each year, the Chamber of Commerce invites over 75 artisans and crafters to exhibit. They



Buying time: Debbie Charhine (left) tries on an ear cuff and checks it out, with the help of Ladda Bihler, under the tents of items for sale at last year's Founder's Festival.

are carefully selected by a jury from the Festival arts committee that reviews each application. Slides and pictures of artisans' works are also reviewed.

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