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This print, incorporating a dressmaking pattern, is by Lakewood artist Phyllis Fannin.

COURTESY OF PHYLLIS FANNIN



COURTESY OF PINK KITTEN
This teal chrysanthemum pin is by Pink Kitten, a group of artists also known as Connie Long, Mary Rogers and Dorene Warner.



COURTESY OF GINA DESANTIS
This rose-dyed jasper pendant is by Gina DeSantis.

Area artists to show strength in numbers at Last Minute Market

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We've all heard how Cleveland must transform itself, from a once-proud manufacturing-center-turned-rust-belt city to something new and creative. | A reinvention that hints at the area's potential can be seen in microcosm this weekend at the huge industrial site in Lakewood once known as the Lake Erie Screw Factory, which was built in the early 1900s as an automobile factory for Templar. | On Saturday, this is where some 80 artists and crafters will be participating in the Last Minute Market, probably one of the last such arts-oriented markets in a holiday season during which they've abounded. | There's still industrial work occurring on the first floor of this factory on the edge of Lakewood's Birdtown neighborhood, on Athens Avenue off Halstead Street — and yes, screws are still actually made here. But the second and third floors are home to artists who paint, cut glass plates, make sculptures, fire up kilns for ceramics and make prints in their individual studios. | see **STYLE** on E3

Last Minute Market/ Open Studio

When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday.
Where: Lake Erie Factory building,
13000 Athens Ave., Lakewood.
E-mail: Gina DeSantis at artsy_gr@
yahoo.com for more information.
Web: For more details on Cleveland
handmade artists' wares online, go to
etsy.com and type in Clevelandteam,
as one word.

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Artists organize Last Minute Market

Some studios, like that of ceramics artist Kristen Cliffl, are massive, with room after room of tools and projects spread out on tables and shelves.

This weekend, she and painter Phyllis Fannin, ceramist Gina DeSantis and several artists from the factory's second and third floors will be joined by artists from other collectives. They include members of such groups as "I Made It" and "Cleveland Handmade," and visiting artists from Pittsburgh.

Kathryn Patton of Fairview Park is an organizer of the Last Minute Market as well as one of the founders of Cleveland Handmade, a group of artists who sell what they make through the etsy.com site.

"This will be cool," she promises, and not just because you can take the creaky and gated freight elevator to get to the booths (there are stairs, too.)

She is "one of the millions of jewelry designers out there," she jokes, who specializes in sterling, metalwork and enamel jewelry.

"Many of us artists have been so busy, we've forgotten to shop," she says. "And this is a nice way to do it, spend time looking at what other artists have made that we want. It's also our last chance to catch up with each other before next year."

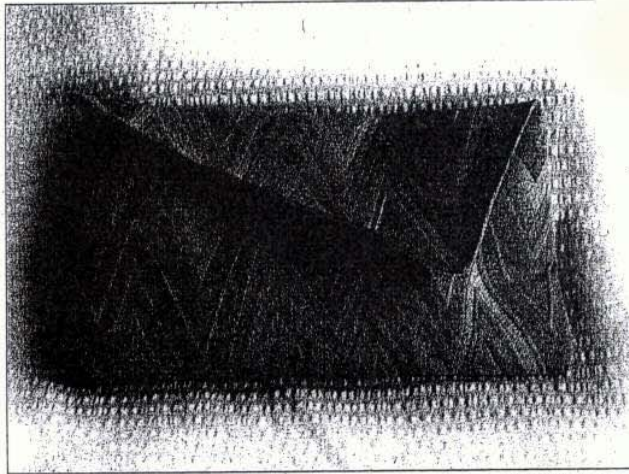
Area artists and craftspeople have been busy working at booths at this season's abundance of shows in Cleveland, such as one held by the Textile Arts Alliance, another at the Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland, the ArtCraft Open Studio weekend and last week's Bazaar Bizarre at West 78th Street studios. It seems "locally made" has never been this so courant.

DeSantis moved her studio into the Lake Erie Factory in 2007, just after facility manager Ralph Lukich had the idea to rent space to artists.

"This is definitely the biggest event we've ever had here," says DeSantis, who is also a member of Cleveland Handmade. In keeping with the holiday fare, refreshments — including cupcakes from Cleveland Cupcake — will be served.

"It will be great to meet the other artists, since a lot of us only know each other from online," says DeSantis. "It's nice to be with like-minded people, and to finish my shopping, too."

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COURTESY OF PINK KITTEN

This chevron-patterned clutch is by Pink Kitten, a business of three generations of women: Dorene Warner, Mary Rogers and Connie Long.



COURTESY OF KRISTEN CLIFFEL

Is it a ring or a cupcake? Kristen Cliffl's ceramics convey feminine fun.



COURTESY OF PINK KITTEN

This brown-and-gray scarf is by Pink Kitten, a company of three artists.