Artisans & Crafters: Inspiration Unleashed

The talents of PEI's artisans and crafters seemingly know no bounds. Inspired by our enchanting beaches, pastoral scenery, quaint fishing villages, colourful characters, and coastal way of life, they skillfully handcraft unique pieces that convey their love for the Island.

The perfect keepsake of your Central Coastal road trip is just waiting to be discovered!

Out and about with the family? Pay a visit to **Village Pottery** in New London, PEI's longest running pottery shop. Marvel at the wide selection of one-of-a-kind pottery pieces that are both functional and fashionable, and pick up a gift for yourself or someone you love. Then pop over to **Potter's Parlour**, a charming on-site ice cream spot that beckons with fun flavours for kids of all ages and an inviting front deck.

Unwind while getting schooled in stitches at **Knit Pickers** in North Rustico. Master knitter Margaret MacEachern offers fun hands-on classes in knitting, looming, and weaving for every age and skill level. Choose her Buttery Brioche or Looms & Lobster class and you'll also get to enjoy a taste of the region's signature food and drink.

Stroll gorgeous gardens, find the perfect piece of jewelry, and admire the selection of exceptional Island art at **The Dunes Studio & Gallery** in Brackley. This special gem is truly a North Shore destination unto itself and an open invitation to slow down and smell the flowers - quite literally!

In search of Island-inspired art? Head to **Julia Purcell's** rustic log home studio and gallery in Clyde River and admire her collection of watercolor and oil paintings that capture the essence of Island life in all its beauty and layers of colour.

It may be summer, but it's never too early to stock up on winter woolies! For the very best quality head to **Rustico Bay Wool Sweater Company**. You'll be spoiled for choice as you browse their huge selection of handmade wool sweaters, hats, mittens, scarves, and more featuring traditional and contemporary patterns to suit every style.



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The saying 'nature is art' is exquisitely captured in every one-of-a-kind piece that woodturner Wilfred Thompson creates. Visit his gallery and shop, **Thompson's Woodworking**, in North Bedeque and marvel at his masterpieces made from bird's eye maple, birch, walnut, and exotic woods.

Keen to visit more artisans in the region? One of the best ways to discover Central Coastal's rich bevy of artisans is by following the **PEI Arts & Heritage Trail**.

Whether you're exploring the North Shore or South Shore, you'll find plenty of working studios, galleries, and shops run by local artisans and crafters.