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Women's Expo in Centereach a growing concern

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The Middle Country Public Library in Centereach will host its seventh annual Women's Expo on Oct. 3. The expo offers women-owned businesses a chance to display their products, including hand-crafted jewelry, art, clothing and home accessories.

"We see this as entrepreneurial support," says Barbara Jordan, the library's assistant director of community relations. "It's a venue for them to showcase their products."

She said the show has been growing in popularity. Last year, 2,000 people attended, compared with 1,600 the year before. And the number of vendor spots has been sold out for several months. Seventy-four women are expected to exhibit this year, Jordan says.

Many of the women, Jordan says, "might have done something else for a good portion of their life and they are now developing a hobby into a business.

The library is offering the event through its Miller Business Resource Center and is partnering with the philanthropy, the Long Island Fund for Women and Girls.

The free expo will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For further information call 631-585-9393, ext. 296 or ext. 224.

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