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The Grommet celebrates the National “Week of Making” with Maker Economy Meetups across US, June 12-18

Somerville, MA: The Grommet (<http://thegrommet.com>) is celebrating the National “Week of Making” (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/nation-of-makers>) through a series of Maker Economy Meetups at independent retailers across the US from June 13th to 18th.

The Maker Economy Meetups will connect local and regional Makers, Retailers, and consumers much like a local farmer’s market, where shoppers get to know the people behind the items they purchase. The meetups also give Makers and shoppers a chance to meet local Retailers who are working on the front lines to drive the Maker Economy forward.

The Grommet supports Makers and Main Street Retailers through The Grommet Wholesale (<http://wholesale.thegrommet.com>). Launched at The White House Maker Faire in 2014 (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/02/03/announcing-first-white-house-maker-faire>), The Grommet Wholesale helps Makers reach retail shelves and shoppers across the US. The Grommet Wholesale now has more than 4,000 products, 3,700 Retailer accounts, and 650 Retailers who have purchased to date. The Grommet Wholesale will also bring dozens of its Makers’ products to more than 10 retail trade shows across the US in 2015.

June 2015 Maker Economy Meetups include:

BOSTON

Abodeon: <http://www.abodeon.com>

1731 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138

Saturday, June 13th, 3 PM-5 PM

<http://www.meetup.com/TheGrommetBoston/events/223134301/>

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL

CorAzon: <http://www.corazononline.com>

526 Selby Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102

Saturday, June 13th, 4 PM-8 PM

<http://www.meetup.com/TheGrommetTwinCities/events/223134501/>

NEW YORK

S. Feldman Housewares: <http://www.sfeldmanhousewares.com>

1304 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10128

Thursday, June 18th, 4 PM-6 PM

<http://www.meetup.com/TheGrommetNYC/events/223135062/>

SAN FRANCISCO

Heartfelt: <http://www.heartfeltsf.com>

436 Cortland Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110

Thursday, June 18th, 6 PM-9 PM

<http://www.meetup.com/TheGrommetSanFrancisco/events/223134182/>

SEATTLE

Dubsea Coffee: <http://www.dubseacoffee.com>

9910 8th Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98106

Thursday June 18th, 5 PM-7 PM

<http://www.meetup.com/TheGrommetSeattle/events/223135133/>

The Grommet encourages consumers and supporters to commit to making 10% of their purchases each year from small, independent Makers, inventors, and entrepreneurs at local retailers and online shops to further grow the Maker economy.

About The Grommet:

Since 2008, The Grommet has worked with more than 2,000 independent makers, inventors, and entrepreneurs to launch an early-stage consumer product every weekday at 12 noon EST. The Grommet discovers, evaluates, and selects products (or “Grommets”) across 16 categories reach consumers through its curation, storytelling, e-commerce, marketing, and fulfillment management. For additional information about The Grommet, visit <http://thegrommet.com> or <http://bit.ly/TheGrommetFactSheet> .