



## **Artisan & Crafter Guidelines and Information**

### **General Exhibitor Information**

**Who should apply?** Fine artisans and fine crafters creating original, handmade work. Only items made by the exhibitor are eligible.

### **Application & Jurying**

**What are the jury requirements?** Originality, fine craftsmanship, and overall fit for the Lakes Region Fine Arts & Crafts Festival. All work must be handmade by the applicant.

**How do I apply?** Applications are available on the event webpage.

**When should I apply?** As early as possible. Space is limited, and jurying begins as soon as applications are released.

**What if I want to sell multiple product types?** All products must be listed in your application and approved by the jury committee. Only approved products may be sold at the event.

**Can I demonstrate my craft?** Yes. Demonstrations are encouraged. Please indicate this on your application.

### **Application Status & Waiting List**

**When do applications close?** April 3rd.

**When will I hear back after applying?** Jury decisions and acceptance notifications will be sent on or around **April 20th**.

**What if I'm placed on the waitlist?** If your category is full, you may be added to the waitlist. Should space become available, we will contact waitlisted applicants.



## **What Is Not Permitted at the Festival**

The following items and practices are **not allowed**:

- Resellers or imported goods (commercial products, purchased items, non-handcrafted wares)
- Sales representatives or multi-level marketing
- 3D-printed items, sublimation (e.g., tumblers), laser-engraved items, CNC-created items, or embellished mass-produced goods
- Trademarked or copyrighted logos, text, or imagery for which you do not own full rights
- Any work or product categories not explicitly approved in your application

Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to remove any non-juried or non-compliant items at our discretion.

## **Sublimation, Automation, & Print Policy**

Using sublimation or automation to apply stock, purchased, or non-original images, text, or graphics to purchased blanks (mugs, tumblers, bags, wood, canvases, clothing, fabric, etc.) does not qualify as handcrafted and will not be accepted.

### **Exceptions include:**

- You are the original artist or photographer reproducing your own work (e.g., printed photographs)

## **Booth Rules & Display Requirements**

- Booths must remain neat, professional, and contained within your assigned space.
- No signage, chairs, racks, or products may extend into aisles or neighboring booth areas.
- Sidewalks must remain clear at all times for accessibility. No chairs, tables, boxes, etc.. should be placed on sidewalks at any time during the event.
- Tables must be professional in appearance and covered to the ground on all sides, with no visible storage, boxes, or equipment.
- The show runs from 9am to 5pm Saturday and 9am to 4pm Sunday.
- Artisans can begin set up at 5AM on Saturday (8/23) and must be completely set up by 8:30AM.
- Artisans must stay until close both days.
- Electricity and Wi-Fi are NOT available in vendor spaces. Quiet generators only.



## Canopies & Displays

- Participants are assigned a 10x10 space and each artisan is required to provide their own tent in pristine condition. [the form doesn't say 10x10 anywhere]
- Artists and Crafters are responsible for their own canopies and display structures.
- Canopies must be flame-retardant and capable of withstanding natural weather conditions. The festival is held near Lake Winnepesaukee, where wind is common.
- A minimum of **40 lb. of weight per leg is required.**
- Quick-shade, camping, or non-commercial grade pop-up tents are not permitted.

## Fees, Payments & Cancellations

**When is payment due?** Payment is due within **5 days** of acceptance. A payment link will be included in your acceptance email. All payments are non-refundable.

## Demonstrations & Talent

**Can I demonstrate my craft?** Yes. Demonstrations are encouraged. Please indicate this on your application.

**Will there be entertainment?** Yes. Live musical entertainment will be provided for the festival.

## Security, Weather & Event Policies

**Will my booth be secure overnight?** Overnight security is provided, but leaving inventory is at your own risk. Exhibitors should fully cover and enclose their booths at Saturday's closing. Security serves as a deterrent only. The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for loss or damage.

**What if it rains?** The festival is a **rain-or-shine** event. Only in extreme circumstances, and with guidance from local authorities, would early closure or cancellation occur.

## Insurance & Legal Requirements

**Do I need liability insurance?** Vendors selling consumable products (food, candles, personal care items, etc.) must carry liability insurance and provide a Certificate of Liability listing the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce as Additional Insured.



All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to carry general liability insurance. Providers such as ACT or NEXT Insurance offer short-term policies suitable for craft festivals.

## **Scams & Safety**

**Important Notice:** Scammers may attempt to impersonate event staff or request payment through unofficial channels. We will **never** request payment via social media. All legitimate communication, applications, and invoices will come directly from the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce.

If something seems suspicious, please contact us immediately.

## **Still Have Questions?**

We're here to help. Please email [info@meredithareachamber.com](mailto:info@meredithareachamber.com)