



Madawaska Valley ARTISAN FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY JULY 8, 2017

10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Railway Station Park

19503 Opeongo Line
Barry's Bay, Ontario

NEW ONLINE VENDOR PROFILE

Vendors whose applications have been accepted will have the **option of being featured on the Art Centre's website and various social media platforms**. Once you have been accepted into the show, you will be asked to provide us with a brief artist statement and two images. Each vendor will have their own profile on the website and a different vendor will be profiled on Facebook each week leading up to the festival.

About the Festival

The first Festival was an initiative of the Madawaska Valley Arts Council in 1984 and was a two-day event held at the ski hill south of Barry's Bay. It was truly a festival with a line up of musicians, arts and craft demonstrations, performing artists and workshops.

In 1991, MVAC partnered with the Barry's Bay Railway Station Restoration Committee and donated a portion of the profit to the restoration fund.

From then on, the festival has been held at the Railway Station Park. The Madawaska Valley Artisan Festival is all about creating a festive summer atmosphere to celebrate handmade work.

We look forward to working with you to create an entertaining and profitable day.

Application Deadline

Applications must reach the Barry's Bay Railway Station on or before **May 3, 2017**. Applications can be submitted via regular mail, email or in person. Please note there are two methods for filling out this application: 1) on paper with printed photographs, or 2) you can fill out this form digitally and e-mail with accompanying digital images. Please do not send digital images with a printed form or vice versa.

Booths

10 x 10 booth » \$90 + \$11.70 HST = \$101.70

In some cases there may be a one-foot space between each booth. If you require more space a second booth must be purchased.

Eligibility

The intention of this festival is to build on our reputation of showcasing a broad variety of quality handmade work.

- The applicant must be the designer and maker of the work in his/her application
- If copyright images are used, you must include a copy of the permission agreement

The following will not be accepted:

- Work produced or sourced by commercial means
- Ceramics from commercial moulds
- Work created using a commercial kit, commercial plans or patterns

Ready-made components are acceptable only where their importance is subordinate to the skill and design contributed by the maker and where their use is clearly appropriate to the nature and design of the work. Articles made from moulds are acceptable only where the mould is the design of the artist or craftsperson or where the mould is obviously subordinate to the maker's creativity.

Images and Other Support Materials

Please **submit 6 images** that represent the style and quality of the work you are intending to sell. Included in these 6 images should be one image of your workspace and one image of your booth set-up. You may submit printed photographs or email jpg images (at a resolution of 300 dpi). Please number each image and include an image list. **Do not include your name on the images** as the jury process is blind (the jurors do not know the identities of the applicants).

ARTIST STATEMENT: For the purposes of the Madawaska Valley Artisan Festival, your artist statement should include information about yourself as an artist and the processes involved in creating your product. The statement can be a **maximum** of 100 words.

The Jury Process

All applications will be juried regardless of acceptance in previous years. Each application will first be evaluated in terms of the eligibility criteria. The application will then be looked at within its own media category in terms of quality and workmanship. The jury will consist of three people (artists, crafts-people and/or arts professionals). The jurying will be a blind process, meaning that the jurors will not know the identity of the applicants when evaluating their work.

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The acceptance or decline of each application is at the sole discretion of the jury. The jury is not obliged to provide comment on any decision made. All decisions made by the jury are final. Only work similar to that which was juried will be allowed into the show. Venders may be asked to remove items that were not represented in the application.

Set-up and Take-down

Your booth number will be available to you no later than July 7. You may check in at the Railway Station on Friday evening until 8:00 pm or Saturday morning from 7:30 am. You may set up on Friday evening at your own risk (there will not be any security on Friday night).

Set up on Saturday morning is between 7:30 am and 9:30 am. Please be set up and ready for the public by 9:30 am. The show closes at 5:00 pm on Saturday. Please do not dismantle your booth until after 5:00 pm on Saturday.

The Railway Station Park has an underground sprinkler system that could be damaged by pegs being driven into the ground, so please use cement blocks to secure overhead structures. Vendors are required to supply their own table, chairs and backdrop, and appropriate shelter from the weather (rain and sun).

Other Information

- **BOOTH SHARING:** Booth sharing is not permitted. Each business or organization is required to purchase their own booth.
- **PRICING:** The Madawaska Valley Artisan Festival values handmade work and encourages artisans to reflect this in their pricing. Please do not include any sale or discount signs in your booth.
- **SALES TAX:** It is the responsibility of the vendor to charge the appropriate sales tax for their situation.
- **FOOD AND WASHROOMS:** The Opeongo Seniors' Centre will be hosting their annual fish fry over the weekend. There are also a variety of restaurants in the vicinity of the festival. Washrooms are available at the Seniors' Centre and The Railway Station.
- **PETS:** Exhibitors' pets are not permitted in the show. The Madawaska Valley Artisan Festival reserves the right to ask exhibitors to remove their pets from the show area.
- **EXHIBITOR PARKING:** Upon completion of set up exhibitors will be asked to park their vehicles in designated areas.
- **DEMONSTRATORS:** The Madawaska Valley Artisan Festival encourages artists who wish to demonstrate the production of their work. Any artist wishing to demonstrate must notify the committee in advance to discuss the feasibility of the demonstration.

Notification

You will be notified as to the status of your application by May 20, 2016. If your application has been declined you will receive a refund cheque for the amount of the entrance fee with your returned package.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Website: _____

Email: _____

Product: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Madawaska Valley Artisan Festival.

Vendor signature: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed and signed application form
- 6 images of your product including images of your booth and studio space
- Artist statement (maximum 100 words)
- If applicable, a copy of the permission agreement to use copyrighted images
- Self-addressed stamped envelope
- Cheque or money order in the amount of \$101.70 (payable to the Township of Madawaska Valley). Please do not send post-dated cheques.
- Booth preference, check one:
 aisle corner
Please note: we cannot guarantee you a specific location.
- Do you wish to demonstrate?

Comments: _____



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