



Bel Air Festival for the Arts

September 20, 2009

Rain or Shine

Shamrock Park Behind the Town Hall
30 Hickory Avenue
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

www.belairfestival.com

***Please read and follow these instructions carefully to avoid mistakes and misunderstandings.
Print and save this information for your records to avoid questions later.***

Welcome Exhibitors: Each year, the Bel Air Festival for the Arts draws about 20,000 visitors who select handcrafted items, fine arts, and photography from 350 exhibitors. You are invited to apply now for participation in our 2009 Festival.

Please Note: The Bel Air Festival for the Arts is a RAIN OR SHINE event. If you are not equipped to exhibit in inclement weather, do not apply to this show.

Registration: To apply, print and fill out completely the accompanying application form and return it with your check and photos (if applicable) by April 15, 2009. The application is available on-line only and may be downloaded in either Adobe PDF or Microsoft Word format. Mail your application form materials to:

Bel Air Festival for the Arts
1122 Wyoming Avenue
2nd. Floor
Forty Fort, PA 18704

Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2009. **Incomplete applications will be rejected and will not be returned.**

Fees: The fee for a single 10' X 10' space in the Festival is \$100; a double space measuring 10' X 20' is \$200. This fee is non-refundable after acceptance into the show.

Please make your check payable to: **Bel Air Festival for the Arts**
Checks from those not selected for the Festival will be returned early June, 2009.

DO NOT send your application by certified or registered mail, as post office pick-up cannot be guaranteed. To assure your application was received, you may include with your application a self-addressed stamped postcard. The postcard will then be mailed back to you when your application is received and opened.

Eligibility: Recent years have seen an increase in the display and sale of "Buy / Sell" merchandise - goods purchased by the exhibitor and then sold under the exhibitor's name. Sale of this merchandise is **STRICTLY** prohibited in our show. **All items must be hand made by the person(s) signing the application form and that person must be in attendance on the day of the Festival.** Additionally, **NO** commercially produced items will be accepted. The Festival Committee reserves the right to pass judgement in regards to both of the above rules of eligibility not only when reviewing applications, but also on the day of the show. Those found not to be in compliance with these rules on the day of the Festival will be asked to leave. **All craft items for sale at the Festival must be completed craft projects. No unfinished products will be allowed.** This includes unfinished wood items, bunches of dried flowers, and kits. This applies to youth exhibitors as well. Again this year, we are asking each exhibitor to help us police our "Buy / Sell" policy by looking at adjacent booths and reporting to us any exhibitors suspected to be in violation of these rules. More information regarding this will be included in the early June, 2009 mailing.



Jurying: Craft category applications will be juried to ensure a broad variety in the show and to include the best quality and most originality in each category. Last year, applications for the crafts categories exceeded the number of available spaces by about 100. Artists, photography, and youth spaces will be filled in the order in which they are received.

Photos: Decisions of the jury are based solely on photos submitted with each application. Craft applicants must submit three photos (3 1/2" X 5" or 4" X 6") with each application. Do not submit slides. Two of the photos must show items in enough detail to convey the quality of work. The third photo must show the complete display, preferably as it will be arranged during the show. Drawings will not be accepted in lieu of photos. All crafts applicants must submit photos, even those who have participated in previous shows. Applications without photos will not be accepted or returned. Photos should highlight what is unique to the work, be recent, and accurately show each type of work to be displayed. Please Note: Photos will not be returned to applicants. All decisions of the jury are final. Artists must send one photo representing their work. Youth applicants do not need to send photos.

Judging: Judging will be done in the Art and Photography categories only. First Place -- \$250, Second Place -- \$100, Third Place -- \$50, Honorable Mention -- Ribbon only. If any category has fewer than five entries, that category will not be judged.

Youth Spaces: Twenty-five spaces are reserved for youth artists and crafters age 16 and under. There is no jurying in this category. Youth spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis. Youth spaces are 7 feet wide and 10 feet deep and the space is free to youths. Face painting is permitted but will be limited to the first two applicants. Please list the kind of items that you will be bringing (artwork, jewelry, etc.). All items displayed must be made by the youth exhibitor named on the application. The youth exhibitor must attend to his/her booth during the duration of the Festival. Photos are not necessary for youth items.

Space Preferences: Every effort is made to honor requests for specific spaces or general locations. If you have a preference, please explain on the application form. **Space preference cannot be guaranteed.**

Tax Numbers: If you do not have a tax number from the State of Maryland, write "None" in the space on the application form. The Festival Committee is required to provide this information to the State of Maryland. The State of Maryland will issue you a temporary tax number.

Alternates: A list of alternate exhibitors will be selected during the jurying process to fill in for cancellations. **EVERY ALTERNATE WILL BE IN THE SHOW.**

Information Packets: Acceptance letters will be mailed in early June, 2009. If you do not receive an acceptance letter by June 15, 2009 notifying you as to whether or not you've been accepted into the Festival, please e-mail us a apply@belairfestival.com immediately.

PLEASE NOTE: The use of microphones or voice projection equipment is prohibited on the Festival grounds.