



Wild Blueberry Festival

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Wild Blueberry Festival – Arts & Crafts Fair

August 18 – 20, 2023

Vendor Information and Application

The Wild Blueberry Festival Arts & Crafts Fair is a family-oriented event celebrating original art and crafts since 1984. It is held on the grounds of the Whitefish Township Community Center in Paradise, Michigan. Each outside space is 10' x 10' on either blacktop or grass. A fairgrounds diagram is included. Please note that the layout of previous years is the same but the numbering has changed. You will need to bring your own set-up and display materials. There are no indoor spaces available. Each space is **\$100.00** for all three days of the Festival and is non-refundable. Your fee also includes 1 voucher for half off the pancake breakfast for each day of the festival. There are a limited number of spaces available with water or electricity. The additional utility fee for the three days of the Festival is \$25.00. Quiet generators are allowed with prior permission and you will be assigned a space outside on the wooded edge of the grounds.

When possible, returning artists will get first choice of spaces available if their approved application and payment are post marked by February 1, 2023. Emails confirming receipts of completed applications and payments will be sent to those applicants that provide an email address. Letters indicating application acceptance and space assignments will be sent by mail. After the returning vendor spaces have been assigned, the remaining spaces will be assigned based on category of work, special needs or requests, on a first come first serve basis, based on post mark dates of applications, payments and Jury Committee Recommendation. Confirmation letters for these vendor approvals will be sent as spaces are assigned as well. All applications must be received by July 31, 2023.

July and August are peak tourist months for the Paradise area. To lock in your sleeping accommodations, we recommend that you call ahead to reserve the room, cabin, or camping space you desire at least 60 days in advance of the show. Overnight camping in the Festival, School or County Barn properties is not allowed. We have some of the finest campgrounds in the state. For a list of motels and cabins in the area, please visit the Chamber's website at ParadiseMichigan.org/lodge. For State Parks and State Forest Campgrounds go to www.michiganreservations.com. All spaces for the Arts & Crafts Fair have been filled early for the past several years. **It is highly suggested that you send your completed application, parking permit and payment as soon as possible to reserve your booth(s).**

2023 Wild Blueberry Festival Vendor Expectations and Requirements

Original Work: This is a juried event. All work must be original, made and shown by the artist who rents the space. Agents or authorized dealers representing the artist or crafter are not allowed. Kits or commercially manufactured goods such as clothing, candles, screen print T-shirts and sweatshirts, off-set prints from paintings or flea-market items or any re-sale items are not permitted. All applicants whether returning vendors or not will be evaluated to assure original products, each item sold in the vendor's space must have added value by the vendor.

Prohibited Products: Anyone displaying or selling prohibited items will be asked to leave and will not be invited back. Vendors are responsible for compliance with copyright laws and any licensing, including sales tax.

Photo Files: We keep pictures of previous applications of arts and crafts on file. If you are a new vendor, please send two pictures representing you items for sale and one photo of the creation process. If you have sent pictures in the past, you only need to send pictures of new items that you will be selling.

Set-Up: Artists are required to set up all three days of the Festival for the entire time the Arts & Crafts Fair is open. Any early breakdowns or no-shows will not be invited back to future shows. Volunteers are in limited supply. If you feel you may need assistance in setting up, we recommend that you make arrangements for a helper. The Art Fair is open on Friday and Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. No early breakdowns are allowed prior to Sunday at 4:00pm. As a Word of Caution – Secure your tent well, 50+ pound weights on each corner and a set up that can withstand 40+ miles per hour gusts of wind. Participating in this event is not for the faint of heart.

Parking: Assigned daily parking for artists will be by permit at the County Barn parking lot next to the Community Center grounds. Be sure to complete and return the parking permit application below if you would like a space reserved. You will receive your parking permit upon arrival and check-in to the Festival. Any special requests for vendor space or parking due to health issues should be noted on the parking permit application. We will do our best to accommodate your requests. Overnight camping in the Festival, School or County Barn properties is not allowed.

Smoking: For many vendors, smoking near their booths by other vendors and festival volunteers is a health concern. All Vendor Booths will be Non-Smoking. A designated Smoking Area will be provided.

Prohibited Items: Alcohol, drugs, pets or items with profanity.

Hospitality: Please be courteous to other artists and visitors while you are here.

Vehicles: Cars and trucks are not permitted on the fairgrounds while the fair is open, 30 minutes before opening, and 30 minutes after closing. This includes entertainment and food vendors. If parking arrangements have not been made, please contact us as soon as possible. Emergency vehicles in a service capacity are exempt from this policy. There are a lot of vendors and attendees moving around during this time period and their safety is our prime objective. Vendors may bring hand carts or small wagons during the restricted times. Any vendor failing to follow this request will not be invited to return to the fair.

Severe Weather: For the safety of everyone, when thunder is followed by lightning within a 30 second period, festival participants will be asked by Festival Chairpersons to seek shelter. Outside festival events will be suspended until 30 minutes after the last bang/clap incident. Vendors are to remain available to continue business after the festival reconvenes or until the festival hours are closed.

If you have any questions or are no longer vending, please call 941-587-6328 (Adele Holland) or email aholland53@yahoo.com or ArtsnCraftsFair@WildBlueberryFestival.org so we can remove you from our mailing list. To participate in the Arts & Crafts Fair for 2023 be sure to enclose the following items and mail to the address listed. Arts & Crafts Fair Application, Parking Permit Application, and Check(s) made payable to Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce or PACC, and if applicable two photos of your work and a photo of you in the creation process, if you are a new vendor. Please send electronically to ArtsnCraftsFair@WildBlueberryFestival.org. If you would like a confirmation mailed to you please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please send your application and payment to the Wild Blueberry Festival, Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 168, Paradise, MI 49768 Attn: Adele Holland. Please direct all further inquiries to the Arts & Craft Fair Coordinators: Adele Holland 941-587-6328. Thank-you!

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Contact Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Check Your Category of Work (<i>Handmade</i>)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Author	<input type="checkbox"/> Metal Works
<input type="checkbox"/> Candles	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Related
<input type="checkbox"/> Ceramics/Pottery	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet Related
<input type="checkbox"/> Earth Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Soaps
<input type="checkbox"/> Fiber Items	<input type="checkbox"/> Toy/Doll Clothes
<input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Products
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Related	<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Items
<input type="checkbox"/> Glass Works	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography
<input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Leather Works	

Description of Work:

Is there any portion of your product that is manufactured? Yes No

If so, please explain:

Description of how work is created/formed/made:

Special Circumstance Request for Assigned Space:

Amount Enclosed (\$100.00 Per Space)
 \$25.00 Additional each for Water
 and/or Electricity Total Payment
 Enclosed _____

Enclosure Checklist:

- Please check this box to be assigned to a smoke free zone.
- Will be demonstrating my skills.
- Application
- Parking Permit
- Entry Fee Check is Enclosed (PACC)
- One Photo of Creation Process, emailed.
- Two Photos of Work, emailed.
- Self-Address, Stamped Envelope

I hereby release and forever discharge the Wild Blueberry Festival, the Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce, Whitefish Township, and all other participating organizations from responsibility, personal liability, loss or damage in connection with this show. An application is a commitment to the show. I have read, understand and agree to abide by all Show Expectations, Requirements, Terms and Conditions. Wild Blueberry Festival reserves the right to make final interpretations of the expectations and requirements. No Refunds for Cancellations or Inclement Weather.

_____ (Signed by Applicant)

2023 WBF Vendor Parking Permit Application

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Contact Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Make and Model of Car or Truck _____ Trailer _____ Length: _____

Motor Home _____ Length: _____ Trailer: _____ Length: _____

Please list any special parking request in the space below.