

The Gifted Hand: Vendor Information

PLEASE READ THIS THOROUGHLY BEFORE CONTACTING CHRISTINA WITH QUESTIONS. THERE ARE SOME SLIGHT CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR.

- Show Information: “The Gifted Hand” Fine Art, Craft and Gift Show, 5th annual show. Website: www.GiftedHandShow.com
- Show Dates & Times: Friday, November 12th 11am-7pm & Saturday, November 13th 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- Set up Times: 4:00 – 8:00 pm Thursday, November 11th and 8:00 am-10:00 am Friday, November 12th. All vendors must be set up and ready to sell by 10:00 am Friday November 12th.
- Location: Acadia Park Hotel, 215 High Street, Ellsworth, ME. (locals will know it as the Holiday Inn Tennis Courts). Directions at our website www.GiftedHandShow.com. (Same location as last year, the name has changed.)
- Booth Fees & Specs: All are indoor Booths, Booth sizes 10’ x 10’, straight or corner. A very limited amount (7) 6’ deep x 10’ wide corner booths are available. These are generally used by vendors selling less expensive, smaller goods like jams, chocolates, soaps etc. Please make your selection accordingly.
- Electricity costs an additional \$25, and is limited to 30 vendors. **Electricity usage is limited to 300 watts per vendor.** If you require electricity, I suggest getting your registration in as early as possible. You must sign up for electricity when returning forms, no later requests for electricity will be honored—make your decision about access to electricity now when filling out forms.
- 2 vendors may split (share) a booth if they’d like as long as both are juried into the show. If 2 vendors choose to share a booth, there is a \$10 surcharge to cover additional costs incurred by this type of arrangement. If you cannot be present the day of the show you may send an employee, relative, agent etc. to staff your booth.
- Selection process: Jury deadline is April 15th. New applicants must be juried. Booth space is limited to 55 vendors. It’s highly recommended that you send in your application by April 15th, 2010, even if you aren’t being juried. Applications arriving after April 15th will be assigned booths if space allows. If you have participated in the show in the past or have juried successfully in the past, you need not be juried again. **However, past participation does not guarantee participation this year.** Vendors will be selected from the applications received to create a show with a balance of media represented.

Please note that we must limit the number of artisans in each category, ie. jewelers, fiber artists etc. to insure variety at the show and optimal sales outcomes for participating artists. The area of jewelry is especially competitive due to high number of jewelers interested in this show. A balance of familiar faces and new vendors is sought as well. Vendors who do not require electricity or can be flexible about doing without electricity may have a greater chance of being selected.

Information of Note:

This show is a high-quality, juried show with a growing Statewide reputation. It will be promoted by press releases, ads in The Ellsworth American and other local papers, posters, radio ads, signage on High Street and throughout Ellsworth, a postcard mailing and distribution of 5000-6000, Calendar listings in the AAA Magazine and Bangor Metro Magazine calendar sections, as well as local newspapers & listings on websites that promote Maine craft shows and the Ellsworth area.

Additional promotional activities may be undertaken as well.

Your high quality jpeg (300 dpi) emailed to fernhousestudio@roadrunner.com will be very helpful in promoting the event.

NEW: You will be sent a confirmation email letting you know if you made it in. We are no longer sending confirmations via regular mail, please print out the confirmation email for your records.

There are no stairs to negotiate for set up , and multiple doors to enter & exit by when setting up & breaking down. Lighting is adequate but fluorescent. The floor is a tennis court, so I suggest bringing a rug for your booth. No EZ-Up or EZ-Up style canopy tents are allowed for this indoor show; you must have an indoor booth set up. Vendor Parking: Vendors please move your cars to the parking lot behind The Maine Coast Mall next door during show hours.

Overnight security: The doors to the room we'll be in will be locked overnight. The Acadia Park Hotel also has an overnight security person. It is unlikely that any overnight theft will occur. However, that said, if you choose to leave your merchandise there overnight it is your choice and at your own risk. Neither The Acadia Park Hotel nor myself can be held responsible for any loss or theft of merchandise.

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