

54th Annual

Madison County Historical Society

Craft Days 2018

September 8

10 am-5 pm



September 9

10 am-4pm



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The society's long running Craft Days is a juried show that prides itself in having crafters that create and sell their own handmade work. There are 5 food vendors, entertainment, artisans of edible treats, free children's activities, and winery sampling - all of which makes for an enjoyable family fun weekend. The society's Craft Days Committee oversees the jurying process and meets monthly at closed meetings to review submissions. Past attendance has been between 3,600- 4,000 people over the weekend. There is an admission of \$4 or \$6 for a weekend pass. Children 12 and under are free.

Applications are being accepted now! Acceptance letters will be mailed at or near the end of each month from November 2017- mid August 2018.

Available Spaces:

- This is an outdoor show. There are 34 tent spaces (10' wide x 7' deep) & 98 lawn spaces (12' x 12') available. For a lawn space, you must provide your own coverage/tent. For a tent space, we provide you coverage underneath one of our two tents. (Tables and electrical hookup are available for additional fees). Note that the Craft Days Committee tries to satisfy all space requests; however, spaces are assigned in the order received. Crafters and Edible art vendors who have participated in the previous year's show can request a different space than the one assigned to them, provided that the crafter or Edible art vendor, who may have also participated in the previous year, does not occupy that space.

Jurying Criteria:

- All work must be original and the work of the crafter.
- Only one crafter per application. Crafter partnerships are permitted. No more than two per application. Both must work on same products.
- Crafters and Edible art vendors may share a space, but the space must be clearly divided among the different products and no more than two per booth. Also, each must fill out separate applications.
- **Crafter(s) and Edible art vendor(s) are expected to create and sell only those items made by said crafter/vendor, and only items that pertain to the craft/edible art for which said crafter/vendor is registered for. No healing jewelry will be permitted in the show.**
- **History of show-**The Madison County Historical Society's Annual Craft Days dates back to May of 1964 when the historical society initiated a commitment to the preservation of traditional crafts by exhibiting agricultural implements and tools, once used for home crafts and cottage industries. This exhibit set the stage for the first Craft Days, highlighting the skilled craftsmen and women whom demonstrated their artistry of the traditional methods creating works of art. On June 11, 1976, the New York State Legislature declared Oneida Craft Capital USA for the historical society's commitment to traditional crafts and the craftsmen and women whom demonstrated their artistry in the fields of shingle making, blacksmithing, pottery, quilting, spinning, woodworking and soap making. Today, we honor the traditions set forth in 1964. The Craft Days Committee is committed to selecting talented crafters through a jury process. Each crafter must create and sell only items made by him/her. In the past, we have encouraged crafters to demonstrate their craft in their booth for a couple of hours during the show. However, we realized this is difficult or impossible to do so. Therefore, we have decided that crafters are not required to demonstrate during the show. If a crafter would like to demonstrate, then we ask that the crafter let us know, so that we can advertise it. If a crafter would like to display a picture of him/her in his/her studio/workshop during the show, then please do so.
- Mass produced, buy and sell and items made from kits, patterns or molds are not allowed.
- Sewn items based upon the copyright or trademark of others (NFL, Disney, Warner Brothers, etc.) will be allowed. We recommend that the vendor complies with the necessary copyright laws.
- Prepackaged food vendors selling dips, jams, herbs, etc. must apply under the edible art category when filling out this form.
- No commercial apparel is allowed. Only original artwork designs that are screen printed are acceptable.
- Candles must be handcrafted.
- We are limiting the number of candle makers, soap and skin products, and jewelry in our show.
- Participants are required to participate both days.
- Send a disc that includes **three (3) jpeg images of your work, one (1) image of you in your workspace or studio and one (1) of your booth display,** or send separate photos that follow the above criteria with your application. *Applications without the specified images will not be considered.* Please enclose a check for the booth space along with a separate check for the \$15 non-refundable jury fee. (Discs and photos will not be returned). Booth rates are listed on the application form. Notification letters will be mailed at or near the end of the month from November 2017 – mid August 2018. Booth fees will be returned if you are not accepted into the show. *Any booth fees returned for insufficient funds for payment made by Pay Pal or bank issued check must issue the historical society a money order for the original amount with an additional \$30 for the returned fee.* If you are accepted into the show and decide to drop out before August 1, 2018, a 50% refund will be issued. **No refunds will be issued after August 1, 2018. Spaces are open until filled.**

Show set-up time/other: Friday, Sept. 7, 10 am -6 pm. Arrangements can be made in advance for set-up at other hours. Coffee and donuts are served each morning to the vendors participating in the show. Check with show officials for location.

Event Hours: Saturday, September 8, from 10 am-5pm & Sunday, September 9, from 10 am-4 pm

Security: MCHS will provide security from 7pm Friday - Saturday 7am; Saturday 7 pm- Sunday 7am.

Parking: Parking is available. Details will be provided once accepted.