

Craft Vendor Application

for the 62nd Annual

Madison County Historical Society's Craft Festival 2026

September 12 (Saturday)

10 am - 5 pm

September 13 (Sunday)

10 am - 4pm



Madison County Historical Society's Cottage Lawn Museum, 435 Main Street, Oneida, NY 13421

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 MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society's long-running Madison County Craft Festival has artisans, food trucks, live music, NYS wine and spirits, and free children's activities planned for an enjoyable family-fun weekend. The society's Madison County Craft Festival Committee oversees the jurying process and meets monthly at closed meetings to review submissions. Past attendance has been between 3,000 - 3,200 people over the weekend. There is an admission of \$5 or \$8 for a weekend pass. Children 12 and under are free. **Deadline to apply: July 31, 2026.** *Spaces may be available after the deadline date, please call the historical society. Proceeds from the Madison County Craft Festival support the educational programming at the Madison County Historical Society.*

Available Spaces:

- This is an outdoor show. There are 18 tent spaces (10' wide x 13' deep) & 82 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 Madison County Craft Festival Committee tries to satisfy all space requests; however, spaces are assigned in the order received. Artisans 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 Artisan 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 artisan. Sales by Independent consultants may apply as Commercial Vendors under separate application for advertising purposes only.
- Only one artisan per application. Artisan partnerships are permitted. No more than two per application. Both must work on the same products.
- Artisans 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.
- Artisans (s) and Edible Art Vendor(s) are expected to create and sell only those items made by that artisan/vendor, and only items that pertain to the art/edible art for which that artisan/vendor is registered. No healing jewelry will be permitted in the show.
- **History of the show-** The Madison County Craft Festival's early history began on May 22, 1965, when the Madison County Historical Society initiated a commitment to the preservation of traditional crafts by creating a Craft Show where they exhibited agricultural implements and tools, once used for home crafts and cottage industries. Please see our website for full details of the history.
- The show features a wide selection of contemporary arts and crafts, ranging from functional to decorative works including fabric, glass, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, metal, floral, drawings, paintings, jewelry photography, soap, skincare products, leather, and wood. The Madison County Craft Festival Committee selects talented artisans through a jury process.
- Each artisan must create and sell only items made by him/her. In the past, the Craft Festival Committee encouraged artisans to demonstrate their artistry in their booth for a couple of hours during the show. This is not mandatory. If an artisan would like to demonstrate, then we just ask that the artisan let us know, so that we can publicize it. If an artisan would like to display a picture of him/her in his/her studio/workshop during the show, then they may 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. The vendor must 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. **Please contact Monique A. Ludwig, Deputy City Clerk, City of Oneida, 109 N. Main St., Oneida, NY 13421. Phone: 315-363-7378 x. 129; for any license requirements.**
- No commercial apparel is allowed. Only original artwork designs that are screen printed are acceptable.
- Candles must be handcrafted. We limit the number of candle makers, soap and skin products, and jewelry in our show.
- Participants are required to participate on both days.
- **You may apply via email to history@mchs1900.org, where you must submit three (3) jpeg images of your work and one (1) of your booth display.**
- **If applying by mail, please provide** these images on a disc or as separate pictures following the stated criteria with your application. *Applications without the specified images will not be considered.* You may pay by cash, check or by credit card. If paying by check, 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 2025– mid-August 2026. Booth fees will be returned if you are not accepted into the show. *Any booth fees returned for insufficient funds for payment made by 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, 2025, a 30% refund will be issued. **No refunds will be issued after August 1, 2025.**

Show set-up time/other: Friday, Sept. 11, 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 12, from 10 am -5pm & Sunday, September 13, from 10 am -4 pm

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

Parking: NO Parking is allowed on the grounds. Parking is available on streets as well as a City of Oneida lot.

