



36th ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW APPLICATION RULES & INFORMATION

PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR INFORMATION

The Town of Mount Pleasant invites all interested artists and crafters to submit applications for the one-day craft show held in conjunction with the Blessing of the Fleet & Seafood Festival at Memorial Waterfront Park. The event attracts around 15,000 participants to this historic harborside community.

SHOW DATE, TIME & LOCATION:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 - 11 a.m to 5 p.m. at the Memorial Waterfront Park is located at 99 Harry M. Hallman, Jr. Boulevard, below the Arthur Ravenel Bridge in Mount Pleasant. **There are no rain dates.**

ACCEPTABLE TO SHOW:

Original works created by a sole artist. The participating artist must be the one who conceived the design and executed the finished product. Commercial or mass-produced items are not acceptable. Any craftsperson or artist age 18 or older may submit an application with photos to be reviewed for possible acceptance. Prior year participation does not guarantee acceptance.

BOOTH SPACES:

All booths will be 10' x 10', although there may be some irregularities due to trees, etc. Electricity is **NOT** available. All participants must supply their own booth materials (tables, chairs, tents, etc.) Please do not begin set up before confirming space location with event staff. You may be moved if set up incorrectly. Booths must be set up by 10:30 a.m. on event day. **Important: The setup area will not open until 8:30 a.m.**

COST: \$50.00

Do not send booth fee until after you are notified of acceptance (failure to follow this rule will void your application). **Payment for booth must be received within 1 week of acceptance notification or your space will be forfeited.** Please send check payable to the Town of Mount Pleasant to: TOMP Blessing of the Fleet, 391 Egypt Rd, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464. If you must drop out of the show, no refunds will be processed after April 14th.

LICENSES & REGULATIONS:

A Town of Mount Pleasant business license is NOT required to participate in this event. The Town purchases an umbrella permit to cover each crafter for this event day only. All participants must have a SC Retailers License once accepted to the show. This is an outdoor event and the admission to the festival is free. All Vendors must comply with the town of Mount Pleasant Environmentally Acceptable Packaging Ordinance 18024.

PARKING:

A map with the unloading area will be sent to each participant the week of the event. **A parking lot will be designated for vendors.** All vendors will receive ONE parking pass, which must be clearly displayed in his/her vehicle throughout the entire event. Vendors are to (1) unload, (2) park vehicle, **THEN** (3) set up booth (in that order to facilitate other vendors' ability to pull into unloading area). **All vehicles must be removed from unloading area by 10 a.m.** Anyone not complying with the parking procedures will jeopardize their space in the show and eligibility for entry into future shows.

RULES TO APPLY:

1. The participating artist must be the one who conceived the design and executed the finished product and apply individually with **one applicant per entry** form. Emailed applications and or photos of work are not accepted. Weblinks to photos are not accepted.
2. Booth sharing is allowed by no more than two applicants. Both parties must fill out individual forms with notation requesting to share a booth. If accepted, artists may split the booth fee.
3. Applicants **MUST SUBMIT** a minimum of **four photos - one of booth display, one of creative workspace and two or more of recent work** representative of what will be sold during the event. No more than two media categories will be permitted per booth.
4. Any artist participating in this event must be present for the entire event and booths must remain open during scheduled hours of operation. Exhibitors are not permitted to break down booths until the advertised closing time of 5:00 p.m. All exhibitor booths must be removed by 6:30 p.m.
5. Exhibited works must reflect the caliber presented in the submitted photos. Those not in compliance will be suspended from participation in future Town of Mount Pleasant events.
6. Due to space limitations, artists may only apply for **one 10' x 10' space** at this event.
7. Spaces will be assigned, and space number assignments will be sent to all participants with parking passes the week of the event

SCREENING PROCEDURE:

All entries will be juried simultaneously with the best entries in each division selected. Make certain your photos present your best work and a cohesive body of work. Quotas exist for each category to present an interesting, diverse & balanced show for the public. These photos may be utilized for advertising including social media, websites and/or print and will not be returned; submission of photos indicates your consent for these purposes. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Emailed applications and or photos of work are not accepted. Weblinks to photos are not accepted.

UNACCEPTABLE TO SHOW:

Commercial or mass-produced items, imports, kits, unfinished work, manufactured leather, decoupage, or group exhibits are not acceptable. Salespersons and/or agents hired to operate booths are not allowed.

TO ENTER, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- **At least four (4)** photos (one of your workspace, which is the area or space that where you create your items, one of booth setup & two (min) of the type of work you intend to exhibit). Label each photo with your name as it appears on the application. **PHOTOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.** Emailed applications and or photos of work are not accepted. Color computer printouts are acceptable but weblinks to photos are not accepted.
- Completed application form.

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 25 - Application deadline (*postmarked*)

March 20 - All applicants will be notified via e-mail about status of entry by close of business

March 27 - Deadline for \$50 booth payment (*postmarked*)

For more information contact: events@tompsc.com 843-884-2528

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ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW APPLICATION
Event Date: Sunday April 30, 2023**

Mail to: Blessing of the Fleet Craft Show
Town of Mount Pleasant
391 Egypt Rd
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

Entry deadline: February 26 (postmarked).
Include photos of work, workspace, and booth only. Do not send booth fee with application.

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail (you must notify us if this changes): _____

Primary Phone: _____ (Event-Day Mobile)

SC Retail License # _____
(License must be onsite the day of the event for inspection.)

Average price of crafts or artwork: \$ _____

Please list your type of work: No more than 2 media categories permitted per booth.
(Ex: Baby items; candles; clothing; jewelry; lotions/soaps; paintings/Artwork; wood itmes; etc)

If more than one type of work, indicate **primary**: _____

Will you be bringing a 10'x10' tent to the event? (Recommended) _____ Y/N

The undersigned does hereby certify that he/she is the sole producer of the work exhibited. If the finished product is the result of a two-person team, both must sign below. The undersigned does agree to have read and to abide by the rules of the Craft Show and hereby authorizes the use of photos and information for publicity or documentation. The Town of Mount Pleasant assumes no responsibility for work displayed during these events. Photographs submitted may be used by the Town of Mount Pleasant for advertisement purposes including, but not limited to all social media, print and websites.

Signature

Date

Note: Applications must include all requested items to be eligible for consideration.