

The 73rd NC Rhododendron Festival Arts and Crafts Fair
JUNE 22-23, 2019 10am – 5 pm each day



Exhibitor and Vendor Application

Please complete the following application and return via email or postal service on or before May 1st. Application fees are to be submitted either online, via our website, or by check mailed to the address below. You will be notified within 48 hours if your application has been accepted. If you have not been accepted, your payment will be returned. Decisions by the Rhododendron Festival Committee regarding acceptance are final and no other exhibitors will be allowed on the property during the Festival.

Name: _____
Business Name: _____ Sales & Use Tax ID # _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Website: _____

Please describe briefly the items/services you intend to exhibit and sell.

Original Art Work: _____
Made by self Made by another person

Handcrafted Items: _____
Made by self Made by another person

Commercially Produced Items: _____

Commercial Services: _____

Food (please describe all food types): _____

****ALL Food Vendors must apply for and obtain a permit for a Temporary Food Establishment at the Mitchell County Department of Health in Ledger, NC. Must BE IN by 1 June or be rejected from Festival.**

Non-Profit Organization (please describe mission and purpose): _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Special Needs: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I hereby and forever discharge, release and hold harmless the Town of Bakersville, NC, North Carolina Rhododendron Festival, and Mitchell County, their agents and assigns, of and from any loss or damage to my person or property while in possession or under the supervision of same and hereby consent to the rules and instructions of the North Carolina Rhododendron Festival Committee.

GENERAL RELEASE: By signing below, applicant hereby certifies that he/she has read and accepts the conditions of the above acknowledgement and agrees to abide by the attached guidelines & rules. Applicant further certifies all information provided is true and correct.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail your application and fee to Coordinator, North Carolina Rhododendron Festival, 26 South Mitchell Ave or POB 53, Bakersville, NC 28705 or contact Dan Barron at 828.284.1914, drdanbarron@gmail.com website: <http://www.ncrhododendronfestival.org>

FESTIVAL RULES, GUIDELINES & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Exhibitor Fees
Artists & Craftspeople: \$50 (\$40 before May 15) Commercial Vendors (Products/Services): \$75 (\$60 before May 15)
Food Vendors: \$60 (\$50 before May 15) Non-Profits: Free (application is required)
 2. We give preference to art & craft that is original and created by the displaying individual.
 3. Exhibitors must check in (with proper ID) with Vendor Coordinator (yellow vest) before setting up.
 4. All exhibit spaces will be assigned by the Vendor Coordinator. Exhibitors will be directed to their booth space on check-in. Booths set up without check in can be asked to be moved or removed.
 5. Exhibitors must staff booth at all times during festival hours.
 6. Exhibit spaces accommodate 10'x10' tents ONLY. Larger displays will require purchasing 2 adjacent spaces. There are limited numbers of electric outlets. Please indicate any electricity requirements in the "Special Needs" field of the application.
 7. Every effort will be made to accommodate special requests for exhibit space assignments, but this cannot be guaranteed. Preference will be given to handicapped exhibitors and those with special needs (please indicate any requirements in the "Special Needs" field of the application).
 8. Parking for craft/art and commercial vendors can be immediately behind their assigned exhibit space if they elect to set up below the bridge. All other exhibitors will have parking available in public areas behind United Community Bank and in the lot on Hemlock Drive, with exceptions made for handicapped vendors ONLY. (Please see diagram/map sent with your application acceptance letter.)
- Please keep Funeral Home lot for customers only!**
9. Other than food vendors no vehicles will be allowed on the grass in the pavilion area OR the asphalt walkway, even to unload, so please plan accordingly.
 10. Food vendors will have assigned spaces around the concrete pad—the only place in the pavilion area for onsite water and electrical connections.
 11. Each exhibitor is responsible for collecting and remitting North Carolina sales tax of 7.75% **AND, as per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 66-255, each exhibitor MUST display this document prominently in their tent.**
 12. An accepted application is a commitment to show, and no refunds will be made for cancellation. Exhibitors who do not show will not be re-invited.
 13. Exhibitors must provide their own means of display, and each exhibitor shall be responsible for his/her own display in case of damage or loss.
 14. Exhibits may be set up on Friday 6/21 afternoon between 4pm and 7pm (no earlier) or on Saturday 6/22 between 7am and 9am. All exhibits must be completely set up by 9am Saturday and must remain in place until the show ends at 5pm. No teardown before closing time - this is unfair to your fellow exhibitors.
 15. All communication with the Vendor Coordinator will be via email and phone.

**Thank you for being a part of the Festival and
working with us to make it a good experience for all!**