

Frequently Asked Questions about the 50th Annual Sandpiper Art Festival 2021

When is the Festival?

Saturday, August 14th, 10am to 5pm

Where is the Festival?

On the Lake County Courthouse lawn in downtown Polson, MT

What kinds of art & craft can be in the Festival?

The Festival is a great opportunity for artists to sell their work. We accept original art work in a wide range of mediums. Painting, photography, sculpture and mixed media are all welcome. Prints of original work are permitted, but should not comprise more than 40% of the work displayed on walls or panels. Artists must submit images of their work to be juried by the Festival Committee with their application.

Crafts must be handmade and original pieces of work. No products from kits are allowed. We prefer crafts that are unique and show artistic sensibility. Artisans must submit images of their work to be juried by the Festival Committee with their application.

How do artists & artisans apply to be an exhibitor?

Applications are available four ways: as a download from the website at Sandpiperartgallery.com, in person at the Sandpiper Art Gallery at 306 Main Street in Polson, have an application mailed to you by calling the gallery at 406-883-5956, or email us at festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com

Mail in the completed application, along with your images (photos or CD in JPG format) and a check for the application fee. If your application requires images of your work, you may instead send them via email. Save your digital photos as JPG files and send to: festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com Please include your name and the show designation "Courthouse" as the subject of the email. All application and fee deadlines still apply.

What is the fee?

The non-refundable application fee is \$35 and must accompany your completed application. Booth fee per 10x10 space is \$85. No commission is charged on sales at the event.

What are the dates to apply by?

We begin accepting applications in January. Completed applications are due by July 1st. (After July 1st, applications will be accepted on a space available basis.

Can exhibitors share booths?

Yes, they can but both vendors must pay a separate application fee of \$35. Only one booth fee is required. You must indicate on your application if you plan to share a booth and with whom.

If I have attended before what do I have to do to get the same booth?

Please indicate on your application that you would like the same booth as the previous year. We attempt to assign the same booth from year to year, if possible. Every attempt will be made to assign your spot in the same general area as you previously occupied for the show. If you would like to request a different space, please note that on your application.

What kind of booth do I need?

Booth spaces are 10 feet by 10 feet. Sturdy canopy tents are recommended. Weights are required on all four legs, as rain and wind are always possible. Because of underground sprinkler lines on the courthouse lawn, stakes are not allowed. If you use a display table, it must have a covering that hangs to the ground. Your booth must be safe for the public and Sandpiper Gallery assumes no liability if it is not.

When is set up and tear down?

You may set your booth up without merchandise on Friday evening from 5-7pm. Set up time will also be available Saturday morning from 6am to 9am. Please park at the curb surrounding the Courthouse lawn. Driving on the lawn is not permitted. Festival staff will be on hand to give you your Festival packet and help you locate your space. We do not provide overnight security so please do not leave valuable merchandise in your booth. Sandpiper Gallery is not responsible for damage, theft, or loss from any cause.

Parking zones for unloading and loading will be clearly marked. Festival packets (including booth location, a parking permit, and instructions) will be available at the Sandpiper registration table. After you have unloaded, please move vehicles to designated parking. Vendors are expected to remain set up through the close of the show at 5pm and not begin taking down their booths before that time.

What if I need a break during the Festival?

Volunteers are available at the Sandpiper Gallery Booth for short bathroom breaks or to purchase food. Please be considerate of our volunteers and do not ask them to watch your booth for more than a short break of 5 to 10 minutes.

Additional Questions????

Contact Festival Chairpersons, Sue Arneson 406-253-8771 or Carole Carberry 803-968-4678, or e-mail your questions to festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com .