

# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Prairie Arts Festival

September 5, 2009, Labor Day Saturday

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The **Prairie Arts Festival** is held every Labor Day Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in downtown West Point, Mississippi. The Prairie Arts Festival is a “Top Twenty Events in the Southeast” award winner, and features Fine Arts and Crafts, Food Concessions, Antiques, a large Flea Market, and lots of Entertainment! You are invited to be a participant in the 2009 Prairie Arts Festival ~ **Please read the following information carefully. as a few changes have been made this year.**

## Application and Fees

All applications must include the attached application form, the **full application fee**, and a legal-sized self addressed, postage paid, return envelope with .88¢ postage. Booth locations will be assigned on the basis of the earliest reservation. Each applicant will be notified by return mail of their booth assignment, including a detailed map and other information. An accepted application is a commitment to show and **no refund will be made for**

**cancellations.** The Prairie Arts Festival will be held rain or shine.

Each Exhibitor is responsible for Mississippi Sales tax. A sales tax envelope will be mailed to you when accepted.

## Fine Arts Competitive Exhibition

Artists must submit, with application, three color photographs or slides of their work for judging. All photos will be returned and acceptance or rejection will be made known to each applicant. No commission is charged on sales. Previous winners in the Prairie Arts Festival need not send photos and are automatically accepted upon receipt of application. Handmade crafts are allowed in part of the park, but not judged. Photos or slides for this category are not required.

**Judges and Awards** – Cash awards are made as follows:

BEST IN SHOW – \$1,000.00

**For Each Category there will be awarded:**

FIRST PLACE – \$350.00

SECOND PLACE – \$200.00

THIRD PLACE – \$100.00

TOTAL CASH AWARDS – \$4,250.00

**Categories** –

- A. Painting (Oil, Acrylic)
- B. Water Color & Mixed Media
- C. Graphics, Drawing, Photography
- D. Sculpture and Pottery
- E. Handmade Jewelry, Glass, Wood,  
Leatherwork, Fibers and Embellished  
Fabrics

**Displays and Booths** – Each artist is responsible for their own display in the space provided. Each Booth will be approximately 12’ wide and approximately 10’ in depth.

**Rules** –

1. All exhibits must be original work done since January 1, 2007
2. Paintings, drawings, and prints should be appropriately framed or matted. Other unframed works may be displayed in a portfolio. Work **must** be either priced or marked **not for sale**.
3. There is not a crafts category and therefore will not be judged.
4. Since this is an outdoor show, your work will need a substantial display to withstand wind and crowds. Displays, including tents and supports, must not exceed 11’ in width.
5. Only one artist may exhibit in each 12’ space. Spaces will be assigned on the basis of the earliest reservation. If more than one space is needed, the show managers will do as much as possible to comply with requests for adjoining spaces.
6. **No vehicles are allowed on the grass inside the exhibit area.** Unloading areas are available.

# Application

## Fine Arts Competitive Exhibition

- Fine Arts Booth – \$75.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Painting (Oil, Acrylic)
- B. Watercolor or Mixed Media
- C. Graphics, Drawing or Photography
- D. Sculpture and Pottery
- E. Jewelry, Wood, Glass, Fiber
- Three color photos enclosed
- Previous Prairie Arts Winner
- Electrical Outlet (120 volt, 10 amp) – \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Arts and Crafts Street Displays

- Arts and Crafts Booth in the street – \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - I will use a generator (*no electricity available in the street*)
  - Arts and Crafts Booth in the park – \$75.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- (Reminder: to be in the park, items must be hand made)

## Food Concessions

- Non-local or commercial – \$200.00 per space \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mobile Food Concession – \$350.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- All other Food Vendor – \$150.00 per space \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrical Outlet (120 volt, 10 amp) – \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Flea Market

- Flea Market Booth – \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrical Outlet (120 volt, 10 amp) – \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Antique Show

- Antique Booth – \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrical Outlet (120 volt, 10 amp) – \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Antique Booths must be set up on Friday only**

## Total Fee Remitted

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**All applications must include full payment of fees and a business size (#10) self-addressed, stamped envelope with .84¢ postage.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I will be selling:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**New Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_**

Please list your first 3 booth choices. If you are a returning vendor and would like your same spot from last year, please note that, too. We will do our best to honor your request. **NOTE: Refer to map as booths have been renumbered this year.**

**Booth Choice:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

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**GENERAL RELEASE** – The undersigned does hereby discharge the Prairie Arts Festival and the City of West Point of and from all manner of actions, suits, damages, claims and demands whatsoever in law or equity, from any loss or damage to the undersigned's property while in the possession, supervision, or auspices of the Prairie Arts Festival, its agents, representatives, or employees.

The selection of vendors is at the discretion of the Prairie Arts Festival Committee. **The sale or display of firearms (including antiques), live ammunition, bows and arrows, knives longer than 6", and fireworks of all types is strictly prohibited at the Prairie Arts Festival. If you sell items not listed on your application you can be asked to take down or leave the show area.** Violators will be required to leave the Festival area immediately and will not be accepted at any future Prairie Arts Festival.

All vendors must stay for the entire event.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

## Arts & Crafts Street Displays

Each booth is approximately 12' wide and 10' deep. Since this is an outdoor show, your exhibit will need a substantial display structure to withstand wind and extremely large crowds. Free standing tents or coverings are recommended. Each vendor is responsible for providing his or her own table, chairs, and tent, etc. Tents requiring stakes and ropes for support are not permitted. You are allowed to setup in the park only if your item is handmade. No

reproduced items will be allowed in the park. Crafts will not be judged.

**Electrical Outlets** – Electricity for Street Displays is **not** available through the Prairie Arts Festival. Vendors who need electricity in order to operate their booths may use **small** portable generators, provided they are quiet and do not disturb adjoining booths. Please mark application if you will be using a generator. No generators will be allowed in the park.

## Flea Market

The flea Market is part of an outdoor show. No commission is charged for sales, and booths are approximately 12' x 10'. Manufactured and resale items may be sold in this area. However, the sale or

display of firearms (including antiques), live ammunition, bows and arrows, knives longer than 6", and fireworks of all types is strictly prohibited. Electricity is available.

## Antique Show

**\*Antique Booths must be set up on Friday only, No antiques will be set up on Saturday.** This is to prevent traffic congestion, and to allow time and room for any care that may need to be taken with antiques. Antiques are indoors and are located at the old McClure Furniture building on the corner of

Broad Street and Commerce Street. Each exhibitor will be responsible for his or her own display, tables, etc. Electricity is available. No commission is charged for sales, and booths are approximately 12' x 10'.

## Food Concessions

All display areas for Food Concessions in Veterans Park are at least 15' wide and approximately 15' in depth. Because of the landscaping of the park area, **no vehicles or trailers will be allowed to set up or remain in this exhibit area.** Tents, portable grills, etc. are welcomed in these areas.

**Mobile Food Concessions Areas** – If you plan to set up a food concession that requires a trailer, camper, or any other type of vehicle, you must apply for a Mobile Food Concession Booth. Limited areas are available for trailers, campers, coke trailer concessions, vans, etc., used as food concessions. All of these booths are choice locations on paved areas and all have limited electrical power available. Each booth is approximately 30' wide and 20' deep and is

easily accessible. Vendors in this category **must setup Friday** before the Festival to avoid traffic congestion. All other food vendors not in the Mobile category are encouraged to set up Friday.

\*Non-local food vendors are considered to be outside of Clay County.

**Electrical Outlets** – Limited electrical outlets are available in all areas. Each outlet will be 120 volt, 10 amps only. Food concessions will be assigned only one outlet and will be expected to restrict their power to 10 amps. The fee is \$10 and must be requested on the application.

**DEADLINE FOR FOOD VENDORS IS AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

## Sales Tax

All food vendors must submit 8% of their sales. All other vendors must submit 7% of their sales. A Prairie Arts Representative will be by to pick up your tax envelope or you may turn this in to the information booth. If it is necessary to mail it in, please do so within 10 days following the festival. The Prairie Arts Festival Association is responsible for filing all taxes with the MS State Tax Commission

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