

Spotsy Arts Festival



A Juried Arts Festival Featuring the Best of the Best
www.spotsyartsfestival.com

2nd weekend in August
Saturday 10 AM-6 PM/Sunday 11 AM-5 PM

STRUGGLING ARTIST EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES

Application Due November 1

EVENT SUMMARY

During the 2nd weekend in August the lawns of Spotsylvania Court House are transformed into a massive outdoor arts and artisan gallery for 100+ artists and artisans from across the region and all around the United States. Join us for a fun-filled day or weekend of shopping, feasting, music, entertainment and artisan demonstrations.

The Spotsy Arts Festival Committee (SAF) is aware there are some “emerging” or “struggling” artists who do not have the financial means to enter a variety of art events or create a body of work for an event like the SAF. In support of this Community, SAF has established a special category to showcase some of these artists. Please carefully read the “Qualifications” and the “Application Instructions” in this document and the “Rules and Waivers” in the Application.

**The Event area will be patrolled by Security during non-event hours.
Friday – Sunday**

PRIZES

In addition to being selected to participate in the SAF, the Festival’s Jury Committee will select winners in the following categories on Friday prior to the Artist’s and Exhibitors Reception. The decision of the Jury is final.

Best in Show -- \$500

Honorable Mention -- \$250

Judge's Choice -- \$100 (3 awards)

- Winners will also receive free shared Exhibitor Space where they can show and sell their work
 - Tent, tables, table cloths, hanging system, chairs and sales supplies will be provided. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring floor and table easels.

All Exhibitors are encouraged to attend the Artist's and Exhibitors Award Reception where the prizes will be awarded.

QUALIFICATIONS

This Event is free to those who meet the following qualifications -

1. A resident of Spotsylvania County,
2. Has not participated in this event before, and
3. Has not sold more than three works of art in the past year and none of them sold for more than \$100.

APPLICATION INSTRUCCIONS

All applications **must be accompanied by four photographs showing samples of your work and one showing you at work.** The preferred method of submitting your application and photographs is via electronic application or via the email – Applications@SpotsyArtsFestival.com. Images should be of jpeg/gif/tiff format with image size less than 1.8 MBs and at least 300 dpi. Your **First and Last Name and Genre of product must be included separately and not on the photograph.**

Alternatively, photos may be mailed with the application to – Spotsy Arts Festival, PO Box 274, Montross, VA 22520. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry form *only* if you want your photos returned. Please note any specific requests that you may have on the application form. We will try, but cannot guarantee all requests.

It is understood that any of these photos can be used in any The Spotsy Arts Festival promotional materials.

***All applications will be juried by the FESTIVAL JURY COMMITTEE.
The decision of the Jury is final.***

CATEGORIES

All items for sale in exhibitor areas must be handcrafted by participants. Any person exhibiting manufactured items in this area will be REMOVED ON THE SPOT.

- **Bath and Body**
- **Candles**
- **Ceramics & Glass:** Functional and sculptural work is accepted. Kiln forming, blowing, molding or casting, as well as all cold working processes are permitted.
- **Digital Art:** Two-dimensional work created by the artist using computer technologies.
- **Fiber:** All work created from fibrous materials, such as baskets, leather, books, embroidery, paper, quilts, weavings, felting, etc.; both wearable and non-wearable.
- **Fine Arts/Graphics:** All pieces of art created with the use of chalk, charcoal, pastels, pencils and ink, watercolors, oil, alcohol inks and acrylic paintings.
- **Furniture:** Original, handmade furniture designed and fabricated using raw/unfinished material.
- **Gourmet Food Products:** Packaged dips, food, or desserts.
- **Jewelry:** Objects created with the intent to be worn as ornamentation by fabricating various materials including gems, fine metals and semi-precious stones.
- **Metal:** Three-dimensional artwork created by the artist through the forging, twisting and fabricating of various metals.
- **Mixed Media:** Work in which two or more mediums are combined to form one piece.
- **Photography:** Photography, both digital and film, that has not been manipulated to achieve results beyond what could be produced in a traditional dark room.
- **Toys**
- **Wood:** All work created by the artist that is hand-tooled, machine-worked, built-up, turned or carved in wood.
- **Miscellaneous:** If you feel as though your product does not fit into the above categories, please select miscellaneous and give a detailed description of what you are looking to sell.

The Spotsy Arts Festival Coordinator reserves the right to recategorize an artist's submission and the artist will be notified of any changes.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

- Applications are due NLT November 1
- Applications after that date will not be considered.

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

- Accepted Exhibitors will be notified via email by December 31. (No rejection letters will be sent.) They will also be announced on the SAF website – www.SpotsyArtsFestival.com.
- The minimum number of pieces your work that must be for sale will be defined in the notification of your acceptance. However, it is suggested that you have more than the required pieces on hand in anticipation of sales.

NOTE: It is understood that the winners will --

- To the best of their ability, participate in selected advertising and promotional events

ARTIST ASSISTANCE

Realizing that some of those applying for this event may not have funds to purchase the supplies and materials needed to build a body of work for this Festival, application for assistance can be made to JART, Inc. Application information available upon request – email – SAF@SpotsyArtsFestival.com.

TENTATIVE EXHIBITOR SCHEDULE

Friday 8 am – 4 pm	Set Up (a detailed map and instructions for unloading/loading will be provided prior to the Festival)
Friday 5 pm – 7 pm	Reception/Awards Ceremony All participating artists are encouraged to attend.
Saturday 10 am – 6 pm	Spotsy Arts Festival hours
Sunday 11 am – 5 pm	Spotsy Arts Festival hours
Sunday 5 pm - ?	Take down

EXHIBITOR CANCELLATION

Exhibitors may cancel a show for any reason, however, if financial assistance has been obtained it must be returned in full at the time of cancellation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

www.SpotsyArtsFestival.com
email -- SAF@SpotsyArtsFestival.com
or call 703.887.2878

Thank you for your interest in The Spotsy Arts Festival!

How can I sign up?

Application Form [Click Here](#)

FOR FESTIVL STAFF USE ONLY				
Date Rec'd.	Medium(s)	5 Pics Rec'd.	___ Accepted ___ Rejected	Exhibitor pack sent ___

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CONTACT NAME: _____
 STREET ADDRESS: _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____
 CELL PHONE NUMBER: (here you can be reached during the Festival) _____
 WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____

CATEGORIES

(CHECK ONE ONLY AND PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION)

I am applying as an

- Artist
- Artisan

CATEGORIES

- Bath and Body
- Candles
- Ceramics & Glass
- Digital Art
- Fiber
- Fine Arts/Graphics
- Furniture
- Gourmet Food Products
- Jewelry
- Metal
- Mixed Media
- Photography
- Toys
- Wood
- Miscellaneous

Description: _____

Price Range of Most Items

- 0-\$50
- \$50-\$100
- \$100-\$500
- \$500+

Have you exhibited in our show before?

- Yes
- No

EXHIBITOR RULES and WAIVERS

- This event is held **RAIN OR SHINE**.
- Meet the criteria for a “Struggling Artist” as stated in the Exhibitor Guidelines.
- Only artists accepted in to the Spotsy Arts Festival are permitted to participate. Subletting, selling or giving space to anyone is not permitted.
- All work and displays must stay within your designated spot. No boxes, extra merchandise or debris should be visible. The assigned area must be kept clean throughout the event and be left spotless afterwards. No soliciting merchandise or services.
- Exhibitors must commit to –
 - Assist in setting up the Display Tent
 - Assist in arranging the Exhibit
 - Securing the tent at night
 - Agree to work a minimum of four (4) hours on Saturday and/or Sunday based on an assigned/negotiated schedule (Artists are encouraged to spend as much time in the tent as possible so they can be available to discuss their work with the public.)
 - Agree not to remove any unsold work before 5:00 pm Sunday

- Be available to “take down” their art work and to help take down the tent, tables, etc. and moving same to the Staging Area.
- JART, Inc., and/or Spotsylvania County will not be responsible for any art work that is not removed from the premises.
- Rude, obscene or abusive language and/or threatening or actual physical restraint and/or abuse of another exhibitor, vendor, volunteer, staff or the public is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate removal and banishment from participation in future shows.
- Do not distribute material outside of your designated booth space or loudly solicit visitors into your exhibit space. Amplified music is not permitted, except for entertainment contracted by the Festival Director.
- Photographs will be taken during the Festival. It is understood these photographs can or will be used in future advertising and promotions for the Spotsy Arts Festival.
- All local laws must be followed.
- Must agree to be responsible for the collection of Virginia State Sales Tax.
- Must assume all of the risks in participating in the Spotsy Arts Festival, which includes JART, Inc. and Spotsylvania County, as an Exhibitor, Vendor, Performer or Volunteer any and all associated activities including but not limited to --
 - Waive, Release, Discharge, Indemnify and Hold Harmless from any and all liability JART, Inc., Spotsylvania County and any of its employees, directors, consultants, Members of the Board, volunteer, representatives, agents, assign, successors, contractors, suppliers, exhibitor, vendor, event sponsors regarding any and all claims that my participation could give rise to any claim or otherwise cause liability.

I CERTIFY THT I HAVE READ THE RULES AND WAIVERS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL. I FULLY INTENT THIS AGREEMENT TO BE BINDING AND HAVE LEGAL EFFECT.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in the Spotsy Arts Festival!

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Tell us if you are on social media.

○ Instagram:

○ Twitter ID:

○ Facebook Fan Page:

○ Additional Comments:

If you have additional questions or comments, let us know here.

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