

ABINGTON ART CENTER

Craft Fair Vendor Guidelines 2026

WELCOME VENDORS!

Abington Art Center (AAC) Craft Fairs are OPEN AND FREE to the public and take place outside on the grounds of Alverthorpe Manor, the home of AAC:

515 Meetinghouse Rd, Jenkintown, PA 19046

AAC works hard to serve our community, creating special family-friendly events that celebrate the arts. All proceeds of this event go to support our mission as an arts non-profit.

All original artwork and hand-crafted items welcome!

All mobile food vendors are required to have appropriate licensing, insurance, and permits according to the Montgomery County Health Department requirements.

Food table vendors: Temporary Food Licenses are only required if you operate more than 4 days in a calendar year. Montgomery County, PA 610-276-5117 for more info.

Accepted Items: All crafts and food products for sale should be made by the person occupying the space unless they are listed in the application as having permission to sell that product. Products should be of original design, handmade, and reflect the makers skill and artistry. All products should be local, meaning they were made within the greater Philadelphia/Northeast US region. No commercially, mass-produced items or items for resale will be accepted.

Space: 10'x10' outdoor spaces and 9'8" x 9'8" covered pavilion spaces available. You are responsible for supplying your own table, chairs, and equipment. A canopy tent is recommended (except on the Pavilion), but not required. **Please keep in mind that the event is rain or shine and will go on in inclement weather, including wind.** If you do intend to set up a tent, please make sure that it is secured WELL! Wind can ruin tents and put the safety of people under and near them in jeopardy – minimum 40# weights for your tent are required. Weights will be checked by our staff prior to the start of the event. Vendors who do not have the required weights will be asked to take down their tent.

Your Booth: Vendors should understand their responsibility for maintaining their booth in a neat, reputable, and sanitary condition.

Trash: At the close of business, vendors need to clean up their booth areas and take their garbage with them or dispose of it in containers provided at AAC. You are welcome to dispose of small items (coffee cups, take-out containers, etc.) in the trash and recycling cans around the property, but please do not use them for large trash. Take your large trash items and full trash bags to the dumpster in the main AAC lot.

Grade: A large portion of the property is on a hill (mostly a gentle slope, but a few areas are greater than 5% grade) and vendors should be prepared to set up on a slight incline. If you are on a **Pathway** or **Lawn** spot, please bring something to level your table and displays.

Set Up and Clean Up: Set up time 7:45am – 10:45am. (Vendors may be assigned an arrival time between 7:45am – 9:15am). Vendors should be set up by 10:45am. Grounds open to the public from 11:00am - 4:00pm. We do not permit early bird sales (no sales prior to 11am). Please do not start to breakdown before 4pm. All clean-up should be finished and grounds cleared by 6:30pm.

If a vendor has an emergency and needs to leave early, an AAC staff member **must** be notified and will help the vendor to arrange an early load-out. Failure to notify an AAC staff member before leaving early will impact future acceptance.

Loading/Unloading: Due to limited road access, vendors must park in designated loading/unloading areas and walk all equipment/supplies to assigned vending location. All vendor spots are within 200 ft of loading areas and accessible by no-step paved walkways or mostly even lawn. **AAC DOES NOT SUPPLY CARTS OR HANDTRUCKS - WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND BRINGING YOUR OWN IF YOU HAVE HEAVY ITEMS.** Vendors must unload and move vehicles to the overflow parking area BEFORE setting up tents and merchandise. During load out, vendors must break down and consolidate all equipment/supplies at loading area BEFORE bringing vehicles back to the loading area.

Parking: Parking is limited. After unloading, vendors must move all vehicles to the overflow parking area located across the street at the corner of Meetinghouse Rd & Greenwood Ave. This allows more available AAC parking for your shoppers. If you require accessible parking, please ask and we will direct you to accessible parking onsite.

Rain Date: **This event is rain or shine and vendors should be prepared to vend in inclement weather, including wind.** Only in the event of hazardous weather conditions will the event move to the designated rain date. AAC reserves the right to cancel the craft fair due to dangerous or severe weather conditions. No credits or refunds will be given. All weather-related

changes will be called at least 48 hours in advance.

Vendor Cancellations: All cancellations must be submitted via email. A 50% refund of the vending fee will be given if the vendor cancellation is up to one month prior to the fair. No refunds will be given if the cancellation is within one month of the fair date. Any “no-shows” without communication will impact your ability to participate in future fairs.

Liability: Exhibitors will assume full responsibility for their exhibits. AAC is not responsible for any damages, loss, or theft, or for any personal injury incurred during the Craft Fair event. While not required, we recommend that all vendors purchase liability insurance for the event.

Conduct: We expect vendors interactions with the AAC staff, volunteers, their fellow vendors, and customers to be conducted in a cooperative, courteous, and professional manner. Please be respectful of your adjacent vendors. Please keep in mind this is a family-oriented event.

Jurying: This is a juried show. Application does not guarantee acceptance. AAC works hard to create a balanced show with a select number of artists in each category. Chances of being accepted are influenced by the number of applicants in each art medium. We value the long-term relationships we build with our returning vendors. We also strive to make each show unique and exciting. Each show is juried independently. Being accepted does not automatically guarantee acceptance in future shows, and not being chosen will not affect your chances for acceptance in future shows.

Consent to Photography and Videography: Participants may be photographed/videotaped while present during an event at AAC. Participants consent to the reproduction and use of any such photographs and videotapes by AAC for educational, public relations and/or promotional purposes and waive any claim by the participant, or anyone claiming under or through them, for compensation of any kind in exchange for such photographs, videotapes, and use. If you prefer not to consent, please let us know.

Marketing: Thank you for sending us your logo (jpeg or pdf) for us to use on our marketing material. Please help us to promote YOU by liking and sharing our Craft Fair social media posts and website page: <https://abingtonartcenter.org/craft-fairs/>

Media Acclaim: Please send us any print articles, online article links, awards or any other public acclaim you/your business have received. We'd like to advertise your successes!

TABLE TYPES:

- **PAVILION** – ART VENDOR: 9'8" x 9'8" space, covered pavilion adjacent to manor, access to electricity, paved floor

- **PATHWAY** – ART VENDOR: 10'x10' spots in lawn along paved pathways around grounds, may have slight grade

- **LAWN** – ART VENDOR: 10'x10' spots in the middle of the lawn throughout the property that may be slightly uneven or at slight grade

- **KIDS CORNER** - APPLY THROUGH THE KIDS CORNER APPLICATION: Join our budding young artist section! Limited availability. Vendor space is 1/2 of a 6ft long table. Table and one chair will be provided. Open for artists up to 14 years old.

- **FOOD VENDOR** – APPLY THROUGH FOOD/BEVERAGE VENDOR APPLICATION
Mobile food and beverage vendors, including food trucks and food carts, as well as Independent ready-to-eat food and beverage vendors that bring their own tables and tents.

AAC makes every effort to offer the preferred table type requested. Requests are not guaranteed. Specifically, there are a limited number of Covered Pavilion spots. Once all tables of a certain type are full, accepted vendors will be offered alternative table types.

If you have placement requests due to physical restrictions or limitations, please let us know. We are happy to accommodate as best as we are able.

One week prior to the Craft Fair vendors will receive an email and our website will be updated with the following information:

- **Site map with vendor location assignments**
- **Any additional load-in instructions**
- **Rain Date plans (if needed)**

There is a non-refundable \$15 admission fee which allows us to cover jurying and other upfront production time and costs that make it possible for us to bring these events to our community. All proceeds of this event go to support our mission as an arts non-profit.