

Arts & Crafts Expo – Policy of Authenticity

To uphold the integrity and reputation of the Arts & Crafts Show, this Policy of Authenticity establishes clear standards to ensure that all works exhibited and sold represent true, original craftsmanship and artistic creativity.

Definition of Authentic Work:

For this event, authentic arts and crafts are defined as items that are handmade or hand-crafted by the registered vendor or a member of their immediate creative team. They must be designed and produced using artistic skill, craft technique, or manual workmanship, and original in concept—not commercially manufactured or factory-assembled.

Prohibited Items:

To maintain a genuine artisan marketplace, the following are not permitted for display or sale:

- Manufactured or commercially produced goods
- Resale items, wholesale imports, or “buy-and-sell” merchandise
- Items assembled primarily from pre-made kits or parts without significant artistic modification
- Digital reproductions or prints, unless they are the original work of the artist, are properly labeled and offered in limited quantities.

Vendor Compliance:

By applying for booth space, all vendors acknowledge and accept the show’s authenticity standards. Vendors certify that all displayed and sold items meet the handmade criteria and understand that any violation of this policy may result in immediate removal of non-compliant items, loss of booth privileges, and forfeiture of booth fees.

Inspection and Enforcement:

Event organizers reserve the right to inspect vendor booths at any time during setup or show hours to verify compliance. The event committee's decisions regarding authenticity are final and binding.

Commitment to Integrity:

This policy reflects our shared commitment to preserve the spirit of creativity, craftsmanship, and community that define the Arts & Crafts Show. By upholding these standards, we honor the dedication of true artisans and provide an authentic experience for all attendees.

SOUTHWEST MS ARTS & CRAFTS EXPO

VENDOR APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME:

CONTACT PERSON:

ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA LINK: _____

TYPE OF EXHIBIT (circle all that apply): Pottery, Mixed Media, Textiles, Knifemaking, Woodworking, Jewelry, Glassworks, Food, Drink, or Other

(please specify): _____

BOOTH PREFERENCE:

10x10 Inside Booth (\$150) | 10 x 20 Indoor Booth (\$250) | Outdoor Food Vendor (\$250)

Preferred Space: _____

AGREEMENT TO APPLY:

Submitting this application does not guarantee acceptance. The Expo Committee will review all applications. Accepted vendors will receive a Vendor Agreement with payment instructions by email.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____