



25th Annual Butternut Creek Festival Application
Meeks Park, Blairsville, GA

www.butternutcreekfestival.com

706-781-1221

SHOW DATES: SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 20 & 21, 2024
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: March 1, 2024

PRIMARY ARTIST/CRAFTSMAN _____

PRIMARY PHONE _____ SECONDARY PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

VEHICLE STATE & TAG# _____ TRAILER STATE & TAG# _____

Website Info: _____

ELECTRICITY IS NOT AVAILABLE

SINGLE SPACE _____ (\$125.00)

LIMITED NUMBER OF DOUBLE SPACES _____ (\$250.00)

Jury Fee or Membership Fee of \$25.00 is Non-Refundable. Please send with Application paperwork and make check payable to High Country Artisans, Inc. Note: We do not have a way to accept credit card payments. Your Jury Fee check will be deposited after jurying is completed in early March.

SPECIAL NOTE: DO NOT SEND A CHECK FOR YOUR SPACE FEE WITH THIS APPLICATION. If accepted, you will have two (2) weeks to mail your booth fee. At that time checks will be payable to HIGH COUNTRY ARTISANS, INC.

Circle your Categories (Limited to 1 major & 1 minor):

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| 1. Lawn/Garden Art | 6. Candles & Soap | 11. Fiber Art |
| 2. Decorative Painting | 7. Fabric Art | 12. Fine Painting-including pen & ink, oil, watercolor |
| 3. Glass | 8. Gourds | 13. Jewelry |
| 4. Metal Craft | 9. Photography | 14. Pottery & Ceramics |
| 5. Wood Crafts | 10. Furniture | 15. Other-must clearly describe in detail below |

Describe Major Category in detail _____

Describe Minor Category in detail _____

ANY SPECIAL NEEDS REQUESTS: _____

If I am selected as an exhibitor for the 2024 Butternut Creek Festival, I agree to abide by **all of the rules and regulations accompanying this application**. I agree to hold the High Country Artisans, Inc., Union County, and the Union County Recreation Department free from any and all claims and liability relating to any injury, damages, or theft caused to persons or property while said premises are occupied under this contract. This includes damage, injury or loss of any type from set up to removal of exhibits.

All items offered for sale shall be items I have personally made/created. NO COMMERCIAL OR BUY/SELL.

Signature _____ Date _____

MAIL: PHOTOS, APPLICATION & JURY FEE TO:
High Country Artisans, Inc., P.O. Box 422, Blairsville, GA 30514-0422

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Presented by the High Country Artisans, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization
at Meeks Park in Blairsville, GA

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www.butternutcreekfestival.com Find us on Facebook: Butternut Creek Art Festival

A juried arts and fine crafts show nestled among the North Georgia Mountains
along the shady banks of Butternut Creek.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, JULY 20 & 21, 2024. **This show is held rain or shine. No early closings.**

TIME: 10:00AM until 5:00PM on Saturday, 10:00AM until 4:00PM on Sunday

SET UP: Friday, July 19th, 9:00AM until dark and Saturday, July 20th, 7:00AM to 8:30AM only
You must check in prior to set up. Although every effort is made to accommodate your space request, space numbers are not guaranteed. A map with booth locations will be available at check in next to the gazebo.

Although the festival does not officially open until 10:00AM, keep in mind that this is a public park and people will begin arriving early. **We strongly suggest that you be opened and ready for business as early as 8:30AM both days.**

SPACE: Approximately 12 ft. by 12 ft. A limited number of double spaces are available. Wi-Fi is also now available at Meeks Park. The site titled **"Meeks Park"** is free and no password is needed. The site is also not secure.

FEE: \$125.00 for a single space

\$250.00 for a double space

\$25.00 Non-Refundable _____ **Jury Fee or** _____ **Membership Fee with Member Application**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Fully completed and signed application with categories specified, maximum of 2 categories per booth.
2. Five good quality photos (no CD'S), preferably 4" x 6", printed on photo paper: One of your booth display, three of your art/craft work & one of you working on your art/craft. All types of items that you plan to sell must be clearly shown. Please print your name on the back of each photo. Photos will not be returned. The festival committee will use your photos in publicity via social media. Please send in your best quality photographs. Watermarks are permitted.
3. Your Jury or Membership Fee check made payable to High Country Artisans, Inc. Booth Fee will be due two (2) weeks after being notified of your acceptance.
4. All notifications will be sent via email. Please ensure the email address provided is current, correct and legible. Please notify us if unable to receive email notifications.
5. All applications must be received by March 1, 2024 with NO POSTAGE DUE.

Application will be rejected if all requirements are not met.

JURYING: Done by the Festival Committee and is based on the category you specify.

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS: Will be emailed by April 1, 2024

CANCELLATION REFUND DATE: No refunds will be given after May 15, 2024. Refunds prior to May 15th will be less a \$35.00 administrative fee.

EXHIBITOR RULES

1. Only arts and fine crafts made/created personally in the USA by the primary artist/craftsman will be allowed. **Work must be original and produced by the exhibiting artist/craftsman.**

No commercial or buy/sell.

2. This is a juried show where ALL exhibitors are juried every year. Jury scores will not be released and **ALL DECISIONS BY THE JURY ARE FINAL.** Only items in your accepted category may be displayed or offered for sale. High Country Artisans, Inc. reserves the right to remove any inappropriate or non-juried items.

3. Please be considerate of others during unloading and loading. **Unload and move your vehicle as soon as you are finished unloading** to the designated EXHIBITOR PARKING AREA with the PARKING PERMIT displayed in the window, **then return to your site to set up.** Vehicles must be parked by 8:30AM Saturday and Sunday. NO VEHICLES OR TRAILERS ARE ALLOWED ON GRASS OR WALKWAYS AT ANY TIME. **All setup equipment, canopy, and your inventory must be carried/wheeled from the parking lot to your assigned booth space.** Your booth space is 12' by 12'. This allows for your 10 x 10 tent and one foot on each side of your booth. **Please plan to bring help if you need assistance for set-up. Assistance is not available. Any exhibitor who does not abide by these rules will not be invited to return.**

4. All set up materials must be provided by the exhibitor. Due to Insurance Regulations, no guy wires will be allowed. **This is an outdoor festival and the ground may not always be level or flat.** The festival will be held rain or shine (no cancellation) and **closing early is not allowed.** Each exhibitor will be responsible for his/her own protective covering and securing his/her canopy in case of inclement weather or high winds. Forty pound weights on each corner are recommended.

5. Take down times will be strictly adhered to. **The official closing time is 4:00PM Sunday. All exhibitors will completely knock-down and pack up all display, merchandise and tents before bringing their vehicle to the loading area.** Again, no vehicles or trailers are allowed on the grass or walkways at any time. All exhibitors must clean up their space before leaving.

6. Booths must be manned by the registered primary artist/craftsman. All tables must be completely draped to the ground. Each booth must be kept clean. No discounting of products is allowed and no solicitation or high-pressured sales. ALL sales activity is confined to the marked booth area. No display of previous show awards. No audio advertising or music permitted. **No exhibitor or display may extend beyond the front or side booth marks.**

7. **ABSOLUTELY NO PETS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN PARK** per Meeks Park rules. Please follow all posted Park Rules. No bikes, balls, bats, fishing poles, skateboards, etc. are allowed in festival area. No boom boxes, stereos, noisemakers. Demonstrations of musical instruments and art & craft demonstrations that make noise are allowed only upon PRIOR approval by the Show Chairman. **This includes the use of generators.**

8. There will be a security guard on duty within the festival area Friday & Saturday nights. However, as per the signed application form, The High Country Artisans, Inc., Union County, and the Union County Recreation Department shall in no way be held responsible for any injury, damages, or theft.

9. Each exhibitor is responsible for paying their own Georgia State Sales Tax. The Sales Tax in Union County is 7%. A Georgia Department of Revenue Sales Tax Form is included in your vendor pack.

10. The High Country Artisans reserve the right to ask any exhibitor to leave the show for any reason that the organization deems appropriate or for failure to abide by any rules. A signed application constitutes a contract, requiring exhibitors to follow all rules and regulations and is a commitment to participate if accepted.

ALL SHOW APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE ALL ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

_____ Fully completed and signed show application with categories specified, limited to 1 major & 1 minor per booth.

_____ Five good quality photos (no CD'S), preferably 4" x 6", printed on photo paper: One of your booth display, three of your art/craft work and one of you working on your art/craft. All types of items that you plan to sell must be clearly shown. Please print your name on the back of each photo. Photos will not be returned. The festival committee will use your photos in publicity via social media. Please send in your best quality photographs. Watermarks are permitted.

_____ Your Non-Refundable Jury or Membership Fee check (with Member Application), made payable to High Country Artisans, Inc. Your application will not be processed unless this is included. **Please note we will not be depositing your Jury Fee or Membership Fee until Jurying is held in early March.**

_____ A correct and legible email address. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR NOTIFICATIONS. We suggest that you add us to your email contact list so any notifications sent by High Country Artisans do not go in your "spam" file.**

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All artists who are notified of acceptance to the 25th Annual Butternut Creek Festival will have two (2) weeks in which to submit their booth fee payment. Check should be made payable to High Country Artisans, Inc. Please note High Country Artisans, Inc. does not have a way to process credit card payments.

Mail the above items to: **High Country Artisans, Inc., PO Box 422, Blairsville, GA 30514**

DIRECTIONS: Address to the entrance of Meeks Park is 100 Meeks Park Rd. (GPS 34.86840 -83.97200) is located on the south side of Hwy 76/515, 0.7 mile west of the Hwy 129 & 76 traffic light, & directly across the Hwy from the North GA Tech College campus. Latest Festival Information is available at 706-781-1221 & www.butternutcreekfestival.com.

Due to the preponderance of scam emails trying to solicit money or sell vendor lists to our vendors, please note High Country Artisans, Inc. does not sell vendor lists to any individual group nor promotion based agency. Please do not send money to any solicitor, and it is suggested that you delete this type of email and not open any attachments sent to you in conjunction with their requests. If you have any question about any payment request, please check with High Country Artisans, Inc. first.