

Join us at the



Akron Arts Expo!

- **Over 160 Juried Exhibitors**
- **Quality Arts & Crafts**
- **Live Entertainment**
- **Special Children's Area**
- **Great Food**



- **Free Admission**
- **Taste of Akron Event**
- **Wine Tasting & Silent Auction**
- **Exhibitor Awards Dinner**
- **Cash & Ribbon Awards**

HOW TO APPLY

1. Read and complete the attached application.
2. Mark slides with name and slide description number.
3. Mail application, fees, slides, and SASE before **March 31, 2009** to:
City of Akron Recreation Bureau, 220 South Balch Street, Akron, OH 44302
4. Call us at 330-375-2836 or 330-375-2835 with any questions.



WINE TASTING & SILENT AUCTION

2009

TASTE OF AKRON

ARTS EXPO

AT HARDESTY PARK

Food, Wine & Fine Art

Presented by

The City of Akron Recreation Bureau

SATURDAY, JULY 25 10 AM - 6 PM & SUNDAY, JULY 26 10 AM - 5 PM

Dear Artists and Crafters:

Plan to make the Akron Arts Expo part of your summer! The Akron Arts Expo, celebrating its 30th year, is one of the City of Akron Recreation Bureau's premier events. Over 30,000 patrons come to enjoy the event and you're invited to join us.

The City of Akron will present over 160 juried exhibitors from around the country at this year's Akron Arts Expo. Artists will be offering original fine arts and crafts available for purchase at reasonable prices. The event will also feature live entertainment, a special interactive children's area, great food, and free transportation for the public.

The Akron Arts Expo will be held at Hardesty Park on Saturday, July 25 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday, July 26 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Akron Arts Expo weekend will kick off with our 4th annual Taste of Akron event on Thursday, July 23. Our 11th annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction will be held Friday, July 24 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from the silent auction benefit the artist awards and children's area. Plus, you won't want to miss the free dance performances on Friday and Saturday at 8:45 p.m.

We invite artists of all media categories to participate in the Akron Arts Expo. Carefully read all of the enclosed information and submit the completed application form along with your check and slides by **March 31, 2009** to the address below. For further information or assistance, please contact the Akron Recreation Bureau at (330) 375-2835 or (330) 375-2836.

Sincerely,



Brittany Schmoekel
Community Event Coordinator
Akron Recreation Bureau

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Akron Arts Expo 2009 Information Sheet

Application Deadlines

All applications, checks, and slides must be received on or before March 31, 2009. Acceptance/Rejection notices: Letters will be mailed on or around May 1, 2009 along with additional Arts Expo information. (Checks and slides will be returned at this time.) Booth numbers will be assigned by June 12, 2009.

Registration Fee

Fee will be \$180. All exhibitors receiving acceptance letters after the May 1, 2009 mailing understand that booth fees are nonrefundable after June 1, 2009. *Note: All artists are required to donate an item to our Silent Auction. Silent auctions will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Any artist with a silent auction donation over \$150 in value will receive one complimentary ticket for the Wine Tasting & Silent Auction on Friday evening. Silent auction items sent to us before the show or at check in on Friday are appreciated. Items donated to the silent auction are non-returnable.*

Place/Date/Time

Hardesty Park, 1615 West Market Street, Akron OH 44313 • Saturday, July 25 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. & Sunday, July 26 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Artwork

New and past exhibitors must complete an Arts Expo application, meet stated requirements and be juried each year. (*Exception: All 2008 award winners including honorable mention, accepted on application only - no slides or jury process necessary.*) All work must be original and completely finished. **The Artist or Craftsperson who designs the work and is principal of the business must be present to show their work. No dealers or sales representatives are allowed. Picture ID will be required upon check-in. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS. Work produced with commercial kits, molds, patterns, prefabricated forms, craft kits, or commercial products will not be permitted.** Applications will be screened according to originality, technique, craftsmanship, design, and booth display. Exhibitors may only show work typified by slides. **Akron Arts Expo will exercise its right to reject items during the show that are not the quality of media submitted in the application.** Exhibitors are welcome to demonstrate their media at their booth.

Set-up

Each exhibitor must sign in at the Main Shelter and be ready to sell at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 26. Check-in will be Friday, July 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 25 from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Any exhibitor not checked-in by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday will forfeit their booth space and fee. Set up and take down of booths are the responsibility of the exhibitor. **NOTE: No vehicles will be permitted on the grounds on Friday, July 24 after 5:00 p.m., Saturday, July 25 after 9:30 a.m., and Sunday, July 26 before 5:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Exhibitors must provide their own set-up supplies: tables, chairs, shelves, backdrops, canopies, tents, etc. All of exhibitor's display must be placed within the confines of their booth. Booth size is 15' wide by 15' deep and is located in a natural park setting. All exhibitors are responsible for keeping their area clean during show hours. Booth numbers must be visibly displayed on the front of your booth in the upper right hand corner for the duration of the Arts Expo. Beware that electricity is not available at Hardesty Park. All extension cords used at the show must be the heavy-duty, three wire type. Generators are not permitted to run in the artist area during show hours. Insurance must be obtained by the exhibitor at their own cost if they desire it.

Awards

Artists will be competing for a total of \$1,600 in cash prizes. Judging will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 25. Judges will review each exhibitors work and will be looking for originality, design, workmanship/quality, technique, and display. Cash awards will be given out in the following categories: Functional Craft, Ornamental Craft, Two-Dimensional Art, and Three-Dimensional Art. **Best in Show will receive \$300 and a ribbon; first place in each category will receive \$150 and a ribbon; second place in each category will receive \$100 and a ribbon; third place in each category will receive \$75 and a ribbon; honorable mentions in each category will receive a ribbon.**

Security

Police are assigned to the Akron Arts Expo grounds Thursday, July 23 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and will stay on grounds, including overnight, until Sunday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m. Akron Arts Expo organizers are not responsible for providing weather protection. Artists should carry their own insurance. **The Akron Arts Expo is not responsible for the damage, loss, or physical injury prior to or during the Akron Arts Expo.**

Parking/Restrooms/Overnight Camping/Pets

- There will be designated areas for exhibitor parking. Parking pass must be displayed in the front window of your vehicle. Parking areas will be designated for campers, RVs and other exceptionally large vehicles. Please park in designated area - violators will be issued a parking violation and/or be towed.
- Restrooms are located at the shelter house along with running water. Additional port-a-johns are located throughout the park.
- Camping is available in the grassy area on the east corner of the grounds both Friday and Saturday nights. Campers may park after 10:00 a.m. on Friday. No campfires or overnight camping/lodging in booth space permitted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Exhibitors are not to bring pets to the show. No pets allowed in the park during Akron Arts Expo events and activities except assistance animals.

4th annual Taste of Akron and 11th annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

Join us Thursday evening from 6 - 10 p.m. for our Taste of Akron event where you can sample foods from over 20 of the areas best restaurants. Friday evening from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. we will host our Wine Tasting & Silent Auction. Enjoy samples from over 150 prestigious wines, beers from around the world, hors d'oeuvres, and light entertainment. This fundraiser event will help raise money for the artist cash awards and children's programs. Tickets can be purchased in advance or the night of the event.

Application Form

Exhibitor Name (Last, First) _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

Choose Category

2-Dimensional Art

- Photography
- Painting
- Drawing
- Graphics
- Other

3-Dimensional Art

- Ceramic
- Mixed Media
- Other

Functional Craft

- Wood
- Fibers/Textiles
- Leather
- Ceramic
- Other

Ornamental Craft

- Glass
- Jewelry
- Metalsmithing
- Ceramics/Enamel
- Other

Slide Description

•Each applicant must include 5 color 35mm slides - four that accurately represent the work you will display, and one of your display booth.

•Each slide must be labeled with: **1. Your Name** **2. Description Number** **3. Top & Front**

*NOTE: 2008 award winners will be automatically entered in 2009 Arts Expo. No slides required.

Slide

Description of Slide

Price Range

#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

#4 _____

#5 _____

BOOTH DISPLAY - please no pictures or drawings

Applicant Checklist

- COMPLETED application
- My donation to the Silent Auction will be over \$150 in value (you will receive a complimentary ticket to the Wine Tasting event on Friday evening)
- Check or money order payable to the City of Akron for \$180 **Check # _____**
- Five labeled slides **OR** I was a 2008 award winner. (Slides not necessary if winner.)
- SASE with adequate postage for return of slides.

Applicant Agreement

I hereby agree to the rules, regulations, and procedures outlined in the 2009 Akron Arts Expo prospectus. I agree that the slides submitted are representative of my own original work to be exhibited and that the Akron Arts Expo reserves the right in its discretion to remove any work that does not meet the standards set forth.

Signature: _____

No applications will be accepted after March 31, 2009

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