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CRAFT MARKET APPLICATION
July 17-26, 2026

1. The application must be completed in full and signed. Your signature indicates that you have read and agree to abide by the rules. **Please READ thoroughly and sign at the bottom of each page.**
2. Accepted exhibitors will be notified by email. A deposit of 50 percent of the booth space(s) **must** be sent within ten (10) days from approval email. We accept cash, checks, and money orders. **A deposited check does not guarantee acceptance into the show;** exhibitors **not accepted** into the show will be notified by our Craft Market Director. Payment in full will be required by the final due date of **June 15, 2026**. If payment is not received by the final due date, the deposit and spot in the Beaufort Water Festival Craft Market will be forfeited.
3. An accepted application is a commitment to show, and **NO REFUND** will be made for cancellations after the show application deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. Application Deadline: **June 1, 2026.**
- \$50 discount if application and payment are received in full by **May 1, 2026.**

Name _____ Business Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Website _____ Sale Price Range: \$ _____ to \$ _____

SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION of Art or Craft Work _____

Have you participated in BWF Art/Craft Market in the past five (5) years? Yes ____ No ____

RENTAL OPTIONS:

Full 10 Days (July 17-26) Number of Spaces _____ at \$400.00 = \$ _____

1st Weekend (July 17-19) Number of Spaces _____ at \$250.00 = \$ _____

2nd Weekend (July 24-26) Number of Spaces _____ at \$250.00 = \$ _____

Weekend Choices

If the weekend you choose is full, would you like the other weekend? Yes ____ No ____

The undersigned will abide by all the rules, policies, and procedures as set forth by the Beaufort Water Festival Committee. The undersigned agrees that she/he will be responsible for any loss or damage to his/her equipment/goods or for any personal injury during the course of the Beaufort Water Festival and releases the Beaufort Water Festival Committee, Festival Volunteers, the City of Beaufort and the property owners of said buildings from any claim whatsoever therefrom. It is further agreed that the undersigned will hold harmless and release the Beaufort Water Festival Committee from any civil liability hereunder regardless of the nature, cause, or extent thereof. **You exhibit at your own risk.**

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

-----**Beaufort Water Festival Craft Market USE ONLY**-----

Application Rec'd with Deposit Date _____ Pd. In Full Rec'd Date/No. _____

Contact Date of Approval/Denial _____ Approved Pd in Full Denied

Any additional participants in the crafter booth must sign the Beaufort Water Festival Waiver as well as a COVID-19 Waiver.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION, RULES, AND PROCEDURES:

1. Photographs (**no slides or emails of pictures**) are required with your initial application. Photographs must be a clear and accurate representation of the size, style, and quality of work to be exhibited with a description on the back or accompanying attachment. Photographs will not be returned. Exhibitors ***must*** submit the following photographs with this application:
 - a. **Photograph(s) of Raw Materials (This is a must)**
 - b. **Photograph(s) of work in progress (50% completed work)**
 - c. **Photograph(s) representative of completed work(s)**
 - d. **Photograph of the front of the booth display**
2. The Beaufort Water Festival Jury will have the sole decision on the acceptability of work(s) and compliance. Acceptance is based on several factors, which include, but are not limited to, originality and quality of work(s). The Beaufort Water Festival reserves the right to limit the number of exhibitors in any one category to maintain a quality selection for the festival. Most decisions on acceptance/denial will begin ***as applications are received***.
3. In support of nightly entertainment, Craft Show vendors have the option of remaining open during extended hours every evening except Sunday, July 19, 2026 and Sunday, July 27, 2026. Extended hours are from 7pm-10pm. Beaufort Water Festival reserves the right to change these hours as needed. For more information on Craft Market Hours, please see below.
4. Unloading and loading of vehicles will be limited. **You will not be able to park your vehicle and/or trailer near the craft market area.** Only one exhibitor vehicle unloading/ loading pass will be provided. Unloading/loading information will be given in the acceptance letter. **The Beaufort Water Festival will tow any vehicle it deems in violation of the unloading/loading/parking policy.**
5. Booth **space is approximately 10' x 10' (White Tent Preferred)**. Extending your space is prohibited. If you need more room, you must rent another space. **NO STAKES ARE ALLOWED TO BE USED TO SECURE YOUR TENT TO THE GROUND**, displays, or display your work.
6. This is an outdoor event. Please come prepared for **all weather situations**. **It can become windy on the Waterfront Park -tents should be weighed down and properly secured with sandbags or weights. A suggested minimum of 40 lb. weights are needed for all four corners/legs of the tent. NO REFUNDS** will be given due to the weather conditions. **The Beaufort Water Festival is not responsible for any damage to vendor equipment, product, etc., that may be caused from undesirable weather conditions.** The Beaufort Water Festival will provide electricity. Our supply of electricity is not endless, so we ask that you limit your use of lights and fans (small box fans are permitted) Make sure to bring ample extension cords.
7. **Artists must provide a tent, tables, and the entire display.** Please present a professional appearance when setting up your booth. Tables must be skirted to the ground preferably with a cloth tablecloth, and storage boxes kept out of sight. No Sale or Discount signs are permitted.
8. Please be present at all times during exhibit hours. Only one vendor is allowed per rented space. Relocating your booth is strictly prohibited.
9. All items displayed for sale must be original work. **Work *must* be done by the exhibitor and not by employees or staff.** This means no mass-produced crafts, cottage industry, kits or handcrafted imports will be accepted. All clothing must be individually submitted for approval, including items embellished, altered, or decorated. **If *you* did not make it, please do not bring it.** This is an arts & crafts show – no Buy/Sell items allowed. **Exhibitors must make all items and be present at the show. No representatives or agents are allowed. Quality is required. Weapons and/or sexually explicit items are prohibited.**
10. **No political agenda, materials, art, crafts, propaganda, or messages to be included in the craft market or items for sale. Campaign material cannot be distributed.**

Printed Name

Signature

Date

11. Exhibitors may only sell work that is represented in the submitted photographs. Anyone who displays work not described on the application or represented in the photographs will be asked to remove this work.
12. All Crafts are confined to your assigned booth. No soliciting is allowed in the park, streets, or parking lots.
13. The Beaufort Water Festival Jurors and staff will check booths periodically throughout the festival for compliance with admission requirements and following Water Festival rules, policies, and procedures as outlined in this application. If determined that you are not in compliance, you will be first warned and then asked to leave if you do not make corrections. **Your entry fee will not be refunded.**
14. Participants must have their booths open for business during the operation of show hours. Please ensure you have enough products to sell for the week or weekend, whichever pertains. Many people travel long distances to visit these exhibits, thus it is important we provide the service they are seeking. Failure to have your booth open for exhibit during assigned days and times will be cause for dismissal from the show and future shows. If some unforeseen event may occur, preventing you from keeping your booth open on assigned days, you must contact the Craft Market Director. Any problems that may arise will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
15. There will be a \$35.00 surcharge added to any checks returned for insufficient funds and possible rejection from the festival; this fee (along with the face value of the check) must be received four weeks before festival opening and must be in the form of Cash, Money Order or Official Bank Check. Failure to do so promptly will result in the exhibitor being rejected from this and all future festivals.
16. Each vendor is responsible for collecting and reporting South Carolina Sales Tax. For more information, contact the SC Department of Revenue, Post Office Box 4288, Beaufort, SC 29901.
17. Each vendor is responsible for obtaining any/all licenses that may be required.
18. All rules and procedures must be adhered to. Non-compliance with any admission requirement will cause for banishment from future Water Festivals. Please conduct your business in a professional manner.
19. The release of balloons is not allowed pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, Part 3, Chapter 2, Section 3-2001.
20. Beaufort has a ban on single-use plastic bags pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of Beaufort County, South Carolina. Chapter 38, Article 6. **Be sure to consider this as you prepare to sell your products.**

Craft Market Hours:

- Friday, July 17, 2 pm-7 pm
- Mon – Fri (July 20-24) 12 pm-7 pm
- Sat, July 18, 9:30 am-7 pm & Sat, July 25, 9:30 am-7 pm
- Sun, July 19, 9:30 am-5 pm & Sun, July 26, 9:30 am-3 pm

Set-Up and Breakdown Times:

Please complete the breakdown before 7:00 PM. Please also remember to take all the items you brought to the park.

TIMES	SETUP DATE/TIME	BREAKDOWN DATE/TIME
Full 10 Days	Friday, July 17, assigned time only**	Sunday, July 26 at 3 pm
1st Weekend	Friday, July 17, assigned time only**	Sunday, July 19 at 5 pm
2nd Weekend	Friday, July 24, assigned time only**	Sunday, July 26 at 3 pm

CHECKLIST:

- Completed and signed application/contract **on all four (4) pages**
- Check or Money Order for a deposit of 50% of the booth space(s) fee made payable to: **Beaufort Water Festival**
- Photographs of your raw materials, your works in progress, your final product, and your 10X10 display
- Please include the Business-sized, Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope required for return of notification
- No Envelope = No Notification
- Complete Application Packet must be mailed to:

Beaufort Water Festival, Attn: Craft Market, Post Office Box 52, Beaufort, SC 29901-0052

For further questions or additional information, please visit our website at www.BftWaterFestival.com

I HAVE READ THE BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES 1-20 AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM IN TOTAL. ***All ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS PRESENT IN THE BOOTH (OTHER THAN CUSTOMERS) ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN- SEE NEXT PAGE.***

**BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL
WAIVER/RELEASE FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19**

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate in BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL (BWF) and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

Participation includes possible exposure to an illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,

I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,

I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest BWF official immediately; and,

I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL their officers, officials, agents, Coordinators, Directors, volunteers and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Name of participant: _____

Participant signature: _____

Date signed: _____

Printed Name

Signature

Date

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees, and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of participant: _____

Participant signature: _____

Date signed: _____