

The logo for Rain Shadow Artisans is a teal square with the text "Rain Shadow" in a white, elegant script font on the top line and "Artisans" in a smaller, white, elegant script font on the bottom line.

# Rain Shadow Artisans

501©(3) nonprofit organization

## MISSION

To Support, Encourage, and, Inspire artisans to practice and share their craftsmanship with the community through group events.

### **Rain Shadow Artisans goals include:**

- To provide support and venues for local area artisans to exhibit and/or sell their designs;
- To facilitate group collaboration and teaching opportunities;
- To engage with and educate the public in support of art.

### **ARTISAN CATEGORIES:**

#### **Artisans**

Those who design and create products by their own hand from new, natural or upcycled materials. No commercial, imported, or second-hand items allowed.

#### **Prepared Food Artisans**

Those who offer food products that have been personally prepared/processed on property they own or lease in Washington State

#### **Fresh Food Artisans**

Those who offer freshly made foods available for sale and immediate consumption.

#### **Youth Artisans**

Artists who are age 17 or younger are highly encouraged to participate and will receive mentoring to help build a business career in the arts.

Every artist is partner of Rain Shadow Artisans and is a valued participant of our community. We encourage the sharing of ideas for growth and success.

We are recognized as an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and are an all-volunteer organization managed by a Board of Directors

**Fees include:** \* Initial Sign on \$100 \* Annual Renewal Fee TBD

\* Event Fees based on event costs, minimum \$35/event. Please ask about youth fees!

\* *Some fees are subject to change and are openly communicated annually.*

## **JURY PROCESS**

All prospective new artists are required to attend a jury meeting.

This meeting is an informal exchange of information, where you introduce products and learn about Rain Shadow Artisans.

Contact us at: [Rainshadowartisans.org](http://Rainshadowartisans.org)

### **Why do we jury artists?**

1. To maintain a high standard of quality
2. To ensure products are handmade by applicant artist.
3. To create a varied produce selection for our events.

### **Artisan Criteria**

1. **Handcraftsmanship:** How much of the item the artist responsible for?
2. **Artistic Skill:** Is the item well-conceived? Does it present a mastery of the medium?
3. **Original Design:** Is each item an original design or patterned using a template? Is it crafted? Is it assembled?
4. **Quality:** Do items present professionally and of high quality?
5. **Market Enhancement:** Item presentation is key, photos are required.

### **What sets us apart from other venues?**

1. We do not charge a commission for artists sales;
2. While we encourage participation, we have no minimum attendance requirement;
3. We strive to showcase high quality and to promote local artists;
4. Marketing our artists and events for great visibility to invite guests and entice excitement.

## **CONTACT** **RAIN SHADOW ARTISANS**

With questions, To schedule a Jury Session, For  
Volunteer Opportunities, Community Events, Donations

Detailed Guidelines, artist application, venue schedule, and additional information is available  
upon request, and included on our website

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