



## Artist Vendor Application October 22 & 23, 2022

First, *Happy Spring* everyone.

And a big thank you to all the vendors who made Dancing Goats 2021 the biggest and best yet.

So, here we go again -- planning another great shindig to showcase the first-born art of Appalachia. With the promotion of folk art central to our purpose, we continue to keep the vendor fee low – just \$35 for two full days. Vendor space will again be 12 x 12. A double space is \$55. Application after Oct. 1 will be \$40 and \$60. Keep in mind, we cannot accept applicants whose work is too similar to that already accepted.

We're still planning mountain music, storytelling, goat pageants, children's activities, and traditional foods. We're still advertising all over Georgia as well as in nearby markets in Tennessee and North Carolina. We have, unfortunately, lost our location on River Street as owners are starting renovation of the main building and a commercial use for that pole barn we loved. BUT WAIT – we have use of our beautiful Gilmer County River Park along the Coosawattee River.

Please note that we have changed our date to avoid area conflicts, especially with Finster Fest in Summerville. Now, we'll be in the peak of fall color and visitation, not to mention apples. The weather should be even better.

Early fee payment (by Aug. 1) will assure you the best space, the most publicity, and a **free T-shirt**. Family member artists can share a booth, and their T-shirt will be just \$6 with early registration. Only one gallery booth will be accepted.

Our vendors will be juried to include only folk art -- that which reflects the artist's experiences and the culture of Southern Appalachia. Vendors are self-taught or have little or no training beyond skills passed on informally, preferably from a family member. Folk art can be incorporated into traditional craft only if the craft includes creativity beyond the purely utilitarian and is not made in mass or by pattern. All art must be handmade by the artist – no kits, manufactured or printed items, photography, items made from molds, or printed T-shirts. At least 90% of your booth must be original, one-of-a-kind work; reproductions (prints) of your original paintings must be identified and must be sold from a position less prominent than that of originals. Items deemed detrimental to integrity of race, religion, political affiliation, or gender are not acceptable. Vendors cannot smoke on the festival site or pass out political handbills. No individual raffles.

Dogs must be kept on leashes. Electronic players must not be loud enough to disturb others – none during performances. Your own acoustic performances are encouraged at your booth. No unapproved individual raffles. Each vendor is responsible for sales tax collection and reporting. Only quiet generators can be used. The site is next to a sheriff's post and deputies will drive through during both nights. Your art should all be left inside your tent. Dancing Goats is not liable for anything broken or stolen (see agreement below). All vehicles must be parked in designated vendor parking.

Vendors are asked to donate a piece of art for our raffle. It can be your own work or something from your collection and should be valued at \$30 or more. The donor whose piece sells the most tickets will receive a free festival poster.

So, we hope you'll join us for two days of breathing that wild mountain air, seeing old friends, making new friends, and introducing your work to a whole new market. We'd love to hear your suggestions.

*Festival hours 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday.*

*Important Dates – the sooner you register the better space and the more publicity you receive*

Aug. 1 Last day early applications and payment accepted for free T-shirt  
Oct. 1 Late registration  
Oct. 10 Application Deadline  
Oct. 21 Vendor packet pickup & booth set-up begins 5-8 p.m.  
Oct. 22 Vendor packet pickup 7-9 a.m.; set-up complete by 9:45 a.m.

## Vendor Application – Please keep a copy

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name for marketing and signs if different: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Describe yourself and your work for marketing \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your art background and training \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other shows you have done: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Include 2 photos of your work and one of normal set-up (or direct us to your website).

No. of images emailed \_\_\_\_\_ or enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ OR Jury from website (Check) \_\_\_\_\_

Check T-shirt size for early registration, One Free S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_ 4X \_\_\_\_\_

Check T-shirt size for 2<sup>nd</sup> vendor in booth early, \$6 S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_ 4X \_\_\_\_\_

Check T-shirt size for registration after Aug. 1, \$7 S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_ 4X \_\_\_\_\_

Check T-shirt size for 2<sup>nd</sup> vendor registering after Aug. 1, \$7 S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_ 4X \_\_\_\_\_

Other T-shirts can be ordered @ \$10 each

Fee enclosed: Check Single space \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ Double \$55 \_\_\_\_\_ Single Oct. 1 \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ Double Oct. 1 \$60 \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt(s) total \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Fees will be returned (minus \$5) if your work is not accepted. Make checks payable to Dancing Goats FolkFest and mail to same c/o Mona Lowe, 754 McCutchen St., Ellijay, GA 30540. For more information, text or leave a message for Mona at 478.718.6596.

Check if applicable: I need power \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. I can bring a quiet generator \_\_\_\_\_.

*With this application, I agree to participate the entirety of both days and abide by all rules and guidelines in this application. If I am selected to be a vendor at Dancing Goats FolkFest, I agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify the Dancing Goats FolkFest Board, Gilmer County, their boards and employees, all sponsors, and all volunteers from any responsibility, personal liability, loss or damage in connection with the festival. By signature below I confirm that I have read and understand all rules and regulations set forth above and that I will comply with all rules and regulations.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Needs/Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_