



## October 28 & 29, 2023 Artist Vendor Application

Our vendors are THE BEST! Because of you, in 2022, we were able to donate \$1,000 to the Gilmer Community Food Bank, \$300 to a local Boy Scout troop, \$300 to Friends of Gilmer Animal Shelter, and \$200 to Ellijay Rocks.

So, here we go again -- planning another great shindig to showcase the first-born art of Appalachia. The mountain music will be better than ever, as will the storytelling, goat pageants, children's activities, and traditional foods. We will again gather in our beautiful Gilmer County River Park along the Coosawattee River, and will again advertise all over Georgia and in Tennessee and North Carolina. We'll be in the peak of fall color, apple pickin' and Ellijay's busiest season.

With the promotion of folk art central to our purpose, we continue to keep the vendor fee low, but with a few changes we hope will help us know sooner who will be able to come:

Applications received by June 1 – 12x12 space \$35; double space \$50; free T shirt;

Applications received June 2 – Aug. 1 12x12 space \$55; double space \$70;

Applications received Aug. 2 – Oct. 21 deadline 12x12 space \$70, double space \$85

Vendors will be juried by committee 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 fine 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 detrimental to integrity of race, religion, political affiliation, or gender are not acceptable. Vendors cannot smoke in or near the tents, pass out political handbills or display political signs. No individual raffles. We cannot accept applicants whose work is too similar to that already accepted. Family member artists can share a booth with the same type of art, but each must submit pictures to be juried. Only one gallery booth will be accepted (12 x 24, \$85).

Dogs must be kept on leashes. Electronic players must not be loud enough to disturb others – none during performances. Your own acoustic performances would be nice at your booth between stage performances. Each vendor is responsible for sales tax collection and reporting. Only quiet generators can be used and we need to know ahead of time. The site is next to a sheriff's post and deputies will drive through during both nights. Art should not be left outside 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. Your own work is preferred but it can be from your personal folk art collection and should be valued at \$35 or more. The donor whose piece sells the most tickets will receive a free Billy Roper 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; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday.*

*Important Dates (See application deadlines above)*

June 10 First round of acceptance letters will have been mailed  
Aug. 10 Second round of acceptance letters will have been mailed  
Oct. 27 Vendor packet pickup & booth set-up 4-8 p.m.  
Oct. 28 Vendor packet pickup 7-9 a.m.; set-up complete by 9:45 a.m.,  
Oct. 29 Tear down complete by 8 p.m.

**Vendor Application – Please answer completely and keep a copy**

Applicant / Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

Fee enclosed: By June 1 Single Space \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ Double \$50 \_\_\_\_\_  
By Aug. 1 Single Space \$55 \_\_\_\_\_ Double \$70 \_\_\_\_\_  
By Oct. 1 Space Single \$70 \_\_\_\_\_ Double \$85 \_\_\_\_\_

Check T-shirt size(s) for registration by June 1, 1 Free S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X

Check T-shirt size for 2<sup>nd</sup> family member vendor by June 1, \$10 S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X

Check T-shirt size for registration June 2- Aug. 1, \$10 S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X

Check T-shirt size for family member vendor June 2- Aug. 1, \$10 S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X

Vendors can purchase up to two other shirts on site for \$13 ea.; one poster at 20% off

Total Vendor Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + T shirts Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fees will be returned (minus \$5) if your work is not accepted. Make checks payable to Dancing Goats FolkFest; 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. Reason you need power \_\_\_\_\_. Bringing 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, North Georgia Folkways, 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 \_\_\_\_\_