



# *Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts*

## *The 54th Annual Courthouse Art Festival*

### **2025 Artist Application**

***On the Lake County Courthouse Lawn in Polson, Montana***

***Saturday, August 9th, 2025, 10am - 4pm***

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Founded in 1971, the Courthouse Art Festival is a one-day, juried show featuring original fine art and artisan crafts, organized by the Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts. The festival accepts a wide range of mediums. Painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, and mixed media are all welcome. Reproductions of the exhibiting artist's original work are permitted so long as they don't comprise more than 40% of the work displayed on walls or panels.

The Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts Courthouse Art Festival requires a non-refundable application fee of \$35 prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Artists and artisans applying for the first time must submit images of their artwork along with their application, which will be juried by the Festival Committee. Returning exhibitors may submit an application without images, unless changing art categories.

The Festival committee juries new applications as they arrive. Returning exhibitors will receive notice upon receipt of the application. Applications will continue to be accepted until the festival is full and notifications will be sent as needed. All exhibitors will receive an email or letter indicating acceptance or rejection plus additional information.

#### **To Apply:**

- Fill out the application. Please note any special considerations you might need, and we will try to accommodate you. Please let us know if your tent is high and needs extra clearance.
- Submit the application with a non-refundable application fee of \$35. Please note that two or more exhibitors intending to sell their work in the same space must register separately and each must pay the application fee. Only one booth fee will be required. Make checks payable to Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts.
- First time exhibitors must include three photos of their work. You can also send images of your work as .JPG files to: [festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com) Please include your name and the show designation "Courthouse" as the email subject.
- Notifications will be mailed within 2 weeks of receipt of application.
- If you cannot receive information via email, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

#### **Guidelines:**

- Exhibitors must supply all materials needed for their display.
- Single Festival booths are 10 x 10 feet. Weights are required on tents. No stakes are allowed on the Courthouse lawn.
- Exhibitors pay a flat booth fee of \$85.00 for a single booth, due July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- No products from kits, commercially produced items, or dealers allowed.
- All food products require a food vendor application.
- Set-up times: Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm. Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 6am-9am.
- Show hours: Saturday, August 9th, 10am - 4pm.
- Returning exhibitors will be assigned the same booth area unless a change is requested.
- Overnight security provided Friday, 7pm to Saturday 7am.

For additional information, please contact Festival Chairperson, DeeAnn Richardson, 406-471-1581, or at [festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com) or the Gallery at 406-883-5956. You can also connect with us on Facebook.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Website address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Category**

\_\_\_\_ Painting/drawing

\_\_\_\_ Clay/Glass

\_\_\_\_ Jewelry

\_\_\_\_ Sculpture

\_\_\_\_ Photography

\_\_\_\_ **Fine Crafts:** Wood\_\_\_\_ Leather\_\_\_\_ Fiber\_\_\_\_ Basketry\_\_\_\_ Clothing\_\_\_\_ Furniture\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I will \_\_\_\_\_ will not \_\_\_\_\_ have a canopy or tent. *(we ask this because of overhanging trees)*

I am a returning exhibitor and would like the same space I had in 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Request for booth size: \_\_\_\_\_ 10x10 - \$85 \_\_\_\_\_ 10x20 - \$170

Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts will not be held responsible for personal injury or any damage or loss of any artist's work in connection with Courthouse Art Festival. This includes theft, fire, water damage, weather related or any other mishap that may occur.

I have read the information provided by Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts. I accept all conditions stated and will not hold Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts liable for any damage that may occur to my property.

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

**Please be sure you have included a \$35 check for your application fee, three or more images of your work if it is other than what you normally sell in the Gallery, and a self-addressed stamped *envelope* (if you do not supply an email address).**

**Return complete application to Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts, PO Box 1163, Polson, MT 59860, or to the folder marked "Festival" on the back counter of the Gallery.**