

2016 Cotton Ginning Days Arts & Crafts Vendor Guidelines

- _____ 1. **All Arts & Crafts must be handcrafted! The exhibitor must be the originator of the items being sold – no “buy/sell”. Commercially reproduced work, including books, collections, or pre-made kits are not permitted. If you are accepted into the show and you display/sell any items that are not handcrafted by the exhibitor, the exhibitor will be asked to remove the items from their booth.** Gourmet foods must be homemade items, not pre-purchased foods, with Health Department approval. Violators will be removed from the show.

- _____ 2. **Exhibitors will be assigned a 12’ X 22’ outdoor (horse stall), covered space with electrical outlets. Stalls will be cleaned by maintenance staff before your arrival and a walk through can be conducted on Thursday October 6, 2016. Stalls will be rented out AS IS. No additional cleaning or service will be performed by maintenance staff. Horse stalls are rustic, open, outdoor shelter used primarily for housing horses during horse shows. The floor of the stall is made up of wood shavings. Due to fire code, vendors may not block the walkway underneath the stalls with their merchandise. Festival-goers must be able to walk from one stall to the next without having to walk out from under the covered walk way. Exhibitors must stay within their assigned spot. Please do not expand your space past your 12’ X 22’ stall. Vendors will be asked to rearrange their set-up if any of this occurs.**

- _____ 3. **All assignments are made first come, first served.**

- _____ 4. Exhibitors will need to provide all materials/equipment for set-up (tables, chairs, backdrops, etc.).

- _____ 5. The exhibitor display should in no way harm, destroy, or leave lasting evidence.

- _____ 6. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own sign to identify the booth.

- _____ 7. The festival opens to patrons each day at 10 AM and closes at approximately 5 PM. You may set your own hours for your booth; however, you must be **in park limits and parked in designated areas, no later than 9 AM on Saturday and Sunday**. All vendors must place parking pass around rearview mirror at all times while at festival.

- _____ 8. A **non-refundable fee of \$35** will be charged to all spaces in Barns A & B (near the Craft stage). The fee is the same regardless of whether you set up for one day, or all three days. A **non-refundable fee of \$25** will be charged to all spaces in Barns C & D (behind the Gazebo Stage). The fee is the same regardless of whether you set up for one day, or all three days.

- _____ 9. *Cotton Ginning Days* is held rain or shine – no fees will be refunded in the event of inclement weather.

Gaston County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to reject any application if vendor’s wares do not meet guidelines. If any applicant does not follow guidelines, the vendor will be asked to leave with no refund on vendor fee.

Please initial beside numbers, sign below, and return your application to Gaston County Parks & Recreation.

I have read and understand the guidelines for Cotton Ginning Days Arts & Craft Vendors.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Arts & Crafts Sale Application

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED, READ & SIGN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SHEET, AND RETURN WITH YOUR FEE TO:

Mailing Address:

Gaston County Parks & Recreation
PO Box 1578
Gastonia, N.C. 28053

Street Address:

1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy
Dallas, N.C. 28034
(Located @ Citizen's Resource Center)

Barn A & B \$35 Barn C & D \$25

Checks should be made payable to: **Gaston County Parks & Recreation.**

Number of spaces desired: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Days Planning to Attend: ()

Fri., Oct. 7

Sat., Oct. 8

Sun., Oct. 9

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please List Types of Arts and/or Crafts Available In Your Booth:

****List ONE ITEM to be featured on the Crafter Handouts:** _____

(Item's will not be listed if application is received after September 23rd due to printing turn around time.)

****Note:** *If people call requesting a name and number for a crafter after the Cotton Ginning Days event, do you give us permission to do so? If so, please list name & phone number below.*

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE WAIVER BELOW:

I hereby and release and hold harmless Gaston County Parks & Recreation and GAMTRA (Gaston Agricultural, Mechanical and Textile Restoration Association), co-sponsors of Cotton Ginning Days, of all manner of suits or claims arising from loss or damage to my possessions or person. As an outdoor festival, the operation of any event is subject to prevailing weather conditions. Any cancellation due to inclement weather does not relieve the vendor of its financial obligation. Furthermore, I have read the guidelines on the previous page and agree to abide by all the rules as stated. I realize that if I do not adhere to the guidelines, I will not be invited to participate in future festivals.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***If you have any questions, please contact Josh Henderson at 704-922-2164 or FAX 704-922-2166.**