



Connecticut's Largest Agricultural Fair

Dear Crafter:

Happy New Year!! I can't believe it's that time of the year again to start gearing up for the upcoming 2015 Durham Fair. I'm pleased to say that there will be **NO** price increase again this year. I will be changing the layout of the Crafts Tent a little bit this year. Rows A and F (the ones running along the inside of the tent) will not have any aisles. They will just run consistently down the side. The only corners will be in the middle of the tent. With that said there will be less corners. On the bright side, I will be adding 16 feet in length to the tent which I think will be about 6-8 10 foot craft vendors. Depending on the size of their booths. This will be the biggest size I can do considering there is a permanent building now behind us. So needless to say, corners will be in very high demand this year. It will be a first come first serve with the vendor having **ALL** of their paperwork, insurance certificate and check enclosed.

Attached is the application to lease space in the Crafts Tent at the Durham Agricultural Fair. The Durham Fair will be held on **September 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2015**. Should you want to be considered as a lessee for the rental of space, please fill out the required information on the attached application and return it to me **before May 1, 2015**.

*Please do **not** send any money, check(s), certificate of insurance, or merchandise with your application as they are not processed until your contract is completed in full.*

All applications are evaluated and contracts for those applications which are accepted will be mailed out after the evaluation. Applications that have not been accepted will receive a letter stating so.

Filling Out the Application:

Your application will be delayed or not processed without all the requested information. **Even if you have been a vendor in the past, complete information is mandatory.** All applications must be legible.

- Provide a **complete** description of your product. This includes an explanation of your craft that describes in detail your product as well as the steps involved in its construction. **Only those specific items described on your application may be sold.**
- **Provide a current photograph of your booth and products.** This should include your craft, workshop, craft in progress and display must also be provided. **This is mandatory even if you have been with us in the past, as our staff cannot be expected to recall a prior year individual booth setup due to the volume of vendors we work with.**

Base Fees for Rental Space:

CRAFT VENDOR:	FOOD VENDOR:
10' x 10' space = \$ 600	10' x 10' space = \$ 800
10' x 15' space = \$ 900	10' x 15' space = \$1200
10' x 20' space = \$1200	10' x 20' space = \$1600
10' x 30' space = \$1800	10' x 30' space = \$2400

This charge includes standard 110-volt electrical outlet(s) with a maximum amperage draw of 20 amps per booth. Additional charges will apply if amperage exceeding 20 amps is required.

Vendors who sell items that can be easily and readily eaten by the patrons, i.e. nuts, candy, pastries, etc. are considered Food Vendors (Food Vendors may be subject to Health Inspection).

There is a 10% surcharge of the total fee for all corner spaces. Applicants must check the appropriate box on the application to indicate their interest. The Craft Committee will do their best to honor all requests; however, there is no guarantee that you will receive a corner space. **First come first served.** Final placement of the vendors is at the discretion of the Superintendent. This means that all requirements of the contract must be satisfied before a corner space will be considered and granted.

Vendor Requirements:

On the application, please indicate if you are going to purchase insurance through the Durham Agricultural Fair Association or supply a certificate of insurance. Insurance cost is \$70 per vendor contract. If you are accepted as a vendor, a valid Certificate of Insurance with the Durham Agricultural Fair Association, Inc. listed as an "Additional Insured" AND as the "Certificate Holder" must be sent in with your contract, or your contract cannot be executed. We ask that you send in the certificate when you send in your payment. **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL FAIR TIME TO REQUEST YOUR CERTIFICATE!**

A Ground Fault Interrupter Circuit Plug must be used in all booths. I will be checking each booth this year as the building inspector wants this to be mandatory in my tent. I will have extra Circuit Plugs that you can purchase for \$50.00

A five (5) lb. dry chemical fire extinguisher must be in all booths. I will also have extras fire extinguishers for you to purchase for \$30.00.

All booths must have sides and a backdrop. Those crafters without sides and a backdrop will not be allowed to setup until these requirements have been met.

Fair Hours:

Vendor booths must be staffed and operational during all hours of the fair. The hours for the 2015 Durham Fair are: Thursday, 4pm-10pm, Friday, 9am-10pm, Saturday, 9am-11pm, and Sunday, 9am-7pm.

Other:

Many of our vendors have worked with us for numerous years, however, not everyone may be aware that the Durham Fair is entirely operated by volunteers, most of who have families and jobs and take on this daunting task due to our love of the fair. We want to answer each of your questions and get you the information you need. We ask that you bear in mind that we are working with hundreds of vendors and as we are volunteers may not be at the phone each time you call. The BEST way to contact me is via e-mail at:

karen.andrukiewicz@gmail.com. **If you need to speak to me at any time, you can always reach me at: (860) 559-7892.**

I look forward to receiving your application for this year's Durham Fair.

Sincerely,

Karen Andrukiewicz

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