



## **Bear on the Square Mountain Festival Call For Artists 2023**

Bear on the Square Mountain Festival is an authentic Mountain Festival featuring bluegrass and old-time music, traditional art and craft, folk art, dance and storytelling. The Festival Committee is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and support the artistic and cultural traditions of the Georgia Mountains and Southern Appalachian Region. More info available at [www.bearonthesquare.org](http://www.bearonthesquare.org).

### SHOW LOCATION, DATE, HOURS:

Located on the Historic Public Square of Dahlonega, Georgia.

April 15 - 16, 2023.

Saturday 10AM-6PM, Sunday 10AM-5PM.

### FEES:

New for 2023: There is a **non-refundable Application Fee of \$15** for each applicant, payable via check or Paypal at time of mailing. You must send an application fee of \$15 with your application or make the payment via Paypal at this link: <https://bearonthesquare.org/artist-payment/> at the same time that you mail your application to be considered for entry. Your printed, paper application must be mailed. Paypal account names should match the name on your application.

The booth fee is **\$175 for a 10'x10' space and \$350 for a 10'x20' space**.

Due to changes in the city's power outlets, we cannot offer electrical hookup.

Loud equipment or generators are prohibited.

If accepted, you will have two weeks to mail your booth fee or pay by Paypal.

### ARTIST REQUIREMENTS:

Items must be handmade by the artist who is selling the work. Kits or commercially manufactured items are prohibited.

Commercially produced products printed with artwork such as t-shirts, coffee mugs, etc. are not allowed. If you have questions regarding art prints, please email us for policy details. Only work presented for the application/jury process may be sold, and all items must be submitted at the time of the application. Exhibitors are selected by our jury based on design, quality and presentation of work. Quality of craftsmanship, educational element, and compatibility with the mission of the festival will be given the most weight.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Submit the following items by mail no later than FEBRUARY 1, 2023:

- 1) Three printed photographs showing a representative variety of your work.
- 2) One photo of your booth display.
- 3) Application form with a full and accurate description of all work to be sold.
- 4) Artist statement describing your work and how it fits and supports the mission of the festival.
- 5) \$15 Application Fee via check or Paypal payment.

All work is juried by the Marketplace Jury Committee, a peer review. Previous exhibitors do not have automatic acceptance and are required to submit new photos and all paperwork each year. All of the above items must be received by February 1, 2023. Notice of acceptance or declination will be emailed by February 20, 2023.

#### SET UP:

Set up for Marketplace booths begins at 6PM on Friday, April 14th.

**Do not attempt to unload any items on the sidewalks or to begin set up before 6PM!**

Please do not violate traffic or parking laws by parking your vehicle, especially with a trailer attached, in an unlawful manner prior to the streets being closed at 6PM. Participants must bring their own 10'x10' festival tent, chairs, etc. Festival tents must be properly secured with weights, with a minimum weight of 30 pounds on each of four legs. The festival is a rain or shine event.

There will be approximately 3' between each booth that should only be used for customer traffic. Artists are encouraged to set up their booth so that it will be shopped from the outside (on three sides).

MAILING ADDRESS:

Bear on the Square Mountain Festival  
Attention: Deanne Freeman  
P.O. Box 1015  
Dahlonega, GA 30533

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Deanne Freeman, Marketplace Chair, may be reached at  
bearartistmarket@gmail.com  
Janice Hall or Pat Shields, Committee reps, at 706-207-1335

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**2023 BEAR ON THE SQUARE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL  
MARKETPLACE APPLICATION**

DATES: April 15-16, 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2023

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Booth Fees: \_\_\_\_\_ Single 10x10 \$175 \_\_\_\_\_ Double 10x20 \$350

I will be donating a piece of my art for Friday night's fund raising auction for the non-profit Bear on the Square Festival. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required):  
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Website:  
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Description of work, use back of application if necessary:  
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I'll be paying my \$15 Application Fee via \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ Paypal at this link: <https://bearonthesquare.org/artist-payment/> Make sure the name on your Paypal account matches the name you use on your application. Mail application, 3 photos, booth photo, Artist Statement & \$15 Application fee to: Bear on the Square Mountain Festival, Attention: Deanne Freeman, P.O. Box 1015, Dahlonega, GA 30533. Thank you for your interest!