



## **CALL FOR ARTISTS ANNUAL ALL ARTS EXHIBITION**

The All Arts Council seeks about twenty artists for a large exhibition at the 40th annual Vermont Maple Festival, April 28-30, 2006, in St. Albans, Vermont. Each year, this exhibit boasts (and showcases) some of the best artists of Franklin County.

The 2006 show is open to Franklin County area artists in all media except video and installations. Past shows have included exceptional oil and watercolor paintings, fine art photographs, mixed media, pysanki, and sculpture.

No Entry Fee. Commission on sales.

Information packets are available at [www.AllArts.org](http://www.AllArts.org)

Entries should be mailed to:

All Arts Council of Franklin County

Post Office Box 1

Highgate Springs VT 05460-0001



## APPLICATION PROCESS

The AAC Festivals are open to all artists residing in Franklin County, Vermont. Artists from outside Franklin County, Vermont, may be included in some shows on a space available basis. This page summarizes the AAC guidelines and standards. AAC Exhibit Policies are strictly enforced.

### APPLICATIONS

- The postmark deadline is March 15, 2006.
- If you are not an AAC member or your work is not known to the Exhibit Director:
  - Send a CD (preferred) with up to six representative images in .TIF or .JPG format or up to six slides or 8"x10" prints. CDs/Photos/Slides submitted with application for jurying must clearly represent 50 percent of the work the applicant will display and must be no more than two (2) years old.
  - If the work is selected for inclusion in the show(s) for 2006, the slides/photos will be returned at your FIRST show.
  - Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you would like your CD/Photos/Slides returned.
- Information as to the status of applications or who is accepted to which shows will not be given out prior to notices in the mail.
- Questions about the applications must be directed to the Exhibit Director.
- Only those applications that are complete and have application fees with them will be processed.
- Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for completion and will remain subject to deadline dates.
- Signature of the applicant is required on application as proof the applicant has read, understands, and will abide by AAC Exhibit Policies and Rules.

### ELIGIBILITY

- AAC Festivals are open to all artists residing in Franklin County, Vermont. Artists from outside Franklin County, Vermont, may be included in some shows on a space available basis.
- All work displayed for sale must be of the artist's original design and executed by the artists/exhibitor.
- Work should demonstrate skill and mastery of the medium.
- Reproductions or prints of original work must involve hand work or direct supervision by the artist.
- Commercial studios involved in volume production are not eligible for participation.

### APPLICATION or ENTRY FEES

- There is no entry fee for the AAC/Vermont Maple Festival exhibit for applications received on time.
- There is no booth or space fee for this show but there is a commission on sales.
- Applications placed and received AFTER the Postmark deadline will be assessed a \$25 handling fee.

## SALES

- All sales are subject to a commission of 20%.
- All exhibitors must have a VT Sales Tax number clearly visible in their booth and collect 6% Vermont Sales Tax. For a vendor application, contact Vermont Department of Taxes--Taxpayer Services Division, PO Box 547, Montpelier, VT 05601-0547, or call 802.828.2551.
- The AAC will provide sales services for AAC members only who have not yet obtained a Tax ID or merchant account.



## THE SELECTION PROCESS

### JURYING (IF APPLICABLE)

- Jurying for AAC festivals is done by an expert who sees only exhibitors' CD images or slides. AAC directors may sit in with jurors and provide additional information from the application.
- Jurying is blind. The identity of the juror(s) will be published before the event.
- Jurying as to quality of work is done based on the CD/photos/slides submitted by the applicant. (Quality of the slides/photos and accuracy in representation of the work is the responsibility of the applicant.)
- Work presented for jurying must represent at least 80 percent of the work to be displayed and or sold at the Exhibit.

### SELECTION OF EXHIBITORS

- Selection of exhibitors is based on a combined score of (a) originality, (b) craftsmanship, and (c) compatibility with the show.
- The number of accepted applicants will be determined by the available space.

### NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION IN AAC FESTIVALS

- Notification of participation in the AAC/Vermont Maple Festival exhibit will be made by April 9.
- AAC reserves the right to refuse any application.

## EXHIBIT INFO

### ARTIST ON SITE

- AAC requires the artist who created the work or a family member to be on site at all festivals. No agents, dealers, or other representatives may attend in place of the artist.

### INDOOR EXHIBIT SPACE

- The AAC will supply a table and tabletop easels for each exhibitor.
- Exhibitors may use their own booths or exhibit props but must clear their equipment with the show director before the beginning of the show.

### OUTDOOR EXHIBIT SPACE

- "Booth" means Tarps, Tents, Sidewalk Display Framework and so on. The exhibitor's entire booth and exhibit must fit within the booth site measurements. If the exhibitor plans to use a tarp, tent or any type of structure, all supports for that structure must fit within the site area.
- Total display area must be within the allocated booth site size.
- Exhibition of work should not cause traffic problems that will infringe on neighboring exhibitors (i.e. side displays which cause customers to step into the neighbor's area.)



## IDENTIFICATION

- All exhibitors must wear a name tag.
- All exhibitors must have a Vermont Sales Tax number clearly visible in their booth and collect 6% Vermont Sales Tax on any sales.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- If an exhibitor is absent from a show without notifying AAC of an emergency, a refund will not be made and the exhibitor loses eligibility for the next year's show.

## PARKING

- There are no assigned parking spaces for exhibitors, and parking is at a premium around St. Albans during the Vermont Maple Festival.
- We recommend arriving early each day.

## BREAKDOWN AND DEPARTURE FROM THE FESTIVAL

- All exhibitors are required to remain at their booths, with booths intact, until the advertised time of the shows' closings.
- Exhibitors will make themselves available and leave their merchandise on view for sale until the close of the show.
- Exhibitors will assist the AAC to knockdown the exhibit tables and displays.
- Exhibitors will leave their booth space "broom clean" and will assist the AAC to return the borrowed exhibit hall back to pristine condition. We want to leave the space looking better than we found it.

## ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

- ***NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL DRUGS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE SITE OF ANY AAC FESTIVAL.***

## COMMON COURTESY AND RESPECT

- AAC will deal honestly and courteously with exhibitors. It is expected that exhibitors will also deal honestly and courteously with AAC volunteers, other exhibitors and with the public attending. Any use of obscene language and/or abusive behavior will cause the exhibitor to be removed from the show and may limit his/her ability to attend future shows for which they may have all ready be accepted. Abusive and nuisance behavior may also result in non-consideration of future applications.
- Any exhibitor found to be in violation of AAC Festival Policies or Rules will be asked to immediately make necessary adjustments. If this is not done, the exhibitor will be asked to leave the show without refund of fees and may be barred from participation on future shows at the discretion of the Special Events Committee.