

2026 Sunflower Festival Artist/Craftsperson Application & Agreement

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FESTIVAL DATE: Saturday, August 29, 2026, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 1, 2026, at midnight.

LOCATION: Mountainair, NM

- Main Street in front of The Shaffer Hotel
- Ripley Avenue between Main and Broadway
- Monte Alto Plaza on Main Street, across from the Shaffer Hotel, Mountainair
- Mustang Square on Broadway and Summit, Mountainair

Applications are due **June 1, 2026** to be reviewed for acceptance to the festival. A jury will select the applications for the festival, and those accepted will be notified to pay. The number of exhibitors will be limited to 50, and all booths will be outside.

TO APPLY:

- Complete the online form below
- Submit 3 images of your artwork that reflect works to be exhibited. Submit by:
 - uploading LINKS to your images on the application page
 - emailing images to mmacevents@gmail.com
 - mailing a hard copy application with photos to:

Sunflower Festival/MMAC
PO Box 534
Mountainair, NM 87036

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2026—NO EXCEPTIONS

Applicants will be notified of acceptance via email or phone by June 15, 2026.

Upon acceptance into the festival, booth fee is due by July 15 through PayPal link or mail.

No refunds after July 15, 2026

Submit questions to mmacevents@gmail.com OR c/o Sunflower Festival/MMAC, PO Box 534, Mountainair, NM 87036 OR voicemail at 505-847-5068. Also visit our website:

<https://manzanomountainartcouncil.org/category/sunflower-festival/>

Manzano Mountain Art Council (MMAC) retains the right to cancel the festival one week prior to August 29th. In the event of festival cancellation, payments will be refunded.

**New Mexico Sponsor: Manzano Mountain Art Council (MMAC) and the Town of Mountainair.
Supported by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.**

1. Email *

Festival Rules

- The Mountainair Sunflower Festival is held rain or shine
- Artists who do not set up for the event forfeit the registration fee
- Exhibitors must supply their own display, tables, chairs, canopies, tie-downs and/or weights for their display
- **NO ELECTRICITY is available**
- NO EARLY booth tear-downs before 4:00 p.m.
- Accepted artists will receive their booth assignment by email or phone prior to the festival start date
- Assigned spaces will be open for set-up at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, August 29, 2026. No set-up prior to Saturday morning
- Artists agree to exhibit at their own risk. Neither MMAC, its agents, nor the Town of Mountainair shall be held responsible for injury, theft or loss of any kind

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for entry to the Sunflower Festival, submit the application below with images of the work to be exhibited. Applications will be **REVIEWED FOR ELIGIBILITY BY A JURY** for the Mountainair Sunflower Festival, and then artists/craftspeople will be notified of acceptance at which time payment will be required.

Eligibility criteria include the following:

- Quality of artwork
- Originality and Creativity
- Artistic Design
- Technique
- Execution
- Overall Impression of artwork

Guidelines for Eligibility

All work must be handmade, designed, created and produced by the artist/craftsperson.

- No imported goods
- No manufactured items or works produced by someone other than the exhibiting artist
- No forms of machine-made or mass produced work
- No commercial casts, molds or other production items
- No factory produced functional or wearable items, regardless of additional modification or enhancement by the artist/craftsperson
- No kits, patterns, plans, prefabricated forms.
- No mugs, tiles, hats, t-shirts or functional items with reproductions of the artist's original work
- Buy-Sell is prohibited.
- Limited edition, unframed, signed and numbered reproductions of the artist's original work are admissible but must be labeled clearly as such and only constitute 20% of the total booth content.
- All work exhibited must be consistent with the images submitted with the application.

Artists/craftspeople are responsible for complying with the guidelines above and respecting the eligibility criteria. All work will be reviewed for compliance. Artists who do not comply with guidelines will be asked to leave.

Booth Guidelines

The booth must clearly **DISPLAY THE NAME OF THE EXHIBITING ARTIST OR CRAFTSPERSON**. Artwork attractively presented will benefit your sales and contribute to the overall professional appearance of the festival. All artists and vendors are responsible for keeping their space clean during the festival and at end-of-day cleanup. More than one exhibitor may share booth space. A \$10 fee is required for an additional exhibiting artist/craftsperson in the same booth.

Booth Sizes

Outdoor booths (10' x 10') are limited to 50 accepted artists.

Booth Fees:

- \$40 Outdoor Booth for ONE Artist
- \$50 Outdoor Booth for TWO Artists

Amenities:

Water and breaks are provided upon request. Let a festival volunteer know that you need to take a food or restroom break. Breaks are limited to 15 minutes.

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2. I have read and agreed to all terms outlined in the Artist Agreement. *

Check all that apply.

Yes

3. NAME *

4. Mailing Address

5. City, State Zip

6. Phone *

7. I will share my booth space with *

Mark only one oval.

I want a TWO Artist outdoor Booth Space \$50

I am not sharing my Booth - ONE Artist Booth Space \$40

8. Name of second artist (if applicable)

****Each artist or craftsperson must submit separate applications.****

9. Select your type of artwork *

Check all that apply.

Painting

Sculpture

Jewelry

Beadwork

Quilting

Fiber Arts

Metalwork

Woodworking

Glass

Other: _____

Photo of your work.

Each applicant is required to submit 3 examples of their work. The preferred method to do this is uploading examples to this form (below). Uploading requires a gmail.com email address. If you do not have a gmail.com email, please submit your photos by email or snail mail.

!! If you are emailing your images, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN EACH IMAGE NAME. Example - JohnDoe_Example1, JohnDoe_Example2, JohnDoe_Example3 !!