

# Frequently Asked Questions about the Flathead Lake Festival of Art 2017

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## ***When is the Festival?***

Saturday, July 29, 10am to 6pm

Sunday, July 30, 10am to 5pm.

## ***Where is the Festival?***

On the edge of the bay at Sacajawea Park, three blocks from downtown Polson. Sacajawea Park is a scenic location, highly visible from Highway 93, with direct views of the Mission Mountains across the bay.

## ***Why should artists consider doing this show?***

The Flathead Lake Festival of Art is a relatively young show, the Sandpiper Art Gallery is not new to the business of putting on a successful event. Sandpiper has been producing a well-attended one-day festival the second Saturday of August, since 1971. Flathead Lake Festival of Art has been moved to the last weekend in July to benefit from higher tourist visitation to the Flathead valley and lake area.

## ***What kinds of art & craft can be in the Festival?***

Flathead Lake Festival of Art emphasizes quality fine art and fine craft from Montana and the northwest. Although there are a few cross-over artists from the Sandpiper's one-day festival in August and this two-day festival, FLFA draws a greater number of fine artist and artisans and is more stringently juried. Categories include painting, drawing, jewelry, clay, glass, sculpture, photography, wood, leather, fiber, basketry, and mixed media.

All work must be attributed solely to the displaying artist. For two-dimensional artists, reproductions and giclee's are allowed, but must not comprise a majority of the hanging work.

## ***How do artists & artisans apply to be an exhibitor?***

Applications are available four ways: as a download from the website at [Sandpiperartgallery.com](http://Sandpiperartgallery.com), in person at the Sandpiper Art Gallery at 306 Main Street in Polson, have an application mailed to you by calling the gallery at 883-5956, or email us at [festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com)

Mail in the completed application, along with a CD of JPG images (3 of work, 1 of booth) and check for application fee.

## ***What is the fee?***

The non-refundable application fee is \$25. Booth fee per 10x10 space is \$175 Double booth fee 10x20 is \$325.

The non-refundable application fee of \$25 is for a maximum of two categories. Submission of art in more than two categories is permissible, but an additional CD and \$25 application fee must be completed for additional categories. There is no additional booth fee for multiple categories.

***What are the dates to apply by?***

Completed applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2017. Applications will be juried by a panel of Festival committee members, and results mailed the first week of May, 2017.

***Can exhibitors share booths?***

Only artists who collaborate on the displayed work may share a booth. Both artists must be listed on the application.

***What kind of booth do I need?***

Booth spaces are 10 feet by 10 feet. Sturdy canopy tents are recommended, with weights on all four legs, as rain and wind are always possible. If you use a display table, it must have a covering that hangs to the ground. Your booth must be safe for the public and Sandpiper Gallery assumes no liability if it is not.

***When is set up and tear down?***

You may set your booth up without merchandise on Friday, July 28 from 4-8pm. Set up time will also be available Saturday morning from 6am to 9am. Festival staff will be on hand each day to give you your Festival packet and help you locate your space. There will be overnight security both Friday and Saturday, however each artist exhibits at his or her own risk. Sandpiper Gallery is not responsible for damage, theft, or loss from any cause.

Parking zones for unloading and loading will be clearly marked and will be staffed by volunteers. Festival packets will include a parking permit and instructions

Tear down will be at 5pm on Sunday, July 30. Exhibitors are expected to stay through 5pm and not begin taking down their booths before that time.

***What if I need a break during the Festival?***

For short bathroom breaks or to fetch food, Sandpiper Gallery volunteers are available. You will be given a green flag to hang out on your booth if you need help.

***Additional Questions????***

Contact Festival Chairpersons, Sherry Jones 406-270-9727 or Carole Carberry 803-968-4678, or e-mail your questions to [festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:festivals.sandpiperartgallery@gmail.com) .