



Registration
Thursday
September 5th
5:30 pm
USCA Convocation Center

Show Schedule
Friday
September 6th
9 am - 6 pm
&
Saturday
September 7th
9 am - 5 pm

Park Avenue in
Downtown Aiken
Between Chesterfield
and Union Streets

Crafter Information

Show Director
Dianne Phillips
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**Keep for future
reference**

- All applicants must remit a non-refundable check/money order for \$30 to be cashed upon receipt and processing of your application.
- All applications are sent to a jury to determine acceptance into the show. Past participation does not guarantee entry. The competition changes every year, so vendors should keep their product fresh. A limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category.
- The jury cannot physically examine vendor products, so they must rely on your photos. Send quality photos on photo paper that represent all work to be sold. There are six required photos. Please do not send any additional photos.
 1. A photo of **YOU working** in your studio, home, garage, etc.. We know it may be messy; we don't care. We want to see YOU in action. If you create your product in multiple stages, you may want to submit a photo page of the stages (thumb nails, but not so many that they are too small) i.e. If you create your own clay beads for your jewelry, show the process.
 2. Two photos of the vendor booth. Make sure it shows a great presentation. Neat, not too cluttered displays, table coverings to the floor to hide any storage you may have under them.
 3. Three different photos of vendor product. These photos should be close up shots of individual pieces so the jury can see the quality of your product. Do not submit a close up of your display with too many pieces in the photo.
- Photos will not be returned and are used during the show to compare product submitted to the jury with product being sold.
- There is no rain date for the event.
- Layout is determined by the Event Committee.
- Spaces are a minimum 10 ft wide and 10 ft deep. Storage during operating hours will be available outside you 10' x 10' space. All parts of the vendor's tent, product, etc. must be contained within this area.
- Vendors may rent two spaces, and must submit payment for both with the application.
- Vendors may not "rent" their space, or any part of it, to anyone not represented in the application. Only the artist(s) that submitted the entry may display and sell at the show. Do not bring products of others to sell for them. This is grounds for removal from the show.
- Electrical hook ups are **NOT** available in the craft area. Vendors may use "silent" generators or battery operated items. Please be considerate of your neighbors when setting up generators.
- Security is provided on Thursday and Friday nights. However, the Aiken Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for loss or damage for any reason.
- This is an outdoor show and no vehicles or trailers are allowed in the show area. Vendors will not have immediate access to their vehicle or trailer once set-up is complete.
- Parking is available outside of the show area on any public street in any legal parking space. Vendors must follow all posted parking rules and regulations to avoid receiving a ticket or being towed. **It is illegal to move street barricades at any time.**
- Space assignments will be given at registration. All vendors must be ready for customers by 8 a.m. each day.
- Late registration is Friday morning at 7 a.m. at the show's Information Booth located on the corner of Park Avenue and York Street.
- Unfortunately, we do not have the staff to offer vendors a break from their booth. Vendors should work with each other for booth coverage if necessary.
- Failure to comply with the rules, disorderly conduct, or verbal abuse by any vendor or assistant will result in immediate expulsion from the show.
- Refunds are not given for any reason. (Rain, illness, time conflict, etc.)
- Notice of acceptance/denial will be mailed by March 30, 2024.

Please do not apply to Aiken's Makin' if you wish to sell any of the following:

- Imports and mass produced items, buy-sell items, or any item not made by the submitting vendor
- Commercially molded pottery, sculpture, or jewelry
- Items made from kits or assembled from pre-manufactured components
- Work produced by anyone other than the submitting vendor
- Unlimited offset reproductions of paintings, drawings, prints, or photographs
- Products represented by mail order companies, such as baskets or embroidery items
- Clothing or items with pre-printed decals/logos

Checklist for Aiken's Makin' Craft Vendor Applicants

- Completed and signed application
- Artist statement about your creative process, attach a separate piece of paper (how you make your art/craft)
- 6 Quality photos stapled to photo sheet (as instructed)
- Checks or money orders each payable to GACC (**at least two checks, potentially three**)
 - One check for application Fee \$30
 - One check for booth(s) fee (see calculation on page 3)
 - Separate check for end cap fee if applicable (see calculation on page 5 included)
Remember this should be a separate check
- Business sized self-addressed stamped envelope
- Applicant should keep page 1 and 2 for reference purposes



Applications must be postmarked by February 29, 2024
(We cannot make exceptions to this date. The waiting list is comprised of applicants who could not be accepted based on spaces available.)

This application may be duplicated or printed more than once.

Return application and all required materials to:
Aiken Chamber of Commerce
Aiken's Makin'
PO Box 892
Aiken, SC 29802

Aiken's Makin' 2024 Crafter Application

Exhibitor Name: _____ Company: _____
(official contact person) (appears on the list available to the public)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell or Best Contact Phone: () _____ Web Address: _____

E-mail: _____

(After acceptance additional correspondence will arrive via email.)

Driver's License # & State: _____ SC Retail License Number: _____

(SC requires all vendors to have a SC retail license)

Category (circle only one category)

Art Ceramics/Pottery Clothing/Accessories Jewelry Home/Garden Edible Goods

Glass Crafts Metal Work Needlecraft Woodcraft Other Toys

Description of items to be sold: _____

Special Requests: _____

We will do our best to meet requests but cannot guarantee them. Requests do not affect show eligibility.

of 10 ft x 10 ft spaces needed _____

@ Aiken County Rate \$210 or

@ Non-County Rate \$235 (Circle one)

Amount enclosed \$ _____ **Limit two spaces**

**Please consider me
for an End Cap
Check box to be considered
Include additional check**

Checks or Money Orders payable to Aiken Chamber of Commerce (GACC) should be submitted with the application. Booth fee checks will only be cashed upon acceptance on March 30th and not before.

I understand the decision of the Aiken's Makin' jury is final. If accepted, I agree to abide by the event rules and regulations. Also, I do hereby discharge the Aiken Chamber of Commerce and the Aiken's Makin' Show from all manner of actions, suits, damages, claims and property while participating in the Aiken's Makin' Show. I/we give permission for photos, images, or depictions of accepted vendor, to Aiken's Makin' to be used for show promotion purposes.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

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I am planning to bring a
quiet generator

Vehicle Information: If you are bringing multiple vehicles, please include information for all.

Attach additional sheet of paper if required.

Make/Model: _____ Color: _____ Tag ID: _____ State: _____

Trailer: _____ Enclosed or Flat Bed (circle one) Tag ID: _____ State: _____

Photo Display Sheet - Please overlap photos

Attach artist statement here

Staple Here

Staple one (1) photo of you **WORKING** in your workshop
(or wherever you create your works of art!)

HERE

Show us your artistic space

Please do not send a "posed glamour" shot
We want to see the "crafter/artist" at work

Attach two booth photos here.

Two different photos
(*Staple second one on top.)

Attach one (1)

This should be a close-up of your work, so
the jury can see the detail in your work

Art or Craft Photo
(1 of 3)

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Send to:

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PO Box 892, Aiken, SC 29802**

Attach one (1)

This should be a close-up of your work, so
the jury can see the detail in your work

Art or Craft Photo
(2 of 3)

Attach one (1)

This should be a close-up of your work, so
the jury can see the detail in your work

Art or Craft Photo
(3 of 3)

Please staple your pictures – DO NOT GLUE. There should be 6 pictures total.

Quality photos only, no slides please.

Total number of photos required: six (6)

All six (6) photos must fit on this page.

It is OK to overlap photos.

Applicant certifies that the submitted photos above accurately depict applicant's materials and are the sole work and ownership of applicant. By placing my signature below, I agree to be bound by the Aiken's Makin' show rules, limitations & procedures.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please sign here

Corner/End Cap Details

The Aiken's Makin' Show offers the opportunity to purchase a *corner* or *end cap* space. The sample map below shows how the *end cap* looks. With the new "turn-around" layout we can offer additional corner/end cap locations in the center of the block.

Here are the rules:

- Vendors purchasing **two** spaces will be considered first for an *end cap* placement. The request does not assure applicant of placement. There are limited *end caps* available. If you are applying for a single space and would like to be considered for *end cap* placement, please mark your application accordingly. Double spaces will be given preference for *end cap* availability.
- To be considered for an *end cap*, the applicant should complete the Aiken's Makin' application and all attachments and submit a check for the spaces to be purchased (**do not include the fee for the end cap in this check in case you are not selected to receive end cap placement, we can just return the second check**).
- If you want to be considered for an end cap, please include one check for your booth rental (see page 3 for calculation). A second check for the end cap fee of \$220 should also be submitted. If you are only applying for one space and want to be considered for an end cap, your second check should be for \$110. If not selected to receive an *end cap*, the second check will be returned to the vendor with the event notification.
- The *end cap* will measure 20 feet across the back and front of the booth and be 10 feet deep. All products and materials must be contained within this space. Single space end cap will measure 10' x 10' with the option to be open on the front and one side. If a vendor is chosen to receive an *end cap*, they can choose to have their booth open across the front and put walls on the sides, or they can keep their booth open on three sides of their display, so shoppers can access their product from all three sides.
- The *end caps* will be assigned by the Aiken's Makin' jury.

Please feel free to email or call Dianne Phillips at dphillips@aikenchamber.net or 803.645.0169 with any questions regarding this feature.

