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## Grounds For Sculpture Holiday Artisan Market 2026

**November 28, 2026** | 9AM – 5PM

**November 29, 2026** | 9AM – 4PM

Celebrate the spirit of the season and showcase your craft. **The Holiday Artisan Market at Grounds For Sculpture** marks the festive beginning of the Yuletide season, drawing visitors eager to experience the magic of handmade artistry and holiday charm.

This event highlights talented artisans across a variety of disciplines, including art, textiles, ceramics, glass, woodworking, antiques, and gardening.

We invite you to apply and be part of a unique event and the beginning of the holiday season.

**APPLY NOW:** [Grounds For Sculpture Holiday Artisan Market 2026 Application](#)

*Deadline to apply is Friday, August 14, 2026*

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## VENDOR DETAILS

### DATE & TIME

The Holiday Artisan Market is a **two-day event**:

- Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 9AM – 5PM
- Sunday, November 29, 2026 | 9AM – 4PM
- Starting November 1st timed tickets will be sold for morning and afternoon entry slots
- **All artisans must participate in both full days**

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## APPLICATION DETAILS

### TIMELINE

- Applications open: **Monday, July 27, 2026**
- Application deadline: **Friday, August 14, 2026**
- Final decisions announced by: **Friday, September 11, 2026**

### ACCEPTANCE & PAYMENT

- Accepted artisans will receive an email by Friday, September 11, 2026
- Payment must be submitted within **fourteen days (September 25, 2026)** via the provided link
- After Friday, September 25, 2026, **unpaid spaces will be released**

### CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

- No refunds
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## TYPES OF ARTISANS

All vendors must offer **handcrafted products**. Eligible categories include:

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|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| • Print              | • Jewelry                                              |
| • Clothing           | • Metalwork                                            |
| • Accessories        | • Pet accessories                                      |
| • Paint              | • Ceramic                                              |
| • Garden             | • Resin                                                |
| • Glass              | • Candles                                              |
| • Self-care products | • Wood                                                 |
| • Décor              | • Pre-packaged food items (NOT to be consumed on site) |

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## APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

Artisan selection will be made based on quality of product, booth presentation, completeness of the application, and diversity of mediums. We seek to have a variety of product types at the Market and will accept small numbers of artists from each product category. Participation in previous Markets does not guarantee acceptance to the Holiday Market.

### **Applications are reviewed based on:**

- Originality, craftsmanship, and design quality
  - Alignment with the Market's aesthetic and mission
  - Innovative, small-batch, handcrafted production
  - Active and engaging social media presence
  - Artisans must remain for the full two days
  - Positive, collaborative attitude
  - Grounds For Sculpture may use artisan images for promotional purposes (with credit)
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## ARTISAN SPACES & FEES

All spaces for the Holiday Artisan Market are located indoors.

Locations for this Artisan Holiday Market include:

- Seward Johnson Center of the Arts | Welcome Center
- East Gallery
- West Gallery
- Museum Building

*Approximately: 80-100 artisans*

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## LOAD-IN & BREAKDOWN

### LOAD-IN

- **Friday, November 27, 2026 | 10AM – 8PM**
- Buildings will be locked each night

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Artisans are responsible for their own setup and breakdown. Please be adequately prepared.
- Staff cannot provide assistance, carts, or dollies. Should you need help with load-in or load-out, you are welcome to have helpers accompany you during those times.
- Load-in/out location will be provided closer to the date of the Market.
- The location of your space has been determined by Grounds For Sculpture to best utilize the space, protect our collections, and ensure a positive guest experience. We will not be taking any requests for changes in location.

### BOOTH REQUIREMENTS

- All artisans are expected to present a clean and aesthetically pleasing space for the entirety of the Market (no trash, boxes, clutter, etc., should be visible to guests).
- Artisans must remain in their spaces all day. Grounds For Sculpture will provide “booth sitters” for short breaks, but plan accordingly with additional assistance or become friendly with your booth neighbors. Each artisan will receive (2) “Vendor Badges” to allow additional assistance in their space. For any additional help required, please plan to reserve a ticket.

### AMENITIES

- Restrooms and water located nearby
- Food & Beverage available at on-site cafes

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## ELECTRICITY & PAYMENTS

- Electricity is **not guaranteed** at your vendor location. Please plan accordingly if you set up requires power.
  - Vendors must provide:
    - Payment processing setup (cash + card)
    - Hotspot if needed
    - Personal VPN if needed
  - Public Guest WiFi is: "GroundsForSculpture" (no password required & is non-secure)
  - Please ensure ahead of the event that your payment method of choice works with this set-up. We do not have a secure network available for vendors.
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## NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

- Notifications sent via email by **Friday, September 11, 2026**
  - Non-selected applicants may be placed on a waitlist
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## PAYMENT

- Payment due within **14 days of acceptance**, September 25, 2026
- Timeline:
  - **Notifications:** by Friday, September 11, 2026
  - **Payment deadline:** by Friday, September 25, 2026
- Payment via secure online portal (credit card)

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## WAITLIST

- A small waitlist of applicants who submitted materials by the application deadline is kept to fill cancellations and artisans may be contacted up until the week preceding Holiday Artisan Market.
  - If you are not accepted, please do not be discouraged from applying again. The goal of the Market is to allow an equal opportunity for all artisans to share their craft with visitors.
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## PROMOTION

The Holiday Artisan Market will be promoted through:

- The Market will be featured in the Grounds For Sculpture events calendar and website.
- The Market will be promoted through Grounds For Sculpture's Instagram, Facebook and TikTok social media accounts. Vendor photos provided may be used to promote The Holiday Artisan Market on social media.
- The Market will be promoted in regular email communications to guests, members, volunteers, and other community members within Grounds For Sculpture.
- A digital and printed flyer will be developed to promote the event.
- Acceptance and payment for a vendor location serves as permission for Grounds For Sculpture to videotape, film, and photograph you for marketing and promotional purposes.
- All artisans are expected to actively partner with Grounds For Sculpture to help promote the Holiday Artisan Market. Ticketing for the Market opens November 1, 2026! Timed tickets are required.
- Please share Holiday Artisan Market details through emails, printed promotional materials and social media channels. When posting on social media, please tag **@groundsforsculpture** and location for reposting and sharing opportunities.

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## WEATHER

- Event takes place rain, snow, or shine, prepare your items for load-in & load-out accordingly
  - All vendor spaces are **indoors**
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## SECURITY

- Buildings are locked nightly
- Grounds For Sculpture is not responsible for insuring artisan items or displays and cannot accept responsibility for theft or damage.