

Bellaire Farmers Market

Craft Guidelines

Specific criteria for crafts to be sold at the Bellaire Farmers Market: **Artisans/crafters are persons who craft with their own hands the products they offer for sale.** To qualify as an artisan/crafter (to be referred to by “crafter” henceforth) a majority of the tools and equipment used to produce the craft must require skills and personal handling of the materials.

Crafters selling at the Bellaire Farmers Market will be chosen based on their unique and creative abilities. This aids in offering a well-balanced market to consumers and does not inundate the market with one item that EVERYONE sells, but ensures that there is variety for all. The Bellaire Farmers Market jury’s decisions will be based on quality, uniqueness and quantity.

- 1) All crafts must be hand crafted by the vendor or a member of the vendor’s farm or craft unit.
- 2) Crafts must be the product of a home or cottage-type industry using an intermediate type technology rather than an industrial production - in other words: each item is made by hand individually – not mass produced. To be considered “hand crafted”, the item must show evidence of manual skills obtainable only through a significant period of experience and dedication. Examples of unacceptable items may be, but not limited to:
 - Tracings of paint by number, printed materials, ceramics or pottery from commercial (purchased) molds and patterns, embroidery or knitting machines, preprinted fabric craft panels, plans or pre- fabricated forms, wood carvings using duplicating machines, kits in any form.
- 3) Crafter must disclose any ready-made objects that they have enhanced.
 - For example – tie-dyed t-shirts, towels, mass-produced vases, glasses, and the like that have been embellished, decorated or painted, beads and other jewelry parts that have been purchased and not hand produced.
- 4) All crafts must be of excellent workmanship and design.
- 5) No mechanical, optical, digital or electronic reproductions allowed.
 - Exceptions may be considered only IF the work is derived from crafter’s original work.
- 6) Photography will be permitted with the following conditions:
 - It must be original photography of the vendor.
 - “Limited edition reproduction” must be clearly displayed on the reproduced items.
 - Greeting cards, postcards and prints are allowed only with prior Jury approval and must be noted on the application.
- 7) EXAMPLES OF CRAFTS THAT **MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE ARE:**
 - Products or pieces assembled from kits
 - Plastic beads or plastic canvas
 - Plastic and/or synthetic flowers
 - Any doll or doll components such as head, hands and/or feet that is not created by crafter
 - Manufactured or imported baskets
 - Excessive commercial lace on fabric items
 - Using hot glue as the primary method of attached parts
- 8) ALL crafts will be juried by the Bellaire Farmers Market. Craft vendors who add a new category of crafts after jury selection will still have to have the new item juried. EVERYTHING that a vendor wants to sell MUST go through this process. Jury requires examples of each craft that they want to sell; high quality, recent photographs of the crafts and Craft Jury Description Forms must be submitted with the crafter’s Vendor Application. The jury reserves the right to ask for the item to be brought in to be judged.
- 9) The Bellaire Farmers Market Craft Jury will meet as necessary prior to the start of the market season in April.