



# 44th annual Bluffton arts & crafts show information packet

This year's show is Saturday, May 16, 2015  
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Main Street Bluffton, Ohio

Vendor registrations are being accepted now for the May 16 Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce arts and crafts show.

The 44th annual downtown event moves to the third Saturday of May this year, making it Saturday, May 16. In recent years it was held on the Saturday prior to Mother's Day.

This year's show will offer similar events as previous shows including pony rides, the farmers' market, entertainment, lots of food choices in addition the an estimated 70 craft vendor booth.

The Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the show. Jerry Burkholder is the show director. A craft vendor registraion form and information sheet is part of this packet.

## **Food vendor please note:**

We only accept members of our chamber as food vendors.

## **Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce**

**PO Box 142**

**Bluffton, OH 45817**

**419-369-2985, ext. 118**

**blufftonchamber@gmail.com**

**www.explorebluffton.com**

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## Saturday, May 16, 2015 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bluffton, Ohio

### Exhibitor Information

**Show date and hours:** Saturday, May 16, 2015, sale hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no rain date or alternate facility provided. No refunds given if the festival is canceled due to weather.

**WE RECOMMEND EARLY REGISTRATION!**

**Location:** Booths will be set up only on Main Street in downtown Bluffton. Bluffton is located in west central Ohio, Allen County, off Interstate 75 Exit 140 (on the south) and Exit 142 (on the north).

**Booth size:** 15 feet across by 10 feet deep. There are approximately 110 booths available. Exhibitors may register for more than one booth, as needed.

**Fee:** Booth fee is \$40 each; \$60 after May 1. Booths are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis through registration. If you have attended our show in the past and wish the same booth, register early! There is no refund policy.

**Set-up times:** Crafters may begin setting up at 6 a.m. on Saturday. All vehicles must be off the streets by 8:45 a.m.

**Parking:** Parking for crafters will be in the public parking areas only. After unloading, you must move your vehicle to the designated areas. If you require special parking for a medical reason, please notify the chamber CEO in writing prior to the show.

**Guidelines:** All merchandise shall be of a family-oriented nature and not offensive to the public. The Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to refuse any merchandise deemed offensive and not suitable to our festival. We appreciate photos sent to help us determine placement for the event. Photos will be returned to you the day of the event.

### **Rules and regulations:**

- Securing a license/permit allowing the applicant to sell is the sole responsibility of the crafters; a vendor number needs to be listed on application and/or presented the day of the event.
- Business must be conducted within the location assigned to the crafter.
- Crafter must abide by and keep show times as stated. No late arrivals or early departures.
- Crafter must supply own currency change.
- Crafter is responsible for collecting sales tax.
- Crafter must supply own tables, racks, chairs, ect.

**Vendor list requirement:** The Ohio Department of Taxation has requested a list of vendors at our event. To comply with its request we will send the department all vendor names, mailing addresses, vendor license number and type of goods sold within 10 days following our show. Vendors who do not collect, file or pay sales tax on sales are subject to legal action. Only a vendor with a 501 c 3 status may make sales up to six dates per year without collecting and submitting sales tax. If you have this status, please send us a copy of your form.

If you need a vendor's license call your county auditor's office or download an application at [http://www.co.williams.oh.us/auditor/ST\\_1T.pdf](http://www.co.williams.oh.us/auditor/ST_1T.pdf). Bluffton is in Allen County. Our sales tax rate is 6.5 percent.

**Questions?** Call the vendor director: Jerry Burkholder, 419-722-1521; [jlb1646@wcoil.com](mailto:jlb1646@wcoil.com)  
Or Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce at 419-369-2985, extension 118; [Blufftonchamber@gmail.com](mailto:Blufftonchamber@gmail.com)  
Check the chamber website: [www.explorebluffton.com](http://www.explorebluffton.com) for updates and extra copies of the registration form.

**YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED AFTER MAY 1 OF THE LOCATION OF YOUR BOOTH ASSIGNMENT**

**44th annual Bluffton Arts and Crafts Show  
Saturday, May 16, 2015 – Downtown Bluffton, Ohio  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MAY 1, 2015**

**Mail registration form to:**

Jerry Burkholder, 18225 County Road 15, Bluffton, OH 45817  
Make checks payable to: Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Early-bird registration: \$40; All May registrations: \$60

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of items to be sold:

**If you are a representative of a direct selling company, please list the company here. We do our best to screen duplications, but cannot promise you will be the only representative of your company. Our policy is to give preference to the first application received from each direct sales company.**

Returning vendors: Would you like your space from last year? Yes No

No guarantees may be made on booth placement. The exhibitor/craftsperson agrees to assume all risk of loss for theft or damage to the crafter's merchandise and equipment and liability for injury or damage pertaining to participation in the festival. I accept this statement and the rest of the rules and regulations regarding my participation in the festival.

**Signature required:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Glimpse at our 2014 show

