



## How to Apply

1. Complete, sign and return the application along with payment. If you are accepted, this will be your contract. Make a copy for your own records.
2. Send at least five current clear photographs or slides of your craft. Do not attempt to be juried with items you no longer or do not create. Your submission must be an accurate representation of what you are currently creating and selling. Include 2 loose first-class postage stamps for return of photos/slides. Please note: Even though we jury with either slides or photos, we choose from slides for publication in our program and advertisements.
3. Send photos or a detailed, written description of your booth and costume (guidelines are listed below in Rules & Regulations).
4. Make your check payable to Shaker Forest Festival and mail to:

**Shaker Forest Festival  
PO Box 10059  
Alexandria, Virginia 22310**

# Jury Process

Applications postmarked by March 1, 2008 will be considered Early Registration. Applications postmarked after March 1, 2008 will be charged a late fee of \$25.00. Applications must be complete, include full payment and required photos/slides and/or descriptions. Incomplete applications will be returned. Applications will be juried as received and notification of acceptance will be sent within 30 days of receipt. If your work is not accepted, your fee will be returned to you with your notification. All mediums are limited, and preference is given to those applying for both weekends. There is a separate application enclosed for those wishing to apply for the "Demonstrator" category.

As a demonstrator, you must be able to demonstrate your craft from start to finish or a major portion of craft using period appropriate techniques and hand tools, preferably antique. Those accepted into the "Demonstrator" category will be highlighted in the Festival program and will receive \$25.00 per weekend at the close of the show.

# Rules & Regulations

1. YOU MUST HAVE A WOOD DISPLAY BOOTH OR CANVAS AND WOOD TENT. We will only accept E-Z ups, K-D Canopies, Light Domes, etc. with the entire top, ceiling infrastructure and aluminum legs covered-NO EXCEPTIONS. Please contact us to discuss your tent modifications prior to the Festival. PLEASE NOTE: We offer a limited number of booths for rent and for sale as well as modification kits for E-Zups. Please check the web site for additional information on period appropriate booths. If you rent a booth from us it will be erected & dismantled for you.
2. Any containers or boxes stacked behind your booth must be completely covered with the appropriate colored cloth (brown, tan, natural, dark green).
3. Booth signs should be artistic and professional. No SALE signs are permitted.
4. ALL WARES MUST BE HANDMADE BY THE EXHIBITOR. Exhibitors may sell only the types of wares indicated in his/her contract and pictured in submitted photos/slides. You may be asked to remove from your display any items not approved.
5. EVERYONE -- EXHIBITORS AND HELPERS ALIKE -- MUST BE IN 18TH CENTURY OR SHAKER-PERIOD ATTIRE. No Tshirts, tennis shoes or jeans. Helpers will not be permitted on the grounds without proper attire and badges. Phone numbers of seamstresses who can make a period-appropriate costume for you are available on the website. Check the website for additional contacts at: [www.shakerforest.org](http://www.shakerforest.org)
6. For those accepted as a Demonstrator you must demonstrate your craft periodically throughout the day at times of your choosing, or if desired, we will schedule times for your demonstration and will list these in the Festival program.
7. In keeping with the Shaker theme, there will be no electricity or modern equipment available to craft exhibitors, nor are you allowed to bring your own. The only exception may be for Demonstrators only and must be approved prior to set-up.

# About The Festival

The Fourteenth Annual SHAKER FOREST FESTIVAL will be held at:

**Seneca Creek State Park  
11950 Clopper Road  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878**

The park is a virtual 6,600-acre forest and wildlife reserve located in the heart of a major metropolitan area near Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The Festival is held in a beautiful, manicured setting amid a canopy of trees and mulched pathways, with artisans dressed in 18th-century and Shaker-period attire, many demonstrating their skills for Festival-goers. The Festival includes delicious country dining, family entertainment, and of course, only the best artisans available.

The Gaithersburg area in Maryland was chosen for the Festival for many reasons including a tremendously large population base with a high per capita income, which means more discretionary spending. It's also an area which is accessible to major highways, making this spot easily reached from four states.

The Shaker Forest Festival, a juried, invitational show, offers a one- or two-weekend option. It will be held on **Saturdays and Sundays, September 13-14 and 20-21, 2008**. We accept applications for unique, high quality hand-crafted items and artwork in any medium and any style: traditional, folk, contemporary and of course, Shaker. There is a place for everyone and the Festival wants to offer something for all interests. Most mediums are limited so apply early.

The Festival is owned and operated by SMK Shows Incorporated, DBA Shaker Forest Festival. The Festival site offers overnight camping for self-contained motor homes, drive-up unloading for exhibitors, convenient parking for exhibitors' vehicles, and multiple days and extended times for set-up.

## Questions and Assistance

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