

Event Date: Saturday, August 22nd, 2026

Location and History: ArtFest takes place on the Square at Market and Main Streets in downtown Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, with booths surrounding the monument and down Market Street to 3rd Street. Bloomsburg, seat of Columbia County and with a population of approximately 12,000, lies along the Susquehanna River, a few miles from Interstate 80. 2026 marks the eighteenth year that Bloomsburg has hosted ArtFest; Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc., founded the event in 2009, and The Exchange has produced it since 2016. This juried show includes fine art and craft, food from local vendors, seven hours of live music, and artmaking and other activities for children and adults. The event strives to provide a lively, comfortable atmosphere for the general public to see art, meet and talk with artists about their studio practices, and purchase fine artworks. Attendance has grown by more than 100% since the move from Center Street to Market Street in 2017; in 2025, 4,500 people attended.

Hours: Vendors may begin setting up at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 22nd, 2026, before which time Market Street will remain open to traffic. ALL VEHICLES MUST LEAVE THE SHOW AREA BY 9:30 A.M. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with take-down immediately following the close of the event. **VEHICLES MAY NOT DRIVE IN BEFORE ARTFEST STAFF GIVE THE OKAY.** Vendors must have all tents and materials removed from the street by 7:30 p.m., at which time Market Street will reopen.

Weather: THE EVENT WILL HAPPEN RAIN OR SHINE! Vendors MUST keep their booths set up for the duration of the event. We will NOT refund fees on account of the weather, and any vendor who breaks down early without permission from The Exchange forfeits the opportunity to show at ArtFest.

Display: Each artist vendor will have a standard 10-foot-by-10-foot space (we actually measure them at about eleven feet square, to avoid crowding); each food vendor will have a space assigned to her/his needs. While not required, we strongly recommended tents to protect against both sun and rain, and we further recommend that you use a sturdy tent with weights. Vendors will also need to bring their own tables, pedestals, easels, walls, hanging devices, etc. We provide NO electricity, and we do not allow portable generators except for food vendors, who must use generators as quiet as possible.

Art and Artist: ArtFest is an event **only** for artists working to professional standards: Artwork must be the **original** creations of the artist; no kits of any kind allowed, although artists may sell reproductions of their own original work (cards, prints, etc.). ArtFest reserves the right to request removal of any artwork that we deem inconsistent with the work submitted for jurying. Artists **MUST** remain present in their booths during all of the event, brief breaks excepted. Two artists may share a booth, but each must have juried in, each must sign an artist contract, and both must remain present throughout the event.

Music: ArtFest hires local and regional musicians to play throughout the event; styles vary. We ensure that the musicians do not play too loudly for customers and vendors to easily converse.

Food: Food vendors at ArtFest always include some of the best in our area, from food trucks to home-style bakeries. We provide tables and chairs for customers to use while eating.

Parking: Exhibitors will have dedicated space to park on the same street as the event, along Market Street between 3rd and 5th Streets.

Application Deadline: Friday, May 1st, 2026, for both the printed application form and for 3-5 e-mailed images (each no larger than 1 MB at 200 dpi, no larger than 1920 pixels on the longer side, including the artist's last name in each file name). **ALL exhibitors, including returning ones, must send images to Exchange@ExchangeArts.org.** If you need tips, Google "resizing photos". In addition to using the photos for jurying, we will use them for promoting **ArtFest**.

Fees: Booth fees due upon acceptance. After receiving an acceptance notification from **ArtFest** via e-mail or phone (no later than Friday, May 15th, 2026), participating vendors MUST submit the booth fee by check or on-line through Zeffy no later than Friday, June 5th, 2026. We will not accept late fees and will reassign any unpaid space(s). We will notify accepted applicants of how to pay on-line.

Fee schedule: One artist in a booth – \$90. Two artists sharing a booth – \$110. Food vendor – \$100. These fees help to defray the costs of **ArtFest**: We advertise through local and regional print and radio outlets, and we print flyers and posters. We also provide the convenience of "outdoor plumbing" for attendees. (Vendors have use of indoor plumbing courtesy of an adjacent business.) **ArtFest** is supported in part by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Liability: **ArtFest** and The Exchange accept NO liability for damage, theft, or loss of artwork or any vendor's property before, during, or after the event. Vendors have sole responsibility for insuring work during **ArtFest**. Food vendors **MUST** carry liability insurance and **MUST** present proof of such along with their fee.

Sales tax: **ALL VENDORS MUST** have current Pennsylvania sales tax licenses. If you do not yet have one, visit mypath.pa.gov.

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