

27th Annual Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival September 11th & 12th, 2021 Norwich, New York

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

Arrival and Set-up: Festival hours are 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday and 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. Booths should be set up by 9:30 am Saturday and 10:30 am Sunday. Upon arrival, all exhibitors should check in at the ART MARKET, located near the corner of North Broad and West Main streets and present photo ID. Here you will receive your check-in folder with name tags, booth signs, etc. A volunteer will be on hand until 7:00 pm Friday, and starting at 6:30 am Saturday. We encourage you to present donations for the ART MARKET at check-in, so that they will be available for the auction as early as possible.

Set-up begins at noon on Friday. Beginning at 2:00 pm, side streets will close to regular traffic and are *LOADING ZONES ONLY*. Depending on layout changes that may required due to the pandemic, this could change, but we will keep you informed. As a courtesy to others, vehicles should be removed as quickly as they are unloaded and parked in a designated area. NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GRASS AT ANY TIME. The Norwich Police Dept. is just across Main street and provides overnight security, but if you wish to reload your vehicle, you may do so after 6:00 pm on Saturday.

When loading out at the close of the event, please do not move your vehicle from the parking areas until you are packed up and ready to load. Parking space is very limited and your cooperation will help make things go more smoothly. Please be considerate and do not block others' access to their booths or vehicles.

West Park vendor parking is available in the County Office parking lot, behind Howard Johnson's or behind the United Church of Christ (accessible from Hayes street). East Park vendor parking is available in the Frontier parking lot, which can most easily be accessed through a gate on one-way Lackawanna Ave., or at the corner of East Park Place.

Sales Tax Information: Exhibitors must collect NYS sales tax and prominently display a current Sales Tax Certificate at all times; this is required by law. The sales tax rate in Chenango County is 8%, excluding footware and clothing for human use costing less than \$110. To receive a Sales Tax Certificate, contact the NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance by calling 800-698-2909 or 518-485-2889, or visit http://www.tax.ny.gov/bus/ads/webdtf17.htm.

Hospitality Center: A complimentary Hospitality Center will be provided for your enjoyment at the southwest corner of the Courthouse in West Park. Here you will find food, beverages and a place to relax. Your name tag is required for admission.

We will deliver lunches mid-day, or you can take advantage of the selections at the Culinary Court. Lunch tickets will be included in your check-in packet (two lunches per booth per day) and are valid for both deliveries or the Hospitality Center. We can accomodate vegetarian diets, but people with special dietary needs should provide their own meals. We do our best to deliver lunches promptly, but this can be challenging if the walkways are crowded. Please be patient with our volunteers, who do the best they can.

Judging and Awards: Judging begins at 10:00 am Saturday. Awards are:

- Categories with five or more entries receive three awards (1st, 2nd and 3rd);
- Categories with four or more entries receive two awards (1st and 2nd); and
- Categories with three entries or fewer will receive one award (1st).

Award amounts are: 1st - \$200; 2nd - \$100; and 3rd - \$50. A \$200 BEST BOOTH and \$300 BEST OF SHOW AWARDS will also be presented. Award winners are granted jury-exempt status for the 28th Annual Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival, September 10th & 11th, 2022.

Awards will be presented at the complimentary Artist Awards Breakfast Sunday morning at the Broad Street Methodist Church (location tentative at this time), across from the Red Roof Inn. Details and breakfast tickets will be included in your check-in folder.

"ColorCash" Certificates may be presented by shoppers and should be treated the same as cash for the purchase of artwork. Make change as needed, as you will be reimbursed for the full value. Please treat these Certificate holders well, since they are Colorscape's partners. All Certificates must be signed by Celeste Friend, Executive Director, and have an embossed corporate stamp (dated 1999) to be valid. Instructions for redemption are on the Certificates.

Hotels and Lodging:

- The Red Roof Inn in downtown Norwich (former Howard Johnson's) is offering a rate of \$65+tax for Colorscape exhibitors. Call the hotel at 607.334.2200 and tell the desk clerk you are a Colorscape artist to get the discount. If you have any problems ask for general manager, Dana Meyer, or let me know. More info is available at https://www.redroof.com/property/ny/Norwich/RRI1173.
- The Norwich Super 8 is offering a discount rate of \$70+tax for Colorscape artists. If you encounter any problems getting the discount when you call 607.336.8880, ask for the manager, Dana Groff. This motel is on NYS Route 12 at the north edge of the city. You can visit their web site at http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/property_info?property_id=03705&brandInfo=SE
- Fred's Inn offers a rate of \$99.00+tax for a room with a regular king-sized bed for Colorscape artists. Call 607.334.9282 and ask for Chic or David. This facility includes a restaurant and pub, located south of Norwich on NYS Route 12. Check their web site at http://fredsinn.fredsinnparkplace.com/ordereze/splash.html for more information.
- The Splendor Inn Bed & Breakfafst, at So. Broad Street in Norwich is offering a 10% discount on their regular rates to Colorscape artists. Contact Ann or Chris Smith at (607) 336-5003 or splendorinnbb@gmail.com. You can also visit their web site at https://splendorinn.com/

Camping: Camping will be available at the Chenango county fairgrounds. Electrical and septic hook-ups are offered on a first-come basis. You can register for a site and pay your fee when you check in. I will notify you of fees when they are confirmed. Restrooms with showers are also available at the fairgrounds.

Food and Shopping: There is a variety of restaurants and businesses in Norwich and culinary vendors will be present at the festival. Norwich also features galleries, gift shops, a beautifully restored movie theater and a variety of other shops.

Be sure to contact me if you have any questions or problems. I'll see you in September!

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