

45th Annual Renaissance Jamboree

Dear Artist/Crafter,

The Town of Bloomsburg, Bloomsburg University, CGA Inc.'s Program Board, Downtown Bloomsburg Inc., and the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce are happy to sponsor the *2025 Renaissance Jamboree* from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, April 26, 2025. The Main Street, from Iron to West Streets, will be closed to traffic and will feature an arts and craft show and sale. Service agencies and non-profit organizations will sell food and conduct games. Musicians, dancers, vocalists and other performers will entertain thousands of visitors. The event will be held rain or shine. Free parking with shuttle service is provided from Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital parking lot and the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds.

PLEASE READ - REVISED APPLICATION GUIDELINES VERY IMPORTANT

1) 2025 BOOTH RESERVATIONS:

Returning vendors completing the ON-LINE application and space payment fee by **December 31, 2024 will pay an early bird space fee of \$80 per space (limit 3 spaces)**. **Unless otherwise requested, space assignments will be based on the 2024 location.** Any vendor applying after December 31, 2024 will pay an \$90 per space fee. All applications must be received by March 12, 2025. If awarded a space, you will receive an email **no later than March 17, 2025.**

2) ITEMS ALLOWED:

We invite you to sell your **handcrafted, original works** made by you or a member of your immediate family. A **maximum of 10%** of your items displayed may be of the "non-handmade" stature. However, **all non-handmade goods must be accessory items to the actual handmade item**, example: a crafter may sell their handmade candle with a glass holder (non-handmade).

Natural or "edible" crafts such as honey, vinegars, herbs, and related items produced by a crafter will be permitted. However, items should not be designed or packaged to be consumed on the premises and each application will be reviewed to insure items meet this requirement. **If you are selling canned food item(s) you will need to upload a copy of your "Food Safety Handling Certificate" or your card from the PA Dept. of Agricultural, along with your application.**

3) ITEMS NOT ALLOWED:

Vendors of new or used commercially produced items, items made from commercially manufactured kits, or mass produced items available to businesses or shops may not participate in this event. Sale of greenware or craft supplies such as eucalyptus bunches, grapevine wreaths, etc. is not permitted. Sale of Copyrighted or Trademarked item(s) is not allowed.

If there is any question pertaining to the authenticity of a handmade item, the burden of proof will lie on you to validate your merchandise. You may be asked to demonstrate the process of how you make an item. Renaissance Committee members will be monitoring booths during the show, and, if in their determination you are violating the rules, you may be asked to leave and will not receive a refund. Participation in future shows may be banned.

4) BOOTH:

You will be assigned a 10ft square area for your display. If you need a larger area, you need to reserve another space. Please note that the maximum number of spaces allowed per crafter is (3) three.

5) SET UP:

Vendors will not be allowed to set-up their spaces until the completion of marking of all assigned spaces by the committee members or 8:00 am at the latest. Main Street is a section of a State Highway, spaces cannot be marked by the committee until the day of the show. **Do not plan to set-up your display or put items on sidewalk or street before that time.** If you attempt to do this, you may not be invited back next year.

Do not leave your vehicle unattended. Someone should be available at all times to move the vehicle during the set-up period should it be necessary. Approximately 400 people will be setting up their booth displays at the same time. Please be patient during this hectic period and **do not block the road or alleyway.** The roads and alleys need to be clear for **emergency reasons.** Any vehicle illegally parked will receive a ticket and/or towed at owner's expense. All vehicles must be unloaded and moved **off the street by 9:00 am.** People usually start attending the event a little before 10 am. Parking is available behind designated local banks, municipal lots, and the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds. Shuttle bus service from the Fairgrounds begins at 9:30 am.

6) Tear Down:

Renaissance Jamboree ends at 5:00 pm. Do not plan to breakdown your display before that time. Vendors are responsible for **cleaning up** their assigned area. Materials used should be recyclable or biodegradable.

"No Show" or those vendors who leave early might not be eligible to participate at next year's Renaissance Jamboree. Renaissance committee members will check to make sure all spaces are filled.

7) ANIMALS and GENERATORS NOT PERMITTED:

No animals will be permitted at Renaissance Jamboree. Please do not bring them with you or you will be asked to remove them from the event. Generators are only allowed for non-profit food vendors.

8) DAMAGE RESPONSIBILITY

The Town of Bloomsburg, the Renaissance Jamboree, or its organizers will not be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur while on the premises and participating in this show.

9) LICENSE

Licenses for this one-day craft fair are no longer required.

We look forward to the **Spring of 2025** and another successful Renaissance Jamboree. We hope that you will join us in the festivities. If you have any questions, please call 570/661-1936 or email: dbi@columbiamontourchamber.com

Sincerely,

The Renaissance Jamboree Committee