



Dear Craft Vendor:

The 31st annual Texian Market Days festival is almost here and we would love the opportunity to work with you at this year's event. In 2013, more than 5,000 people attended the annual living history festival.

Arts and crafts is one of the most popular areas of the event; surveys from past years have ranked the arts and crafts section as one of the top attractions during the weekend.

If you would like to be a vendor in this year's Texian Market Days, please complete the enclosed application and e-mail or fax it to the craft vendor coordinator with three photos of your products.

Once your application has been received and approved, we will send you the contract and other pertinent vendor information. Booth locations are assigned in order of completed contracts and payment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

We look forward to seeing you at Texian Market Days in October!

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CRAFT VENDORS

Information & Application

DATES:

Friday and Saturday, October 24 & 25, 2014

(Friday, Oct. 24 is the student day, and Saturday, Oct. 25 is open to the general public. On average, 5,000+ people attend Texian Market Days over the course of the two days.)

LOCATION:

George Ranch Historical Park
10215 FM 762 • Richmond, TX 77469



ABOVE & RIGHT:

Craft vendors enjoy a crowd of 5,000+ at the 30th annual Texian Market Days festival on October 25 & 26, 2013. Surveys from past festivals have ranked the arts and crafts section as one of the weekend's top attractions.



Regular Pricing Deadline: October 1, 2014	Late Pricing Deadline: October 16, 2014
\$60 Outdoor Standard (10 x10) <i>(Surrounding the Crafter's Barn)</i>	\$160 Outdoor Standard (10 x10) <i>(Surrounding the Crafter's Barn)</i>
\$80 Outdoor Premium (10 x 10) <i>(Tree-Lined Path at George Home)</i>	\$180 Outdoor Premium (10 x 10) <i>(Tree-Lined Path at George Home)</i>
\$100 Indoor Premium (10 x 10) <i>(Inside the Crafter's Barn)</i>	\$200 Indoor Premium (10 x 10) <i>(Inside the Crafter's Barn)</i>



Craft & Sutlers **INFORMATION**

VENDOR DESIGNATION:

TMD Vendors will be organized into three categories for this event: Craft Vendor, Product Vendor and Historic Sutler. This distinction will determine the available locations for each vendor. Please note that all vendors are required to sell a physical product to be considered for this festival.

A *craft or antique vendor* is defined as someone who provides a product that is one of a kind and hand-made rather than factory made. Examples may include repurposed jewelry, hand painted furniture, homemade jams and jellies and original artwork. Craft vendors may select the indoor premium, outdoor standard or outdoor premium options.

A *product vendor* is defined as someone who is selling a product that is mass produced or commercial in nature. Likewise, a vendor selling any product in which a person can become a “representative” would fall under the product vendor status. Product vendors may only purchase the outdoor standard option.

A *historic sutler* is defined as someone who is selling period-correct products in a historical manner. These historic sutlers must have a canvas tent and presentation, and dress in historic costume appropriate to a time period in the historic range of the park; 1824-1930s. Examples include a historic broom maker who sells his brooms and a 1860s sutler who sells reproduction civil war goods. Historic sutlers may be placed on a historic site at the discretion of the craft vendor coordinator. If the historic sutler performs an active, long-term demonstration that adds value to the festival, the sutler will be asked to pay the outdoor standard rate for a historic site location. A sutler that does not provide an active demonstration will be required to pay the outdoor premium rate for a historic site location.

VENDOR GUIDELINES:

Multiple spaces may be purchased. Electricity is unavailable in the outdoor standard or premium areas. Indoor electricity is limited. Participants are responsible for collecting and paying their own sales taxes, if any.

No chairs, tables, tents, extension cords or lights, etc will be furnished. If you need it, bring it. The Festival does not provide labor to set up, take down, loading or sales.

Items for sale must be pre-approved by the Craft Vendor Coordinator. **Send 3 photos of representative items** of the merchandise to be sold. Photos can be reviewed via Web site or e-mail. A list of the types of items to be sold must accompany the photos. **Items which are found not to be in keeping with the high standards for quality of Texian Market Days or which are not on the list may not be sold.** You may not add to your list after it has been accepted with approval from the Craft Vendor Coordinator.

BANNED ITEMS: No aerosols may be sold, including silly string and hair dye. No explosives/fireworks, including throw-down poppers. No inflatable toys. Items must be Arts, Crafts, Antiques and Collectibles. All toy weapons must be tied down and rendered inoperable during Texian Market Days.

Applications to reserve booth space should be submitted with full payment by October 1. No spaces will be reserved without full payment. **Absolutely no late payments will be accepted beyond the late pricing cut off date.**

TEXIAN MARKETPLACE VENDOR RESERVATION FORM

VENDOR BOOTH RULES:

- 1) All merchandise must be displayed within marked boundaries of each booth and be clearly marked.
- 2) Booths should be set up and maintained in an attractive manner (no exposed boxes or wrapping paper, etc.).
- 3) Exhibitors are responsible for their own set-up, tables, chairs and booth covers. Tent supports should be self-contained.
NO GROUND-DRIVEN ANCHORS.
- 4) Move in will be Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, October 24, 2014 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; and Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- 5) All vehicles must be removed from the booth area by 8 a.m. There will be no parking in unloading areas. All vehicles must be in assigned parking areas. All vehicles must display parking pass in a clearly visible location.
- 6) Booths may be left overnight, but at the vendor's risk. Texian Market Days, Fort Bend County Museum Association, The George Ranch Historical Park and The George Foundation assume no liability for any damage to vendor's property during the event. Pleasee note that there is 24-hour security at the Park on TMD Friday and Saturday.
- 7) Booth hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. No booth is to be taken apart until after Texian Market Days has officially closed on Saturday. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 8) Vendors who do not want their booth to be photographed may post a small sign to that effect.
- 9) No refunds. Texian Market Days takes place rain or shine.
- 10) Locations are provided on a first-paid, first-served basis.
- 11) Vendors will receive two vendor passes per booth. If additional passes are needed, they can be purchased during the Friday or Saturday set-up.
- 12) No pets. No bicycles. No alcoholic beverages.

The Fort Bend County Museum Association, Texian Market Days, The George Ranch Historical Park and The George Foundation (and any other sponsors) shall not be liable in any way for the loss or damage resulting from fire, theft or accident to a vendor's merchandise or fixtures. This includes move-in, set-up, breakdown, and during the entire time the vendor's property is on the George Ranch Historical Park. The sponsors shall not be liable for personal injury suffered by vendors or their employees while on the George Ranch property. The Fort Bend Museum Association reserves the right to terminate the contract of any exhibitor who does not meet the terms of the preceding Vendor Booth Rules and Regulations and this Contract of Agreement.

Vendor Business Name: _____

Owner/Vendor's Personal Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Web site: _____

Product/Service Description: _____

I have read and understand the contents of this Texian Market Days Vendor Information Packet.

Signature: _____ Date: _____