**36th Laudholm Nature Crafts Festival**

**September 7-8, 2024**

**Wells, Maine**

The Laudholm Nature Crafts Festival attracts 135 talented exhibitors and 5,000 motivated shoppers to a beautifully restored historic saltwater farm on the southern coast of Maine. The festival, brimming with professional vitality and seaside hospitality, is presented by the nonprofit Laudholm Trust as a fundraiser in support of the coastal science, nature and climate education, and conservation programs at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm.

This long-running, juried show is regarded by many as the best crafts festival in Maine. Exhibitors are the engines of creativity and dynamism that keep visitors flocking back to the annual “Laudholm show.” Skilled craftspeople like you offer unique high-quality items, displayed invitingly, that are the heart and soul of the festival. We welcome both returning vendors and new talent to maintain this renowned event’s excitement and diversity.

Applicants are judged on these criteria:

* Originality: Unique designs and techniques
* Quality: Exemplary workmanship
* Theme: Works incorporate nature or reflect the natural world or materials
* Display: Attractive booth with multi-level presentation
* Diversity: Multiple price points

Additional details are available on our website at wellsreserve.org/crafts.

**Where is the Event Held?**

Wells is on the Southern Maine coast, midway between Portsmouth, NH, and Portland. The Wells Reserve’s historic Laudholm Farm campus is along U.S. Route 1, just a few minutes from the Maine Turnpike (I-95) and just 90 minutes north of Boston.

**What are the Fees?**

Application fees are $35 online through Juried Art Services, or $50 for paper applications (contact the organizers for an application). Late applicants must pay a $50 surcharge. Application fees are non-refundable.

Booth fees range from $325 to $475 and include 400 watts of electricity for most spaces. Additional power requires a $30 surcharge and must be requested in advance.

**Media Categories**

Clay, Etching/printmaking, Fiber/weaving, Food, Glass, Health/beauty, Jewelry, Leather, Metal, Mixed media, Painting, Paper, Photography, Stone, Wood

**What Spaces are Available?**

Large tents offer two rows of approximately 10'x10' display areas divided by a wide aisle. Space behind each tent booth may be used for storage if kept neat. Tent super corners are interior aisle or expanded corner spots.

Lawn spaces are in the open and exhibitors must provide their own awning or tent. All pop-ups must be 10'x10' and white.

Barn spaces vary in size and dimension. Display elements must be self-supporting; no elements can attach to the floor or walls.

Specific booth spaces cannot be guaranteed, but organizers make every effort to accommodate requests.

**Is Food Included?**

Coffee, water, fruit, and doughnuts are available to exhibitors and their registered assistants throughout the weekend. A qualified selection of food vendors offer a variety of food and drink for sale.

**Where Can I Learn More?**

For more information, [visit the show’s website](http://www.wellsreserve.org/crafts) at wellsreserve.org/crafts.

**Terms & Conditions**

[ ] I understand and agree to the terms as specified in the event prospectus and application form. I release Laudholm Trust and the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve from any and all liability for damage, injury, or loss to person or goods.

**Application dates:**

January 22, 2024, to March 24, 2024 (postmarked or online)

Late entries (additional charge): accepted until March 31, 2023

**Notification date:**

April 12, 2024

**For more information, contact the organizers at:**

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