

42nd Annual Glen Ridge Arts & Eco Fair

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A Day of Family-Fun Activities to Promote a Healthier Environment and the Arts

Saturday, May 9, 2020

10AM to 4:00PM

*Produced by the Glen Ridge High School Home & School Association
and the Glen Ridge Environmental Advisory Committee*

Join us for this long running and highly anticipated family-friendly festival – the largest community event in Glen Ridge, attracting thousands of visitors! This joint celebration of the arts and the environment brings together a curated exhibition of over 100 arts and craft vendors, sustainability and wellness vendors, eco exhibits and hands-on demonstrations such as beekeeping, composting, solar and car technology.

Proceeds support initiatives at Glen Ridge High School and Middle School and help fund scholarships for graduating students continuing as art majors in college and those who have distinguished themselves with environmental action.

The Glen Ridge Arts & Eco Fair takes place outdoors, rain or shine, in the area adjacent to the Glen Ridge High School and the Glen Ridge Train Station on Ridgewood Avenue. There will also be food, live entertainment, and children's activities.

We accept applications for two types of vendors: Sales Vendors (artists, crafters, wellness and sustainability vendors, and local businesses selling goods) and Eco Demonstrators and Exhibitors (non-profit and for-profit companies whose purpose in participating is to inform). Please apply in the correct category. The Glen Ridge Arts and Eco Fair Committee will review each application to ensure that the category selected is appropriate.

Sales Vendor Fees (including Artists, Crafters, Wellness and Sustainability Vendors, and Local Businesses):

\$85 if received by February 29th

\$95 if rec'd by March 31st

\$105 if rec'd after April 15th

Eco Demonstrator/Exhibitor Fees*:

\$45 for businesses

\$25 non-profits

*Demonstrators and exhibitors are not permitted to sell products at the Arts and Eco Fair. Submissions accepted between now and March 31st.

Please note: Submission of an application does NOT guarantee that you will be accepted as a vendor or exhibitor. In order to provide our attendees with a curated experience, all applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Selections will be made with the intent to offer a wide variety of curated artisan work and exhibits and to avoid, as much as possible, any overlap. Selected artisan vendors and exhibitors will be notified of their invitation to participate beginning March 6, 2020.

**PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY AS THE
COMBINED FESTIVAL APPLICATION PROCESS HAS CHANGED!!!**

**VENDOR APPLICATION INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS
(ARTISANS, CRAFTERS, HEALTH, WELLNESS, FAIR TRADE, GREEN
PRODUCTS)**

- All craft/artisan work must be handcrafted by the artist. Any vendor selling imports or buy/sell products will forfeit their space and entry fee and will be required to leave the show.
- Eco/Wellness products must describe how they are ecologically responsible, sustainably sourced, organic, and/or fair trade.
- The number of vendors in any one category is limited to 15%. Certain categories - - jewelry, soap, body care, for example -- fill up quickly. To guarantee that your application will be considered by the committee, it must be received by the February 29th deadline. After the February deadline, applications will then be considered on a rolling basis until the category is full.
- All applications **MUST UPLOAD FOUR PHOTOS**. Photos are used by the committee to review all applications. There is no mechanism to send discs, flash drives or email attachments. While we ask for websites links and Etsy links for potential promotion, they will not be reviewed.
- Do not assume you have been accepted if you have not received notification to that effect. Notifications will be made via e-mail beginning the week of March 16th. If you are not accepted, your fee will be refunded and/or check will be shredded.
- An email address is a required form field and will be the primary method of communication.
- To exhibit in more than one craft category, you must submit pictures for each category for which you apply. You may show only in the categories for which you have been accepted.
- Sales vendors must supply their own tables, chairs and tents. Vendors are responsible for the hanging, supervision and removal of all work and goods. If wind is predicted vendors must bring weights to secure their tents and displays.

ECO DEMONSTRATOR/EXHIBITOR APPLICATION

- Applicants should provide a thorough description of organizational mission and /or planned demonstrations and activities.
- In order to facilitate event promotion, applicants are encouraged to provide an organizational logo and/or photos that represent their work.
- Eco Demonstrators/Exhibitors will be provided with one table, 2 chairs, and a fabric table cloth. We strongly suggest that you bring your own canopy/tent.
- An email address is a required form field and will be the primary method of communication.

GENERAL FAIR INFORMATION

- Vendors must be set up and operational by 9:45 on event day. Exhibitors are required to stay in their booths for the duration of the event. Vendors may begin setting up at 7:00AM.
- Upon arrival, please check in at the vendor registration table at the intersection of Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenues.
- Each booth space is approximately 12' wide x 12' deep. You must set up in the booth space(s) assigned to you.
- All inventory and display materials must be contained within the space you are allocated. You may not expand into the aisles or beyond the space for which you contracted. This includes banners and flags. Please set up your booth accordingly.
- Artisan vendors may only sell the items listed on their application. All additions must be submitted in writing and approved at the discretion of festival staff no later than May 1, 2020. Artisan vendors found selling unauthorized items will be asked to leave.
- All vendors are required to remain onsite and operational for the duration of the Fair. As a consideration to our patrons and fellow vendors, booths cannot be packed-up before 4:00PM. Booth area must be left clean and orderly upon departure.
- Arts and Eco Fair organizers are not responsible for theft, damage to exhibits or merchandise, or personal injury sustained at this event.
- The Glen Ridge Arts and Eco Fair will be held rain or shine. **There is no rain date.** We would never force a vendor to set up in severe or dangerous weather, but we do expect all vendors to be at the festival ready to set up if the weather changes. It is at the discretion of the vendor to cancel their appearance, but no refund of vendor fees will be offered if you choose not to appear. In extreme conditions or an act of God, the festival may be cancelled by the Glen Ridge Arts and Eco Fair Committee before the festival starts. In the unlikely event that this occurs the day of the event, an announcement will be made no later than 8:00 AM, in which case refunds of vendor fees will only be offered to vendors who are on site. In the case of a pause in the festival or temporary evacuation, no refunds will be offered. If the festival is canceled by the Committee at any point after the festival has started, no refund of vendor fees will be issued.
- Vendors must provide two weeks' notice to cancel. Participation fees are non-refundable.
- Prior to the festival, you will be sent a placard to print and place on your dashboard. Please remain aware of and abide by all local parking restrictions. Please park only in the areas designated. The Glen Ridge Arts and Eco Fair is not liable for any parking infractions.
- One of our missions is to run a carbon-neutral, nearly zero-waste event. Do not bring anything to the fair that is not recyclable. For example, anything such as balloons, Styrofoam, plastic utensils, plastic bottles, plastic table cloths, etc. are prohibited. If possible, please refrain from use of all plastic. Bring paper bags if providing packing for sold items.

DIRECTIONS

GS Parkway Northbound - Exit 148. Go west on Bloomfield Avenue approx. 1 mile to Ridgewood Avenue. GS Parkway Southbound - Exit 151. Right onto Watchung Avenue; at 3rd light left onto Ridgewood Avenue. Approx. 2 miles to Bloomfield Avenue.

APPLICATION

To submit your application for acceptance in the Glen Ridge Arts and Eco Fair, please complete the on-line application here: <https://glenridge.wufoo.com/forms/2020-glen-ridge-arts-and-eco-fair/> . We accept credit card payments for fees. If you'd prefer to pay by check, make the check payable to the GRHS HSA and mail to Borough of Glen Ridge Municipal Building, Arts and Eco Fair, 825 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028.