

**Spring Arts Festival: Herb, Garden & Art**  
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Application

Twenty-Fourth Annual  
**SPRING ARTS  
FESTIVAL:**

HERB, GARDEN  
& ART

**Downtown Ocean Springs, Mississippi**

**Saturday, March 25th, 2017**

**9am-5pm**

**Sunday, March 26th, 2017**

**9am-4pm**

**Early Registration Deadline  
February 3, 2017**

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**9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Sat.) & 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Sun)**

The Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce-Main Street-Tourism Bureau is pleased to present the 24th Annual Spring Arts Festival: Herb, Garden & Art Festival on Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, 2017 in downtown Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The outdoor setting will take place in downtown.

Artists and growers will participate featuring pieces in various media including paintings, pottery, jewelry, plants, and herbs. Festival activities include artist demonstrations, live entertainment, engaging seminars and more.

Local shops, restaurants and galleries join the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce - Main Street - Tourism Bureau in making this an outstanding festival.

Deadline - February 3, 2017

Applications must be postmarked by February 3 after which late fees apply. Late applications will be considered if classification is not full, with approval of committee. If category is full, applicant will receive a full refund. (excluding late fee and jury fee)

Herb of the Year!: Coriander/Cilantro

## Location

The 24th Spring Arts Festival will be held in downtown Ocean Springs, MS.

## Booth Spaces

Artists, crafters, gardeners and food vendors must confine themselves to the 10' x 10' space or must buy a second booth. (Exhibits may not extend beyond 10' x 10' - this is strictly enforced). There will be a wide selection of vendors and limited food exhibitors. Limited electricity available for exhibitors and food vendors (two outlets, 10 amps max).

## Entry Fee

The charge for a gardening or art booth is \$125 (food or drink booths are \$150) and a jury fee of \$25 for all applicants. The booth fee is returned if your application is not accepted. **An accepted application is a commitment to the show and no refund will be made for cancellations (no exceptions).** No fee will be refunded due to inclement weather. Subletting of booth space is not allowed. **Attention: At the request of our accountant, all checks must be deposited in a timely manner, however, this does not indicate your acceptance. A letter of notification will be sent by February 24, 2017 giving you the Spring Arts Festival Committee's decision on acceptance or non-acceptance of your application. An accepted application is a commitment to the show and no refund will be made for cancellations after February 3, 2017. No fee will be refunded due to inclement weather.**

## Tax Collection

**Sales tax of 7% (9% for food) must be collected and turned into the Chamber by 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, 2017. Checks must be payable to the Ocean Springs Chamber. Requirement by MS State Tax commission: all tax must be filed immediately following the event - no exceptions. The Chamber of Commerce will not be able to accept you into next year's festival, if appropriate sales tax is not received and forms are not properly completed by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2017.**

### Spring Arts Festival

Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce - Main Street - Tourism Bureau

1000 Washington Avenue

Ocean Springs, MS 39564-2855

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## Selection

The committee for the Spring Arts Festival selects exhibitors deemed to best reflect creativity, quality, and originality. Selection is made on the basis of two recent photographs representing the gardener's/artist's work or products, and one photo of your booth or display, and one photograph representing food booth. Samples of your product are also welcome. Selections will not be made on any other qualifications. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope **if you would like your photographs returned.** It is critical that the photographs be of good quality. In an effort to maintain a balanced show, the number of exhibitors in each category is limited. Images of selected exhibitors will be retained for publicity until after the festival. *Once you have been accepted as an exhibitor in the festival, additional information will be sent to you in your acceptance packet.*

## Early Registration Deadline

**February 3, 2017  
(after which late fees apply)**

### Standards

1. An accepted application is a commitment to show and no refund will be made for cancellations. **No Exceptions.**
2. Under **no circumstances** will stand-in or proxy exhibitors be permitted. Only the gardeners or artists accompanying his or her original work or product may participate in the Spring Arts Festival.
3. Exhibitors are **required** to man their exhibits during festival hours.
4. Commercially manufactured items are **not acceptable.** All items must be home-grown or hand-crafted by the applicant. Exhibitors displaying commercial items **will be asked to remove them.**
5. Exhibitors bear the responsibility for all setup and security needs for their exhibits. **Neither** the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce - Main Street - Tourism Bureau, or its representatives, **nor** the City of Ocean Springs, MS will be responsible for loss or damage of any kind.
6. Vendors **must provide** their own display booths, racks, tables and chairs. They should also be prepared for the possibility of inclement weather conditions such as wind and rain. **NO STAKES ALLOWED**
7. **No** space can be shared, vendors can purchase more than one 10' x 10' booth space. A "multi-person" team producing a single product may qualify as a single exhibitor.
8. **No** on-site gas powered generators are allowed. **No** amplified music permitted.
9. This is a **family-oriented** festival for spectators of **all ages**, and work exhibited must be in keeping with this atmosphere. The festival reserves the right to remove work that it deems inappropriate.
10. **NONCOMPLIANCE WITH FESTIVAL STANDARDS & RULES MAY RESULT IN ELIMINATION FROM THIS YEAR'S AND FUTURE FESTIVALS WITHOUT REFUND OF ANY FEES.**
11. **Sales tax of 7% (9% for food & beverages) must be collected and turned into the Chamber office by 6:00 p.m. Sunday. All checks must be made out to Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce. No exceptions.**

## 2017 Exhibitor & Food Application

Must be filled out in its entirety.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Product (**must be completed**): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Cell/Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Price range of your work \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to demonstrate my work during the festival. ( ) Yes ( ) No

Years in Festival: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be careful to complete this check list!  
All incomplete applications will be returned.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of art/garden booths at \$125 each. (10 x 10) - **REQUIRED**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of food booths at \$150 each. (10 x 10) **Limited Availability**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Application Fee (separate check) - **REQUIRED**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 non-refundable late fee (after 2/3/17-separate check)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 electricity - depot area only (limited 2 outlets/10 amps max)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total amount enclosed.** Checks to be made out to:

Ocean Spring Chamber of Commerce-Main Street-Tourism Bureau

\_\_\_\_\_ **Also to be included, two photographs of work/product & 1 photo of booth or application will be rejected otherwise. (CLEAR QUALITY OF PHOTOS)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Appropriately sized, self-addressed and stamped envelope, **if you would like to receive your photos back.**

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Special requests: (Remember that we can only do our best to accommodate requests.)

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature affirms that you have read and understand the aforementioned conditions and standards of the 24th Annual Spring Arts Festival and agree to abide by these regulations.

**NO REFUND OR RAIN DATE!**

### Official Use Only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

Letter Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Check Number & Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

No drink sales allowed unless the **additional** \$150 is paid. (Note: 9% Sales Tax)

Mail application to: Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce,  
Attn: Spring Arts Festival, 1000 Washington Ave., Ocean Springs, MS 39564