

Ojai Art Center's Art in the Park

Fine Art Exhibitors, Activity & Vendor Application and Contract

Art in the Park is an annual fundraiser for the Ojai Art Center which is the oldest multi-purpose, nonprofit art center in California. This two-day event is held each year on Memorial Weekend (Saturday and Sunday) and also features activities, performances, and food vendors.

Show Dates: Saturday, May 24th and Sunday May 25th, 2025.

Application: Fine Art Artists, Activity Area, and Food Vendors can apply online (<https://www.ojaiartcenter.org/application.html>) or on last page.

Entry Fees: Exhibiting **OAC Member** Artists \$300.00 for 1 booth, \$575.00 for 2 booths. **Non-Member** artists: \$325.00 for 1 booth, \$625 for 2 booths (**Includes a non-refundable \$25.00 entry fee**). Activity Area Demonstrations: \$75.00 and Food/Beverage Vendors: \$200.00. Non-profit art groups and art societies may participate as sponsors at the \$750 level - this provides a double booth space.

Art Area: 70+ national and local **fine** artists display their works. All artists are required to be present during the entire 2 days of the show.

Activity/Performanc Area: This area is where kids participate in crafts, watch special performances, learn about local culture and the environment, play games and have fun.

Schools: Local schools' art students & instructors are encouraged to participate in Art in the Park. Art students are also part of the judging process and awarded first, second, and third place prizes. The student exhibition area is funded by donations.

Pets Policy: Pets are welcomed. Please keep dogs under control and on leashes, don't let them relieve themselves on displays and please pick up after your pets.

Live Music: Live music must be approved by music organizer.

Schleppers: Local high school students will be available to help load in, set up, break down and load out. Please tip them if you ask for their help. Request schleppers at the Ojai Art Center booth.

Parking: Free parking is available through downtown, please adhere to the parking enforcement signage. Libbey park parking is located off of Montgomery street behind the park. **Do NOT leave your vehicles in the front of park or the parking adjacent to the fountain area -- this is ONLY for load in and load out.**

Exhibitor Rules and Policies

1. All artwork must be the original work of the displaying artist.
2. Artists may exhibit artwork only in the category in which they are accepted.
3. The work of only one exhibitor may be displayed in each assigned space, with the exception of artist teams or collaborators.
4. Artwork will not be permitted if it is created from molds, kits or other commercial methods.
5. Artwork produced in studios involved in volume production will not be permitted, nor will work that is mass produced in combination with items created from original handcrafted pieces. We reserve the right to remove any questionable, non-approved artwork from the show.
6. Art made from ready-made items like clothing, commercially dyed material or furniture with painted, dyed or batiked embellishments will not be accepted.
7. No work on display may be copies of masters, advertisements, or widely circulated photographs.
8. All developing and printing of images must be done by the artist.

During the Show

1. **The artist must be present both days of the festival.**
2. All artwork displayed must be for sale.
3. All artists are required to load in after 6:00 a.m. on Saturday.
4. Artists must maintain the booth for the entire event.
5. Any artists closing their booth prior to the end of the show will not be permitted to return the next day or in subsequent years.
6. Booths must be professional and neat in appearance.

Reproduction Policy and Artist Statement

1. Art reproductions of original paintings, pastels, drawings, collage or mixed media may be exhibited if they are limited editions, signed and numbered on the front of each piece.
2. Framed or unframed reproductions may be displayed in browse bins. Reproduction pieces must be clearly marked as "Reproduction" or "Limited Edition Reproduction" on the front of each piece. **Browse bins may not be placed outside of booth.**
3. No laser prints or color photocopies will be permitted.
4. No posters, t-shirts, or other personal merchandise that is a mass reproduction of an original piece of artwork will be permitted in exhibitor booths.

Prize Money and Judging During Art in the Park, three judges will choose six award winners. First place, second place, third place and three honorable mentions. Prizes for adult artists include: 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$300, 3rd place \$200 and 3 honorable mentions.

Three high school winners will also be chosen. Checks and ribbons will be awarded during the show.

Booth Space Description Some exhibit spaces are asphalt -- most are on grass or wood chips. Booth spaces measure approximately 10' x 12' (doubles are 20'x12'). Booth and display must be constructed to withstand crowds, sun and wind. Booths placed on a paved surface may not anchor supports into the pavement. Exhibitors should be prepared for inclement weather with rain covers, tie-downs and weights. Exhibitors will be held liable for any damages made by their tents to surrounding asphalt, property, landscape or irrigation. Each exhibitor is responsible for his/her own display in case of damage or loss. Space assignments are NOT interchangeable. Booth assignment requests will be accommodated to the best of our ability. All artists and vendors must supply their own tables, displays, chairs, etc. If electricity is needed, please indicate on application.

Cancellation and Withdrawal Policies No refunds will be given after May 15. If you need to cancel or withdraw after May 1st, you must notify Art in the Park staff in writing no later than May 1st at 5:00 p.m. All cancellation notices must be sent via email to artcenterojai@gmail.com. Exhibitors who "no show" without canceling will not be re-invited for any future Art in the Park related events.

Registration and Set Up Artists MUST check in by Saturday 9:00 a.m. at the Ojai Art Center booth. Artist setup is available any time on Saturday, from 6 a.m. – 9 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. artists will be treated as "no-shows" and spaces will be re-assigned to wait-listed or present artists.

Insurance and Limitations of Liability Each exhibitor must insure his or her own property. Art in the Park, the Ojai Art Center and the City of Ojai will not be liable to any exhibitor or person for any damage or loss. By signing this application, you are discharging the Art in the Park festival, the Ojai Art Center, and the City of Ojai from all manner of suits, actions, damages and claims in law or equity from any loss or damage to your property while at Art in the Park and the City of Ojai, California.

Security Overnight security will be hired during non-festival hours on Saturday night. Artists are solely responsible for the security of their exhibits and equipment. Please use any precautions that you would normally take during other events. No exhibitor will be permitted to spend the night within their exhibit space.

Signs and Badges Artist name badges will be distributed at check-in. Artists may display their own signage in booth.

Taxes Ventura County sales tax is applicable to all sales and the current rate is 7.25%. Each exhibitor is responsible for recording, collecting and paying sales tax.

Lost & Found Lost and found is located at Art in the Park booth.

Load-In & Load-Out Information will be sent separately to accepted exhibitors and vendors.

*****Art in the Park Ojai APPLICATION*****

Please Indicate Your Exhibition Category/Medium _____.

Please email 3 images of your work and 1 of your booth to artcenterojai@gmail.com

Circle Medium: Ceramics Glass Graphics Fiber Fine Jewelry Leather Metal Mixed Media
Oil/Acrylic Pastel Photography Sculpture Watercolor Wood

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Activity Area Demonstrators \$75.00

Do you need electricity? YES NO

Please Write Legibly:

Date: _____ Name: _____

Company/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Vehicle Make & License Number: _____

Signature: _____ (Agreeing to terms of this contract)

Credit Card Payment Info below or mail check

Name: _____ Address: _____

Credit Card No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Sec. Code: _____

Please email application and CC payment to artcenterojai@gmail.com OR

**Mail application and payment to: Ojai Art Center (make checks out to Ojai Art Center),
P.O. Box 331, Ojai, CA 93024**

*Includes \$25 non-refundable jurying fee.

**No crafts - this is a fine art show