



About the Show - 2023

For 21 years, the GSR has been a draw for local artists. Our Book Nook expanded in 2022, into the Ellerbee Room reception room, across from our main hall!

The show is strategically held in time to catch holiday shoppers and also coincides with "small business Saturday" following Thanksgiving/Black Friday.

Show Schedule

Sept 1 st	Application deadline
Sept 15 th	Artist notification
October 1 st	Last day to cancel with refund*
November 10 th	Artists & Authors promote GSR

Dates and Times

Saturday Nov 25 th	10am – 6pm
Sunday Nov 26 th	10am – 4pm

Booth Cost

Jury fee is \$15 (non-refundable)

Single Booth (10x10)	\$220
Booth-and-a-half (10x15)	\$310
Double Booth (10x20)	\$390

Art Requirements

- All work **MUST** be created by you the applicant/artist; mass produced, commercial & resale items are not allowed
- All work must be attractively displayed in a professional manner
- All work must be consistent with images represented in your application

GSR reserves the right to request anyone not following these guidelines to leave the show.

General Information

- Artists are responsible for collecting & paying Minnesota Sales Tax (7.875%)
- Artists are required to be at their booth; you are responsible for your own sales. The GSR will not take a portion of your sales; all sales go directly to you
- We provide bagels and coffee in the morning and a lunchtime meal. This courtesy only extends to 2 artists/helpers per booth. Additional amenities can be purchased if necessary.

We ask that you support our volunteers

- Every year we ask volunteers to donate their time and talents to our event. **In exchange for their assistance we ask all artists and authors to extend a 5% discount** (they will be given a thank you card to show in order to receive this discount; if you would like to give a larger discount the option is yours). Thank you for agreeing to join us in extending such a gift in return for their services.

Advertising

- Color 'post-it' on Mankato Free Press' front page
- Included in all Shop Small marketing: shopping guide, website, etc
- Radio advertising
- Posters and Postcards available for pickup 2-3 weeks prior to the show for you to hang in your community and mail out
- Electronic poster and postcard will be mailed to artists & authors 3 weeks prior to the show
- **All participating artists and authors are expected to send notification to their customers.** Whether you prefer email or snail mail, we provide you with materials to contact your clients. Sharing shoppers benefits everyone! Also be sure to add us to your online calendar and social media.

ShopART Online

All GSR artists who upload their work to our online ShopART site will automatically be included in the Twin Rivers Council for the Arts [TRCA] online site ShopART Midwest. GSR and Twin Rivers will direct interested buyers directly to you. 100% of sales are yours, we take no fees.

To Apply

- Complete Application
- Email three (3) images of your work to: gsrfineartfestival@gmail.com
- Check for \$15 (jury fee) make checks payable to: GSR Fine Art Festival
- Second check for Booth Space (accepted artists' checks will be cashed after September 18th)

Cancellation Policy

The last day to cancel with a refund is October 1st. We ask that you alert us as soon as possible if you are unable to attend so we may invite those on our waiting list.

21st Annual GSR Fine Art Festival

Please Print Artist Application – Deadline September 1st

Artist Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____ Facebook address: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Please check:

___ Single Booth \$220

___ Booth-and-a-half \$310

___ Double Booth \$390

Please check your media:

___ Fiber

___ Jewelry

___ Painting

___ Pottery

___ Wood

___ Glass

___ Leather

___ Photography

___ Sculpture

___ Other _____

Please indicate # requested:

___ 6ft tables

___ 6ft narrow tables

___ 8ft tables

___ Chairs

**Two artists working as a team (creating one body of work) may fill out one application. Two artists applying to share a booth (creating two bodies of work) will apply separately, even if work is similar. Application, photos & jury fee must accompany each application. WHO you are applying with: _____

Will you still come if they are not accepted: _____

Tell us a little about your work: _____

Do you have any ties to the area: _____

Artist checklist:

___ Completed Application

___ 3 images of your work

___ Check for Jury Fee (\$15)

___ Check for Booth Fee

Mail to: Tom Bliese

1412 Carney Ave

Mankato, MN 56001

By applying you agree to extend 5% discount to our volunteers

GSR Fine Art Festival is not responsible for loss or damage