

FAQ's for Piedmont Craftsmen's Fair

- 1. When is Piedmont Craftsmen's Fair?** The Fair is the third weekend in November. This is often the weekend before Thanksgiving, but some years it is two weekends before.
- 2. Who can show at the Fair?** Exhibiting Members who have paid their annual dues and Jury Applicants who have successfully completed the first part of the standards review process.
- 3. When will I get a Fair contract?** Contracts are emailed, mailed or available on our website by the beginning of April – sometimes earlier. Only exhibiting members in good standing will receive a contract.
- 4. How are booths assigned?** Since you all live in different places and will receive your contracts at different times, we don't assign booth on a strictly first-come-first-served basis. We set a date about six weeks out from the contract mailing date and assign booths for any Exhibiting Member contracts received by that date by lottery. The lottery date is stated in the contract cover letter. After that, we assign booths to any Jury Applicants whose contracts have been received. After that, booths are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Fair management does its best to honor your space requests while keeping in mind the overall look and the mix of media across the Fair.
- 5. How can I get the best booth choices?** It's not that big a show, and visitors move pretty well throughout the Fair, so we don't think that there are "bad" booths. It's our experience that the Fair seems to fill from the center out to the ends. For the best chance of getting your booth preferences filled, pay your dues on time, and get your contract back to us before the lottery date.
- 6. When will I know my booth assignment?** We send out booth confirmations in mid-July, along with an invoice for any payments that might be due and hotel information.
- 7. I have started working in a new medium since last year. Can I show that work at the Fair?** Not without going through an abbreviated version of the Standards Process. You will need to submit images for your new work during the on-line Image Jury. The Standards Committee will know that they are looking at the work of a current exhibiting member who is seeking to add a medium to their membership status. We will let you know their decision in early May, before the booth assignment lottery.
- 8. When do I have to pay?** Half of your booth fee is due with your contract. You will be invoiced in mid-July for the balance, which is due in late September. Just don't make us chase you down at the Fair for your payment, and we'll be happy.
- 9. Where can I stay cheaply?** We book blocks of rooms at nearby hotels, and try to get prices ranging from around \$60 to just over \$100 a night. You'll get a list of hotels in mid-July when we send you your booth confirmation and invoice for any booth fee balance you might have.