



Aloha Kākou,

Mahalo for your interest in the 2019 Merrie Monarch Invitational Hawaiian Arts Fair, the official fair of the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival. Our event is dedicated to the perpetuation of the Hawaiian culture and arts by offering a venue where Hawai'i's master artists and producers can share their talent and mana'o. The fair dates are Wednesday through Saturday, April 24 - 27, 2019 at the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium and the Butler Building in Hilo.

As of last year, we had to make major changes in the booth plans which involved deleting and adding booths to fit the new fire codes, so all of the booths have been renumbered and some booth locations changed. Please review the attached booth plans carefully when making your booth choices. If you are a returning vendor requesting the same space, be sure to check your new booth number.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CHANGES MADE:

BOOTH CHANGES: All booths that were in the civic outside front lanai and the inside lobby area have been removed by the Fire Marshal. On the main floor in the civic some corner booths have been removed to make up for the booths that were removed in the lobby area. Because of the shortage of corner booths, there will be an additional \$50 charge for all corner booths in the Civic, Civic Tents and Butler Building. If you are a returning vendor and are affected by the booth changes, we will try to accommodate you as best we can. We would suggest getting in your application as early as possible. Please look over the floor plan and rules to see what changes were made.

OUTSIDE CIVIC TENT BOOTHS: To make up for the booths that were deleted we have set up tents in the back of the civic to accommodate those vendors. Tent spaces are 10' x 10'. There is no electricity available for Civic tents. See the attached booth plans for more information.

NEW LEI VENDOR TENT: Lei vendors previously located in front of civic have been moved to a tent behind the civic to Civic Tent A.

OUR SCREENING PROCESS - We are an invitational craft fair, which means you have been invited to be a part of our event because of the uniqueness, quality and craftsmanship of your product. All items must be made in Hawai'i by the person applying. They must be screened and conform to the rules and regulations of our screening process that are clearly stated in the vendor packet. Please read them thoroughly before submitting your application.

BEST BOOTH DESIGN CONTEST - Every year we have our Best Booth Design contest. The winner will win a free booth for the next year's Merrie Monarch Hawaiian Arts Fair. We encourage you to be creative and do all you can to make your booth stand out. For details regarding the contest please look at the information enclosed.

Because of all the new changes this year we recommend you read this application thoroughly. All information regarding the fair is in this vendor packet. Enclosed is an application, rules and regulations and a new layout plan of the booths. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

All applications are due by December 31, 2018.

Mahalo,

Nelson Makua
Fair Director

Paula DeMorales
Co-Director

Kainoa Makua
Co-Director

The Official Fair of the Merrie Monarch Festival

SELLING FOOD ITEMS

If you will be selling any food items for consumption you must obtain a permit from the State Department of Health and submit a copy of it with your application. You should also have the original with you in your booth at the fair.

For information please contact Curtis Takai at the Health Department (808) 933-0917.

ILLEGAL CRAFT ITEMS

Every year the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources and the Dept. of Fish and Game sends agents to inspect the items sold at the fair. They are in plain clothes and are looking for specific items that are illegal to use or sell such as beach sand, illegal bones, certain sizes of opihi shells, etc.. If you are using any illegal items, they may confiscate those items if they inspect your booth at the fair.

It is your responsibility to make sure that the items you sell conform to their rules and regulations. For more information we suggest you contact the Hawai'i State Department of Land and Natural Resources and The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

GENERAL EXCISE TAX LICENSE

As a reminder, the State Tax Collector have been checking if vendors have a Hawai'i state GE License. We suggest you have your G.E. license with you and have a record of your transactions. The state suggests you offer a receipt to your buyers. We just want you to be aware of this.

WAITING LIST

There is always a waiting list for the Merrie Monarch Invitational Hawaiian Arts Fair and we cannot guarantee new vendors a booth if there is no space available. If you are accepted, you will be notified with a confirmation and your booth number. If you are not accepted your check will be returned to you.

ARTIST OR PRODUCER MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE

Although we realize there are vendors doing multiple fairs in Hilo during Merrie Monarch, we do feel that being in every fair in town affects the uniqueness of your craft at our fair. Because we promote our event as a cultural experience featuring the very best of Hawaiian arts and crafts, we feel that the customers should be able to meet the artisan or producer in person.

The actual producer of the crafts must be in attendance in their booth during the entire duration of the fair. If you plan on doing multiple fairs, you must have another crew to do the other fairs. WE ARE NOT A PRODUCT OR TRADE SHOW.

NO T-SHIRT SALES WILL BE ALLOWED

Only the official Merrie Monarch t-shirts will be sold at this event. You cannot sell - adult, children and baby tees.

You can sell other types of tee-like apparel such as tank tops, long sleeve tees, polo shirts, women's scoop tops.

SECURITY

Security will begin on Tuesday, April 23 in the evenings from closing until opening in the morning through the duration of the fair. Both buildings will be locked and security is for the general premises only. If you are indoors, you may leave your booth set up overnight, but be sure to secure or remove any valuables or merchandise you deem necessary. We will not be responsible for any damaged or missing items. Please be sure your booth is staffed at all times when the show is open to ensure the security of your merchandise.

FOR VENDORS OUTSIDE, YOU WILL HAVE TO SETUP AND BREAKDOWN DAILY.

INSURANCE

You should contact your insurance company and ask them for a rider to your public liability policy, property damage and burglar insurance policies covering you during and at the show. You are responsible for yourself, your staff, and your merchandise.

CLEAN-UP AND TRASH

We do not ask you for a deposit so we expect that you will be responsible for the cleaning of your booth area and the disposal of all your trash before leaving. You will not be invited back if you fail to do so. We will not be responsible for any items left behind or lost.

If you are serving any food samples you must provide adequate trash receptacles to accommodate the additional rubbish. Also make sure there is no spilled food in or around your booth that someone may slip on.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

If you cancel by January 31, 2019 you will receive a full refund less a \$50.00 processing fee. If you cancel before March 1, 2019 you will be refunded 50% of your booth fee. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER MARCH 1, 2019.**

CRAFTS SCREENING PROCESS - IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

This is an invitational fair and all products must be screened prior to acceptance. Vendors are required to fill out a product description on their application form and submit photos, brochure or web site address of their crafts. You may submit actual product but these will not be returned to you.

ONLY ITEMS DESCRIBED ON YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE SOLD AT THE FAIR. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. Criteria for acceptance will be based upon the uniqueness of the product, the quality of the craftsmanship and consideration will be made of its Hawaiian cultural value.

THE PRODUCT MUST BE PRODUCED BY THE VENDOR AND MADE IN HAWAII - NO IMPORTS ARE ALLOWED! On site screening will take place during the fair by the fair directors. Any item found that does not meet criteria or was not included on the application will not be allowed to be sold and must be removed from your booth.

In our screening process we also limit the amount of duplicate items. We will select only so many vendors of each type of product. This allows us to only select the very best of a particular product and increases sales for the participating vendors. If you are a returning vendor and have the same product as last year you need not be screened again with this application, but if you have changed your craft or are adding new items to your booth you **MUST** have them screened.

Vendors who participated last year and broke down before the end of the fair or violated any of our rules and regulations, will not be accepted in this year's fair. **THIS IS AN INVITATIONAL FAIR AND WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DECLINE OR REJECT ANY VENDOR OR CRAFT THAT DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OF OUR EVENT.**

With this being a Hawaiian Arts Fair, preference is given to products that are made in Hawaii by local artisans. We generally do not accept applications from big businesses and retail stores. The final decision is dealt with on a case by case basis. We are not a trade show.

2019 MERRIE MONARCH INVITATIONAL HAWAIIAN ARTS FAIR BEST BOOTH DESIGN CONTEST

Every year we have a contest for the best designed and decorated booth. This attracts more customers to your booth and allows you to express yourself and showcase your product. Judging is based upon how well your product is displayed and integrated into your booth design and the overall look of your booth.

We ask that you give consideration in your booth design to the neighboring booths so you don't infringe upon their space and keep your booth at a reasonable height.

The winner will be awarded a

A FREE Booth for the 2020 Merrie Monarch Craft Fair

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DEC. 31, 2018

HERE'S A CHECK LIST OF WHAT YOU NEED TO SUBMIT

1. Completed vendor application - signed and dated
For new vendors, you must submit photos or a web site of your products.

2. Payment - Check for booth fee - make check payable to:

THE MERRIE MONARCH CRAFT FAIR

2. Address the envelope as shown below and mail application with payment to:

**Nelson Makua / MM Craft Fair
P. O. Box 10460
Hilo, Hawai'i 96721**

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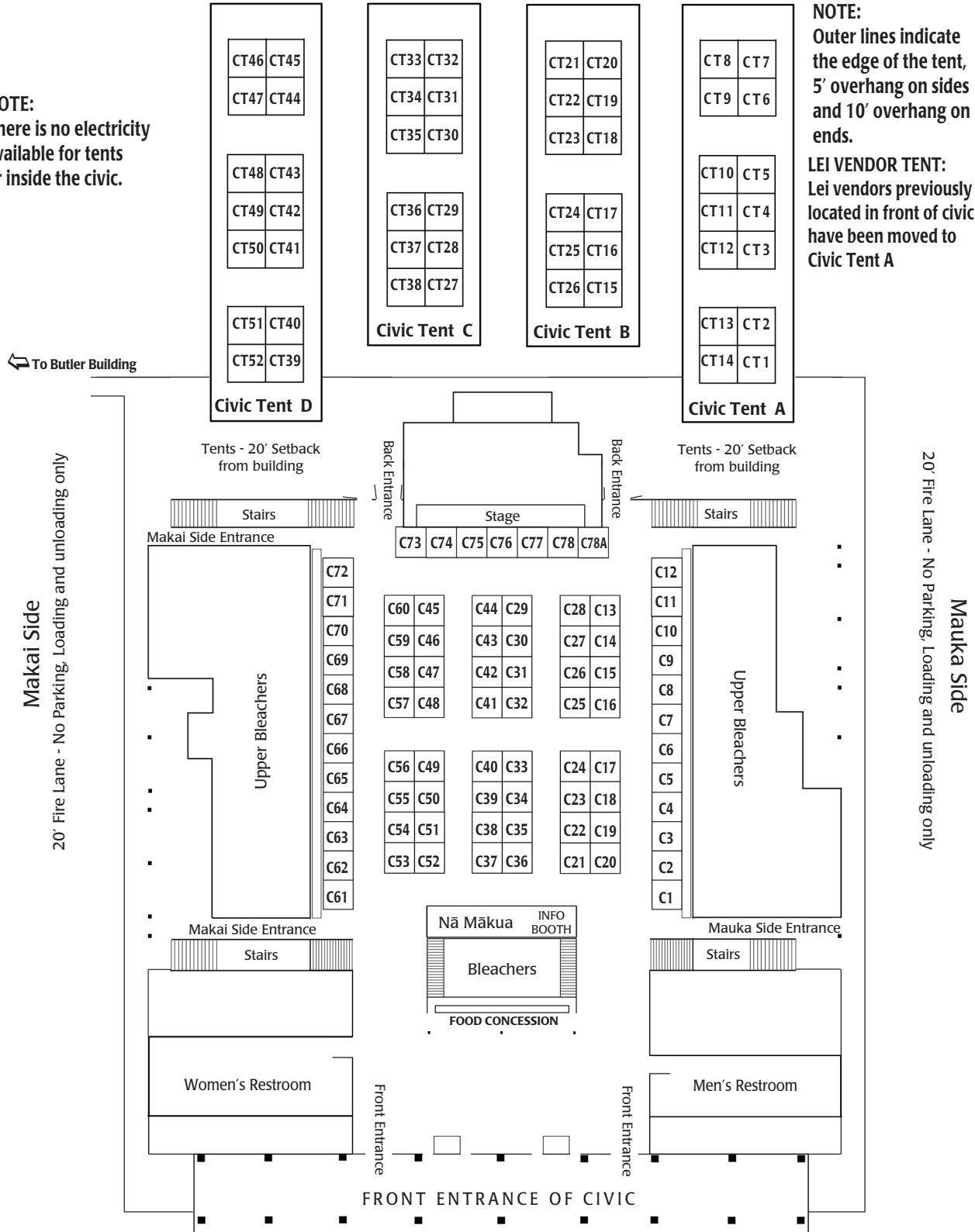
20' Fire Lane - No Parking - Loading and unloading only

Four Tents in Back Of Civic • Two - 30' x 110' and Two - 30' x 90' Tents * Booth Space is 10' x 10'

NOTE:
There is no electricity available for tents or inside the civic.

NOTE:
Outer lines indicate the edge of the tent, 5' overhang on sides and 10' overhang on ends.

LEI VENDOR TENT:
Lei vendors previously located in front of civic have been moved to Civic Tent A





2019 VENDOR APPLICATION

Please Type or Print Clearly

Name _____ Date _____

Business Name _____ G. E. Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Night) _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Web Site _____

Craft or Product Description - Be precise in your description and submit photos, brochures or web site. Use reverse side if needed.

This is my first year I am a returning vendor How many years? _____
Indicate below the booth numbers of your choice in order of preference. We will try to accommodate your request.

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

Table rentals are \$ 50 per table for all 4 days and no charge for chairs. You must order and pay for them with this form.

Please indicate here if you need tables and chairs: 6 ft. Table(s) _____ Chair(s) _____

• I agree to waive, discharge claims, and release from liability and indemnify and hold harmless the Merrie Monarch Invitational Hawaiian Arts Fair, the Fair Directors, Security staff, event sub-contractors and The County of Hawaii from any and all liability, even if caused by negligence in any way connected with this event.

• I understand that I may be exposed to some risk of personal injury or illness, which may occur, by natural causes or activities of other persons and I agree that I am responsible for my own safety and others around me at this event and that my participation is voluntary.

• I allow The Merrie Monarch Invitational Hawaiian Arts Fair and professional news media to photograph myself and products for documenting and promotional purposes.

I agree and consent to all of the conditions in this application

Signature _____

Date _____

BOOTH FEES

Regular Booth \$ 400.00 \$ _____

Corner Booth \$ 450.00 \$ _____

Table Rental \$ 50.00 per table \$ _____

Electricity \$ 50.00 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Check or Money Order Only • Do not send cash!
Make check payable to:
THE MERRIE MONARCH CRAFT FAIR

Mail application and check to:
Nelson Makua / MM Craft Fair
P. O. Box 10460
Hilo, Hawai'i 96721

BELOW FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Application Received By _____ Date Received _____

Accepted Rejected Check / Money Order Number _____