

BECOMING A MERCHANT **AT THE BRISTOL RENAISSANCE FAIRE**

The Bristol Renaissance Faire is a well-established Elizabethan-era Faire with some fantasy aspects. Merchants with handmade crafts, period games, clothing, and more are welcome to apply.

The event is themed in Elizabethan England, you must be ready and willing to portray a merchant of the 1500s in dress, character, and speech. (We will help you with that, but need your willingness to learn.)

All products to be sold at the Bristol Renaissance Faire must be approved by the Marketplace Office. Products are juried through the Marketplace office, and inquiries should be addressed to the attention of this office via email to brfmarketplace@renfair.com.

At this time, there are several product lines that are closed out for the 2018 season. Regarding the areas of: face painting, readers/psychics, traditional leather, pewter, and jewelry -- opportunities are only available if one of the current merchants selling these products leaves the show.

The artist selling the products must design, produce, and finish the products; or the production and finishing must be clearly evident that it is under the direct control of the artist. We accept applications year-round on an "until filled" basis. Applications received after the marketplace has been filled for the season will be placed on a waiting list if so requested by the artist.

Materials that are acceptable in the Bristol Renaissance Faire Marketplace include, but are not limited to: clay, fiber, glass, leather, metals, stone, wood, paper, flowers, herbals, ink, oils, paints, and waxes. Subject matter sometimes may create instances wherein resins, Hydro-Stone, Fimo, Sculpey, or other durable synthetic materials will be accepted. Findings may be used appropriately.

Personal services such as caricatures, face painting, palm reading, tarot readings, hair braiding, henna tattoo, and on-the-spot portraits also fall under the administration of the Marketplace Office.

Food and games are not part of the Marketplace – for those please contact the faire office.

Products that are usually unacceptable in the Bristol Renaissance Faire Marketplace include imports, mass-produced or wholesale buy/sell items, any products made from kits, ceramic items made from commercially available molds, or kit products assembled by the artist and for sale to the customer. Occasionally, exceptions may be made, depending upon the nature of the product.

On exhibit and for sale on any given day, our patrons will find products representative of the era, including: clothing, footwear, leather goods, tableware, pottery, jewelry, household items, musical instruments, candles, fountains, sculpture, wall hangings, incense, perfumes, paintings, dried floral items, living plants, swords, and functional armor. New and creative products or treatments of traditional materials are always welcomed.

Direct your inquiries and questions to:

***Marketplace Team
Bristol Renaissance Faire
12550 120th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53142-7337
Phone: (847) 395-7773
E-mail: brfmarketplace@renfair.com***



BRISTOL
RENAISSANCE
FAIRE®
Where Fantasy Rules!

Re: Guest Artisan Program
Bristol Renaissance Faire Marketplace

Thank you for your interest in joining the Bristol Renaissance Faire Marketplace. Enclosed is a Guest Artisan application and information pack for the 2018 season. Please fill out the application and return it to the faire along with a formal letter describing your product line. The deadline is February 15, 2018 and you will be notified of acceptance by May 15, 2018. We accept new artisans and merchants each year until each marketplace category is full.

By way of a brief overview, Bristol Guest Artisans pay a flat fee according to how many weeks they will be selling at the Faire. 1–3 weeks is \$500, 4–6 weeks is \$1000, and 7–9 weekends is \$1,500. We have Guest Artisan tents, but you must provide your own period appropriate displays and clothing.

All retail merchants are required to have a Wisconsin Seller's permit applied for **before** opening day (July 7, 2018), and a copy of their application *or* their permit **must** be on file in the Marketplace Office. All merchants must carry a \$1 million insurance policy with the Bristol Renaissance Faire listed as an additionally insured.

All merchants and their employees must abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Faire, which include appropriate period clothing, period displays, and a good attempt at period dialect for Artisan and all employees of the Artisan.

A costume guide is on our website: <http://renfair.com/bristol/join/costuming.asp>. Modern clothing is not acceptable.

The 2018 season of the Bristol Renaissance Faire begins on Saturday, July 7th, and runs every weekend through Labor Day, Monday, September 3th, rain or shine from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. (It is worth noting that you may have to stay open as late as 7:45 P.M.)

Thanks again for your interest in Bristol. We look forward to receiving your application.

Very truly yours,

Marketplace Team
Bristol Renaissance Faire
brfmarketplace@renfair.com

2018 Bristol Renaissance Faire Application

GUEST ARTIST

*Show Dates: Saturdays and Sundays July 7 – September 3 (Labor Day Monday), 2018
(9 Weekends – open 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)*

DEADLINE: February 15, 2018. Notifications will be posted May 15, 2018.

Applications are accepted until the Marketplace is full. Application must be submitted with photographs, examples, and/or supplemental materials that you feel will further assist us in thoroughly reviewing your products and/or services.

Note: Photos and/or samples of each item you wish to sell are required to receive consideration for the 2018 faire season.

Business Owner's Name:				Date:			
Business Name							
Street Address							
City					State		Zip
Phone Home			Bus.			Cell:	
WI Seller's Permit No. <i>(as listed on seller's permit)</i>							
Business Address <i>(If Different)</i>							
City					State		Zip
Email Address				Website			

2018 Fees for Guest Artists:	Onsite Living fees:
1 to 3 weekends is \$500. 4 to 6 weekends is \$1,000. 7 to 9 weekends is \$1,500. <i>(7-9 weekends also has a \$1,000 tent rental fee.)</i>	We have limited onsite living and it is best if you find accommodations elsewhere. We do have an agreement with nearby Candlewood Suites for reduced fees, and they accept pets. THIS IS A NO PET SHOW. See our website for further options: www.renfaire.com/Bristol Or send us an email with specific questions: brfmarketplace@renfaire.com

Please circle the dates you wish to attend:			
Week 1 (July 7/8)	Week 2 (July 14/15)	Week 3 (July 21/22)	Week 4 (July 28/29)
Week 5 (August 4/5)	Week 6 (Aug 11/12)	Week 7 (Aug 18/19)	Week 8 (Aug 25/26)
Week 9 (September 1-3) This includes Labor Day Monday – no exceptions.			

Show Information: (List shows/outlets where you have marketed your products and/or services.)

Name and location of show/outlet

Year started

Until

Name and location of show/outlet	Year started	Until

Product information: List your products and/or services – include a printed photo or sample of each – do not email photos.

Name and detailed description of EACH product:	Type of Materials used in product:	% of the product that is created by you:	Price range:

**Please list any additional items on a separate sheet of paper.*

Number of years making the above products/services:_____

How do you plan to display your wares? Please attach photos with labels, as well as include a description below on how you plan to display your product, including dimensions, if available.

Please add any additional information that you feel represents your enterprise and what you have to offer:

How did you hear about the Bristol Renaissance Faire?:

If the marketplace is full, do you wish to be put on our waiting list: ___Yes or ___No