

ALL DETAILS BELOW SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WE WILL EMAIL YOU 30 DAYS PRIOR WITH UPDATED INFORMATION.



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ART FESTIVAL

Hello Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival Artist,

We are excited to have you exhibit your art at the **Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival**, Friday September 11, Saturday, September 12, and Sunday, September 13! Show hours 10AM to 5PM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Here's What You Need to Know

NEW THIS YEAR

Friday's hours will be 10AM to 5PM and set up will be Thursday.

Green Ribbon Project

Get more exposure by sending us an image of the piece of art you will be designating for the Green Ribbon Project. This festival we are donating to the Chicago Botanic Garden. If you are participating and the piece you designate for the Green Ribbon Project sells, 10% of the sales from that piece of art will be donated to Chicago Botanic Garden. [Click here to read more about Chicago Botanic Garden.](#)

Are You Demonstrating On Site? Let us know so we can talk about it in our community outreach!

Bring A Water Bottle!

In our new initiative to be eco-friendly and reduce our carbon footprint, instead of plastic water bottles, we will have cold water available to refill your water bottle.

Botanic Themes, Materials, and Uses REQUIRED

All artists must exhibit art with botanic themes, materials, or art that can be used in a botanic way. At least 75% of your booth display must comply with this requirement.

Storage

Back storage must be tidy and extend no more than 1' from the booth, where space is available. Limited storage will be available in our designated break room.

Corner and Double Space Requirements

An artist with a corner must either have the corner wall open or use the outside wall to display art. Double spaces must be occupied by **two** 10x10 tents. **10x20 tents are NOT allowed.**

Tent Weights – NO STAKING

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO STAKING IN TENTS TO THE GROUND. Every tent will need to have AT LEAST 40 pounds per tent leg and strong straps or rope to attach the weights to the tent. **NO CINDERBLOCKS OR WATER BOTTLES USED AS WEIGHTS ALLOWED.** Weight inspections will occur before the festival opens and throughout the festival to keep everyone safe. Any artist that does not comply with these rules will be required to fix it before the festival opens.

General Rules of Chicago Botanic Garden

- There is no smoking at the Chicago Botanic Garden, including e-cigarettes.
- Service animals are permitted on Garden grounds. No other pets may be on the grounds or left in vehicles.
- Bikes are allowed on the east road only.
- Rollerblading, skateboarding, use of scooters and Frisbees, ball playing and fishing are not permitted.
- Balloons are a hazard to wildlife on the grounds and are not permitted.
- Concealed carry firearms are prohibited on any real property under the control of the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Individuals who are licensed to carry concealed guns must store their firearms in their car's glove compartment, trunk, or locked case while visiting the Garden.
- There is no overnight parking allowed at the Garden.
- Tents can only be 10x10. No 10x20 tents are NOT allowed.
- No staking into the ground.

Awnings

Awnings are allowed in all booth locations.

How to Get There

The address of the Chicago Botanic Garden is 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022. Check-in will be at a tent located in Parking Lot 6. Enter the Chicago Botanic Garden off Lake Cook Road, stop by the Gatehouse and then turn left at the first stop sign.

Booth Number

[Click here to find your booth number \(Booth numbers will be available 30 days prior to the show\).](#) We made every attempt to fill special requests. Booth numbers are subject to change. We will notify you of any changes.

Festival Map

Attached to this email.

Load-in Map

Attached please find the staging, load-in, and parking map.

Check-in/Load-in Times

Each artist will have a designated load-in time. The Load In schedule will be distributed 30 days prior to the set up day. You will receive an email 2 months prior to the set up day asking your preferred load in time from the following times: 8AM-9:30AM, 10AM-11:30AM, 12PM-1:30PM, and 2PM-3:30PM. Vehicles must leave the load-in area by 4PM. NO EXCEPTIONS. Setup may continue until the park closes.

How Load In Works

Every artist will:

Check-in at Lot 6 to receive their show info packet and loading pass
Pull up in the loading area
Use a dolly to bring all of their items to their space
Park their vehicle back in Lot 6
Walk through the Visitor Center to the festival grounds and set-up their booth
****Please do not set up your booth until your car is parked in Lot 6****

Parking Friday ONLY

Artists may park in Lot 3. Be sure to hang your parking permit in your vehicle. If you plan to drop your hitch, please request an extra permit at check-in and duct tape this to your hitch. **Please remember that your vehicle and hitch/trailer may be dropped here Friday ONLY – they both must be moved to south end for Saturday and Sunday. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Parking Saturday & Sunday

Use the Dundee Road entrance on the south side of the Garden (there's a sign that says "Service Entrance") and follow signs to artist parking. **Take the free shuttle to/from the festival site/Regenstein Center West Portico all day. Please allow yourself an extra 30 minutes to park and get to the festival.** Your booth must be staffed and open each day during the show hours (10AM to 5PM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). **Even if you are a Garden member, you must park at the south end.** Each parking spot can turn over at least three times per day. A parking spot taken by you can turn away at least three customers.

Artist Tram Ride

There will be a complimentary artist tram ride of the Gardens at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Pick up the tram in front of the Visitor Center.

Promote, Promote, Promote!

Pre-promotion is EVERYTHING! Attached is the promotional poster.
Email this poster to your client list and invite them to the **Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival!** The festival is free, regular parking fees apply.

Facebook

Join the event on Facebook!

Once you've joined, invite all your friends on Facebook and post it on your Facebook page, Twitter feed, and in your blog on your website! Use the following hashtags when you post:

#ChicagoBotanicGardenArtFestival #AmdurProductions

Type these into your post to tag us and the event: @Amdur Productions @Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival @Chicago Botanic Garden

Tip: if you copy and paste, it will often not work. Typing in the name is the way to go.**

If you need assistance with this, just call or email me and I'll help!

Questions?

Before the festival, call our office at [847-926-4300](tel:847-926-4300). If you are calling on the day of load-in, call our festival phone at [224-253-2330](tel:224-253-2330).

See you soon!