



# 130<sup>th</sup> Bolton Fair

Fairgrounds at Lancaster – Lancaster, MA



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**Craft Show - Aug 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Rules & Information**

The Bolton Fair is a traditional agricultural fair that includes a horse show, oxen and horse pull, fiddler's contest, cow, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit and poultry shows, craft show, sheep dog demonstrations, hall exhibits, midway and much more. Big, open fields, apple orchards and a small town atmosphere accent our country setting. Expected attendance on a nice weekend is 25,000 people. The Bolton Fair, Inc., the sponsor of the Bolton Fair, is a non-profit organization and a member of the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association. The small committee that organizes the Bolton Fair consists mainly of volunteers. Please familiarize yourself with the following rules and information, as we consider them important to the success of the Bolton Fair and this Craft Show.

### **CONTINUING THIS YEAR**

- ☞ Craft Show will operate during 2 days of the fair (Saturday & Sunday)
- ☞ Cash rewards for successfully referring NEW crafters - \$25.00!! (details below)
- ☞ Larger spaces to better accommodate crafters

### **FAIR DATES & HOURS**

2012 will be our 4<sup>th</sup> year operating the fair during the month of August! Although the entire fair will be open 3 full days (Friday – Sunday), the Craft Show will run for 2 days – Saturday & Sunday. Setup information will be communicated just prior to the fair.

	<u>Craft Show</u>	<u>Full Fair</u>
Friday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>	closed	9 am – 9 pm
Saturday, August 11 <sup>th</sup>	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Sunday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 9 pm

### **SPACES & RATES**

- All spaces are outdoor and measure 12 feet by 12 feet at a cost of \$125 for both days.
- Spaces are only on level grass at our Lancaster fairgrounds.
- Within the fairgrounds, the Craft Show remains in the same general location as last year.

### **RECOMMEND A FRIEND**

We've found that most of our new crafters were referred to us by previous and current Bolton Fair crafters. So, in trying to expand our Craft Show with good, new and proven talent, what better way to do it than to ask for your help. If one of your referrals results in a NEW crafter (NEW = had not participated in the Bolton Fair Craft Show in either 2010 or 2011) who successfully participates in this year's fair, we will send you a check for \$25.00 after the fair. You've found more than one? Then it's \$25.00 for \*each\* crafter. It's simple – their application just needs to contain your name listed as reference where indicated.

### **JURIED SHOW**

Crafts are screened for quality, workmanship and appeal to our fairgoers. The jury process is ongoing and will take into account space availability and category saturation. Only those products that have been juried may be sold at the fair. To review your work we will need:

- Three (3) photos of your product
- One (1) photo of your display
- A description of materials and processes used in creating your product

One photo each of your product and display will be kept on file. Please enclose a SASE if you would like your other photos returned.

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**RETURNING CRAFTSMEN** Currently, we do not re-jury returning craftsmen selling the same crafts. However, any changes in your merchandise must be juried.

**HANDCRAFTED** Craftsmen may display and sell ONLY their own, original, handcrafted work. Imported goods, manufactured products, kits, or crafts purchased at wholesale are not allowed. Your booths and products will be reviewed during the fair.

**OPEN FOR BUSINESS** Our fairgoers expect to find and enjoy the activities and events we have advertised. In fact, many fairgoers attend the fair specifically for the Craft Show. It is important that your booth be staffed and operational during all hours - you must not close your booth before the advertised closing time of the Craft Show each day. However, we encourage all crafters who would like to remain open until the fair closing time to do so. If an emergency affects your ability to attend the Craft Show, you must notify us as soon as possible.

**RAIN or SHINE** The Bolton Fair will be held rain or shine. The fairgrounds can be windy; canopies must have corners heavily anchored. There will be no refund for any reason. New England weather is unpredictable but the fair must go on - so come prepared!

**BOOTHS/DISPLAYS** Displays should be neat, professional and safe to the public. Only professional canopies will be allowed.

**VEHICLES** Due to heavy pedestrian traffic, vehicles may not be brought on to the fairgrounds during operating hours listed above.

**TENT & TABLE RENTAL** You may rent a tent and tables through the Bolton Fair's tent vendor. Contact us for information. If you rent a tent from another vendor, you must put it up and take it down yourself. Our contract with our tent supplier does not allow for other tent vendors on the fairgrounds.

**OVERNIGHT** It is possible to stay overnight on the fairgrounds in your van or camper. Please make arrangements with us before your arrival. Space is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**INSURANCE** Crafters agree to carry liability insurance and will provide proof if requested.

**ELECTRICITY** Electricity is not available in the Craft Show area. Generator use is not permitted.

**ANIMALS** No pets or animals are allowed.

**SECURITY** Security personnel are present on the fairgrounds. Many exhibitors leave the bare bones of their exhibit overnight on their space. However, the fairgrounds are large and The Bolton Fair will not guarantee the safety of anything left unattended.

**ADVERTISING** This is an annual event extensively advertised in all available local media including radio, newspapers, internet, etc. Our web site, radio spots, premium book, newspaper advertising and fair program received awards at the 2010 and 2011 Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association's annual meeting.

**FINAL INFORMATION** Exhibitor information will be sent immediately before the fair.

**NEXT STEPS** If accepted to participate in the craft show, you will receive a confirmation notice typically within 3 weeks of receipt of your contract. If not accepted, your check and photos will be returned.

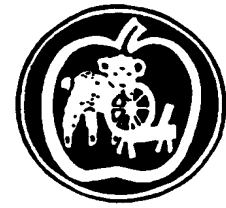
Thank you for respecting our efforts to make this weekend a great experience for you and our patrons. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



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*Craft Show Contract*



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying to participate in the Bolton Fair Craft Show as an exhibitor.

Payment is enclosed for:

OUTDOOR space -- 12 x 12 #spaces \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 125.00 (2 days) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Table rental -- 8' #tables \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 18.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Product to be sold. Please BE VERY SPECIFIC: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass. Sales Tax ID \_\_\_\_\_

### Comments

The Bolton Fair will be held RAIN or SHINE. ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. I hereby agree to hold The Bolton Fair, Inc., its officers and agents harmless for any personal injury, property loss or damages of any nature or cause suffered as a result of the operation of this show. I AGREE TO CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE AND WILL PROVIDE PROOF IF REQUESTED. I will abide by the Craft Show Rules & Regulations listed in the accompanying pages. The Bolton Fair, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibitor, and shall have the right to make rules for the show that it deems proper and necessary. The exhibitor agrees to accept and abide by the interpretation of said rules, as may change from time to time, as set forth by The Bolton Fair, Inc.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send :**

- This contract, completed and signed
- Check payable to "The Bolton Fair, Inc."

**AND if you did NOT participate in 2011:**

- 3 photos of your product
- 1 photo of your display
- Description of the materials and process used
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope (for return of your photos)

Mail to:

**Bolton Fair - Craft Show  
PO Box 154  
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**For questions please contact :**

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 Did anyone refer you to the Bolton Fair Craft Show? Name \_\_\_\_\_