

## *2026 May Faire*

### *Arts & Crafts/ Political Vendor Information*

#### **Eligibility:**

- Only work handmade by the artist will be accepted. In the medium of jewelry, beads made by the artist's own hand will take precedence over prefabricated beads. Elements of a display that are not considered in keeping with the integrity of May Faire will be requested to be removed by the Committee.
- All booths must be operated by the applicant on the days of the event. The work of only one artist may be displayed in each assigned space. Two person teams producing a single product may qualify as a single exhibitor.
- **Political Booths are permitted, but may NOT display candidate signs on county property.**

#### **Entry Fee & Acceptance Information:**

- The cost for each 10' x 10' space is **\$100.00** for this year's two day event on May 2, 2026 and May 3, 2026.
- Application AND payment must be received BEFORE April 15, 2026.
- All acceptance confirmations will be sent by email or phone by April 24, 2026.
- Full refunds will be sent to ineligible applicants.

#### **General Vendor Information:**

- Each vendor will be assigned a space approximately 10' x 10'. Spaces may vary. All tables, tents, canopies, exhibits, goods, and any wires must be inside the designated area. Please flag all wires. o Location of vendors will be determined by the May Faire Committee. Please do not ask for a special location. Thoughtful consideration will be given to traffic flow and booth access.
- Vendors may set up their booths Friday, May 1, 2026 from 12 PM to 5 PM and Sat May 2, 2026 from 7 AM to 8:30 AM. All booths must be set up and ready for business by 9 AM on Saturday May, 2, 2026.
- Upon arrival, please check in at the May Faire Information Booth You may then proceed to the unloading zone before going to park. Spaces for trailers may be available on a first come, first served basis.
- All vehicles must be removed from Court St. & Brickbat Rd. by 8:30 AM on Saturday. Loading and unloading times on Court St., Church St., & Brickbat Rd. will be limited to 10 minutes. All roads will be closed Saturday except Brickbat for loading and unloading. Towing will be enforced at the vehicle owner's expense.
- **ALL BOOTHS MUST BE OPEN 9 AM TO 4 PM DURING THE FESTIVAL.** Anyone closing their booth before 4 PM risks being ineligible to participate next year. Being a "no show" also risks ineligibility for the following year.
- Please display your Booth Number included in your packet prominently in your booth.
- Artists should provide their own weather protection and shade for this outdoor event.
- No electricity will be available.
- All packing boxes, carts, etc. must be removed or hidden from view during the event.
- Each artist is responsible for the collection of applicable sales tax.
- An exhibitor's failure to take occupancy of their designated booth by Saturday at 9 AM will result in forfeiture of any use of that booth for the duration of the event.
- If an artist applies for more than one (1) space, both spaces must be used to display artwork.
- All booths, equipment, and trash must be removed by 6:00 PM on Sunday May 3, 2026 unless a food vendor.
- Mathews Museum, The May Faire Committee and the County of Mathews will not be liable for refunds or any liability arising from fire, theft, vandalism, accident, or any "act of God". Additional insurance, if desired, must be obtained at the operator's own expense.
- No individual or organization shall circulate and/or ask for signatures on a petition for any cause or reason.

**2026 May Faire**  
**Mathews County Rules & Regulations**

The following requirements of the County of Mathews must be strictly adhered to:

- No attachments of any kind whether with nails, spikes, screws, glue, tacks, or other means of fasteners, shall be made to public buildings, monuments, benches, sidewalks, streets, roads, fences, light poles, trees, and shrubs. These items shall not be used for posting wires, guy lines, pennants, or signs.
- No holes or trenches for anchors, screws, or posts shall be made in County properties, including graveled and grass areas. This shall not prohibit the routine of setting stakes, spikes, or small posts in grassy areas for guy lines, wires, and signs when they do not interfere with pedestrian walkways, utilities, and the conduct of County business. Underground electrical and utility lines will be marked by flags during May Faire.
- The protective fences around trees, shrubs, bushes, flowers, and monuments on county properties shall not be moved, altered, or tampered with. No tree limbs, bushes, flowers, or shrubs shall be cut, pruned or broken.
- Other than those electrical sources supplied by the May Faire Committee, there shall be no hook-up, connection, or admittance to County electrical, telephone, sewer, water, or other utility outlets and facilities.
- There shall be no admittance of vendors and public to the hallways, bathrooms, etc. of the County administration or other public buildings.
- Vehicles/trailers/heavy equipment (i.e., cookers) are not allowed on curbs, sidewalks, or grassy areas of the County at any time. No exceptions. Loading or unloading of materials, products, or display items will be completed from the streets only.
- NO OVERNIGHT STORAGE IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS.

**THE ABOVE LISTED IS SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIAL  
OR HIS DESIGNATED AGENT VIA THE MAY FAIRE COMMITTEE.**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE LISTED REQUIREMENTS SHALL RESULT  
IN THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF BOOTH AND CONTENTS FROM YOUR ASSIGNED SPACE.**

**2026 May Faire**  
**Saturday May 2, 2026 and Sunday May 3, 2026**  
**Arts & Crafts Vendor Application**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_ Description

of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\* Cost for one 10' x 10' space is \$100.00. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT IS APRIL 15, 2026.** Make  
checks payable to The Mathews Museum.

Number of Space(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, in consideration of the right applied for herein to operate and maintain a booth during May Faire, which right as granted upon the execution of the Application is hereby acknowledged, do hereby remise, release, and forever discharge the County of Mathews or any authority, board, bureau, commission, district or agency thereof from any and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, premises, variances, trespasses, damages, extents, executions, claims, and demands, whatsoever in law or in equity which the club, organization and/or business can, shall, or may have upon or by reason of any matter cause anything against the County of Mathews or any authority, board, bureau, commission, district, or agency thereof arising from the activities of the said club, organization, and/or business contemplated in the present Application.

I HAVE READ THE APPLICATION, INFORMATION, AND RULES & REGULATIONS AND I AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS. ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

**I UNDERSTAND IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION I MUST SUBMIT MY APPLICATION AND PAYMENT BEFORE APRIL 15, 2026.**

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All applications, checks, and photos if applicable may be mailed to:  
May Faire Committee, P.O. Box 634, Mathews, VA 23109

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2026**  
A full refund will be given to any ineligible applicants.