

Arts and Crafts Guidelines

Handmade arts and crafts will be admitted as market products only after a registration process that includes review and approval by a jury of all product types to be sold at a market event. Jury members are designated by the ACFM board of directors from outside the membership. Each item must be handmade by the member in Ashe County. Items are judged on the basis of craftsmanship, artistic merit, aesthetic value and market appeal. Commercial kit assemblies are not acceptable, and manufactured component parts are allowed only to the extent necessary for structural integrity.

These rules apply to product types:

Flower Arrangements must use only fresh or dried flowers. Silk or plastic flowers are not acceptable.

Clothing, hats, footwear and their accessories must be made by the member. Artistic decoration of an otherwise disqualified article will not qualify it for the market. Belts must be handmade, except for their attached buckles. Machine embossing is not acceptable.

Jewelry must utilize handcrafted components as primary features. Unaltered commercially available stones, beads and clasps may be used if not viewed as primary features. Clocks must use cases handmade by the member. Commercially produced components are acceptable if not viewed as primary features.

Artwork must be originally produced by the member. Copies of this art may be sold, including reproductions on paper and cloth items. Commercially produced frames are acceptable if not viewed as primary features.

Pottery must be produced by the member, and must be identified as to safety for food storage or preparation.

Musical recordings must be from performances by the member or a group that includes the member.

Written works by the member are acceptable if illustrations or other features are not viewed as primary features.

Soaps and lotions must be formulated by the member, and labeled with major ingredients. Commercially produced containers must not be viewed as the primary feature.