

Arts and Crafts Guidelines

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Handmade arts and crafts will be admitted as market products only after a registration process which includes a review and approval by a Jury of all product types and if approved is limited to that market season and the following three (3) seasons at which time the product will need to be rejuried before it can be sold at the Market. The Market season will be from March through March of each year. The Ashe County Farmers Market (ACFM) board of directors will appoint each Jury member from outside of the Market 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.

Note:

- 1. Member – meaning paid member of the Ashe County Farmers Market.**
- 2. ACFM – meaning Ashe County Farmers Market**
- 3. Kit – A “kit” is a mass produced group of materials sold for assembly by members of the general public.**

These rules apply to product types:

Flower Arrangements must be only fresh or dried flowers grown in Ashe County. Silk or plastic flowers are not acceptable.

Clothing, hats, footwear, rugs, blankets, quilts, towels and any other fabric/textile made items and their accessories must be made by the member. Belts must be handmade and/or hand tooled, except for their attached buckles. Buckles cannot be sold separate unless handmade by the vendor. Machine embossing or embroidery is not acceptable.

Jewelry must utilize handcrafted components as primary features. Unaltered commercially available stones, beads and clasps may be used if significant skilled workmanship is necessary to produce the piece.

Clocks must use cases handmade by the member. Commercially produced components are acceptable if not viewed as primary features.

Photography, drawing or paintings must be originally produced by the member. Copies of this art may be sold, including reproductions on paper. Commercially produced frames are acceptable if not viewed as primary feature. Handmade frames produced in Ashe County by the vendor or another vendor in the Market are also acceptable.

Pottery must be produced by the member, and must be identified safe for food storage or preparation (coffee mugs, casserole dishes or other items for baking). Commercial molds, kits or ceramics are not accepted.

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

Woodcrafts are based on artistic appeal and structural integrity. All crafts must be the vendors original design and/or there interpretation. No commercial kits, patterns (hobby house/magazines, etc.) or stencils are allowed. Commercial products such as hinges, latches, hooks, nails, wire, etc. are acceptable if not viewed as primary features.