



The 6th Annual Liberty Arts Festival is returning to downtown Morris, Illinois!

If you know anything about Morris, you know this town produces great events: 3 French Hens French County Market, Morris Cruise Nights, the Liberty 5K, Grundy County Corn Festival, Home For The Holidays and that's just a few! Morris is a charming town located on the I&M Canal, with a thriving downtown packed with unique stores and great restaurants. It serves as the perfect backdrop for an amazing Art Festival!

The Morris Downtown Development Partnership (MDDP) is sponsoring this three-day festival, Thursday, July 16, Friday, July 17 & Saturday, July 18, 2020. The Liberty Arts Festival will highlight all types of creativity: music, dance, creative kid's activities, and of course, lots of ART!

A highlight of the Liberty Arts Festival will be the ART WALK. Taking place on Saturday, July 18, from 10am-4pm, the ART WALK will literally be taking over the streets. Portions of Washington and Liberty streets, in the heart of downtown Morris, will be closed to cars, and attendees can walk the streets while taking in live music, food, art and more!

We're looking for artisans of all types: painters, photographers, metal crafters, leather workers, sketch/caricature artists, woodworkers, jewelers, paper crafters, etc. The out-of-pocket expense is low – only \$25 to participate (\$30 on-line). And high school and college students can participate at no cost! That's it! And you can recoup the participation fee (and make a few bucks for your time too) by selling your artwork! We encourage you to set-up your booth as your own mini gallery. Once again, this year's event will be juried. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place participants in the Fine Art Walk.

We are also bringing back the "Makers Market". The market will be adjacent to the *Fine Art Walk*, giving visitors a variety of shopping options.

Can we include you? Fill out the attached application, review the details, include a few photos of your work, and send in the participation fee. We hope to see you there!

Thank you,  
*Liberty Arts Festival/Art Walk Committee*

P.S. For additional information on downtown Morris and the Liberty Arts Festival, visit [www.downtownmorris.com](http://www.downtownmorris.com).



## **Eligibility**

We are looking forward to packing the streets with artisans of all types: painters, photographers, sculptors, metal crafters, jewelers, woodworkers, ceramics, etc. The Liberty Art Festival features both a Fine Art Walk and a separate Makers Market. While we know art can only be judged by the artist themselves, we feel some guidelines need to be set. We reserve the right to accept or deny any application. If the sample photos of your work do not meet the qualifications of either the Fine Art Walk or the Makers Market, your participation fee will be refunded. Please note that all art must be original.

## **Application Process**

Artists must submit 3 photos (or digital images) that accurately represent their current art. Do not send actual work. Photos and digital images should be labeled with the artist's name and medium. Please note that photos submitted will not be returned. Notification of acceptance will be sent within three weeks of the receipt of your application.

## **Your own Mini Gallery**

Each participant will receive a 10'x10' space to set-up and sell their original artwork. Additional spaces are available. Only one artist per space, please. Participants will need to provide their own tent, tables, chairs, props, weights, etc. Weights are required. Your tent will be set up on a city street, so please plan accordingly. The Art Walk will not be cancelled due to weather, so plan ahead for any and all weather conditions. Please note, that we cannot guarantee the location of your space. However, we will make every effort not to place similar artists next to each other. Should you need electricity, please note it on the application. Several 10 and 20 amp circuits are available.

## **Requirements**

Artists are required to be in attendance during show hours. You are responsible for keeping your space clean throughout the event, including end of day clean up. Vendors are expected to be able to provide proof of their own insurance. No pets will be allowed. Vendors are responsible for delivering and handling the setup and removal of their displays, tents, tables, etc. Artists are required to display original art.

## **Show Date and Location**

July 18, 2020, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The Fine Art Walk and Makers Market will be located on Washington and Liberty Streets in downtown Morris. Artists will be located near the Grundy County Courthouse and other festival activities.

## Setup

Set up will begin at 8:00am. Please note that all spaces must be setup by 9:30am and remain until 4:00pm. Disassembling your area or packing up before 4:00pm will disqualify you from participation in future Art Walks.

## Cost

The cost for a 10'x10' space is only \$25 (\$30 on-line). Free for high school and college students! Participants will be responsible for collecting sales tax, paid in accordance to the Illinois Department of Revenue. Please note that the entry fee is nonrefundable. Please visit the Liberty Arts Festival page on our website [www.downtownmorris.com](http://www.downtownmorris.com) for a link to submit your \$30.00 payment on-line.

## Awards and Judging for Fine Art Walk

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$200 and ribbon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$150 and ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$50 and ribbon

Judging begins at 10:00 am and will be based on the overall quality of artwork and display.

## Application Deadlines

Application, check and photos must be received or postmarked by June 30, 2020.

Applications may be considered after June 30, but the participation fee will be \$40/space.

Send digital images to [mddp@downtownmorris.com](mailto:mddp@downtownmorris.com)

Make checks payable to Morris Downtown Development Partnership (MDDP)

Mail application, photos (unless submitted digitally) and check to:

Morris Downtown Development Partnership

105 E. Main Street, Suite 302

Morris, IL 60450

## Questions?

Contact the Morris Downtown Development Partnership, Inc. at (815) 941-0245 or [mddp@downtownmorris.com](mailto:mddp@downtownmorris.com).



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# APPLICATION

<b>BUSINESS NAME:</b>	
<b>ARTIST NAME:</b>	
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP:</b>	
<b>PHONE:</b>	
<b>EMAIL:</b>	
<b>WEBSITE:</b>	
<b>FACEBOOK:</b>	
<b>INSTAGRAM:</b>	
<b>DESCRIBE YOUR ARTWORK:</b>	
<b>How did you hear about the Liberty Arts Festival Art Walk?</b>	
<b>DEMONSTRATIONS?</b> Will you be demonstrating your technique during the Art Walk?	
Would you be interested in, or available to conduct a LIVE demonstration on Thursday or Friday as well?	
<b>NUMBER OF SPACES? (\$25/\$30 per space. Free for students)</b>	
<b>Electricity needed?</b> <b>10 or 20 amp circuit?</b>	
<b>Other requirements?</b>	

The Liberty Arts Festival, Morris Downtown Development Partnership and the City of Morris are not responsible for any loss or damage to the artist's work, displays, or any personal injury during the festival including set-up, take-down, or as a result of inclement weather. I do not hold the Morris Downtown Development Partnership, its officers or supporters, responsible for accidental loss or damage of any kind. I have read the rules and agree to observe them. I understand that I will be responsible for any damages that I inflict on the City of Morris property.

Artist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Please return signed form and check for booth fee to:**  
**Morris Downtown Development Partnership, Inc.**  
**105 E. Main Street, Suite 302, Morris, IL 60450**  
**(815) 941-0245/mddp@downtownmorris.com**