



Monmouth County Park System
Thompson Park's
Creative Arts Festival
CALL FOR ENTRIES!

Entry Deadline: Monday, March 9, 2026

Festival Dates: Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft

The Thompson Park Creative Arts Center is pleased to announce a call for entries to its 11th annual Creative Arts Festival.

Eligibility & Artists Instructions

- This event is open to artists and fine crafts of every medium.
- A non-refundable jury fee of \$15 per application is to be paid with your submission.
- Submissions must be postmarked no later than March 9, 2026, to be eligible.
- Vendors will be selected by our judges.
- All artists will be notified of status of acceptance by March 23, 2026(see Notification information on page 2 for further details).
- Artists selected will receive a 10' x 10' space to display and sell their original works.
- If selected confirmation and booth fee is to be paid by no later than Friday, April 10, 2026.
 - Indoor barn booth space with electric: \$80
 - Outdoor booth space no electric: \$40
 - Vendors must supply their own tent (if outside) and all necessary display requirements.

Proof of sales tax certificate is required upon acceptance.

Application Process

1. Visit MonmouthCountyParks.com. Complete the submission form which can be found under "Activities" and "Creative Arts Festival".
2. **Submit the form as an email attachment with four (4) JPEG images of your work plus a picture of your booth if you have one, and the non-refundable \$15 jury fee to ccarlson@monmouthcountyparks.com**

OR

Print and mail your submission along with a CD with four (4) images of your work along with the non-refundable \$15 jury fee to

Thompson Park c/o the Creative Arts Center

805 Newman Springs Road

Lincroft NJ 07738

3. *Images must be in JPEG format.*
4. *CDs WILL NOT BE RETURNED, and NO DVDs will be accepted.*
5. *CD must be clearly labeled with artist's name, address, and phone number.*



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Notification

All artists will be notified of status of acceptance by no later than March 23, 2026, and, if accepted, will receive a packet of information about the festival to review before participation. Your confirmation sheet and non-refundable booth fee is to be paid in advance of the festival by no later than Friday, April 10, 2026. All participants are responsible for their own work and the County holds no liability for broken or missing work. Lack of correspondence by April 10, 2026, will result in forfeit of spot.

Exhibition Spaces & Fees

All participating artists are responsible for set-up, manning, and break down of their own booth. Artists are also expected to bring their own supplies for their display. Outdoor vendors are required to bring their own 10'x10' tent.

- Indoor barn booth space with electric \$80
- Outdoor booth space no electric \$40
- All booths must be set up and ready by 10am.
- Take down before the end of the festival is strictly prohibited.

In the event the festival is cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, full refunds will be issued. No refunds or credits will be given for cancellation by participant once booth fee has been paid.

Festival Schedule

- Monday, March 9 - Deadline for submissions
- Monday, March 23 - Notification of acceptance
- Friday, April 10- Participation agreement and payment of booth fee must be received
- Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Festival Open to Public

If you have any questions regarding entering or the event, please contact Christina Carlson at 732-842-4000, ext. 3343, or ccarlson@monmouthcountyparks.com.