



Nature Makers Market Guidelines + Information

Thank you for your interest in the Blandford Nature Center's Nature Makers Market. These one-day markets take place in May and November and feature approximately 30 Michigan artists located in four buildings at Blandford, including our modern Visitor Center and three of our historical buildings.

Artwork

The Nature Makers Market at Blandford Nature Center is a celebration of quality craftsmanship and artisan-made goods, inspired by nature and/or made of natural materials. Items for sale may include art prints, textiles, jewelry, watercolor paintings, stationery, ceramics, glassworks, wool goods, stickers, pins, wood items, botanical skin care, succulent planters, dried flowers, resin crafts, and baby items. The market is free and open to the public.

Jury Process

Artists for the market are chosen by a jury of Blandford staff with the goal of exhibiting a variety of high-quality goods of differing materials and aesthetics. All previous vendors and new applicants will be considered and juried for each market. We will continue to reach out to all artists on our previous vendor and applicant list for each market to allow opportunities for new artists to participate in a market, as well as making each market unique with new offerings from new artists.

Privacy Policy

Blandford Nature Center collects names, email addresses and mailing addresses for the sole purpose of informing members and vendors about upcoming events. If payments are made with a credit card, no account numbers are kept. Information is only obtained for payment of vendor booth fees, membership fees, and date of event participation.

Fees

Members of the nature center receive a 20% discount on their booth fee:

Members - \$80

Non-members - \$100

One 8' table is provided in the cost of your registration.

Cancellations & Refunds

Booth fees are non-refundable 30 days prior to the event. Full refunds are not available, due to processing fees. No-shows forfeit their booth fees.

If the market is officially cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be notified of your refund options.



Buildings, Tables + Booth Requirements

Booth size will be limited to 10'x10' maximum, or the equivalent in space. However, because of the unique sizes and shapes of all of our market spaces, we cannot guarantee an exact booth size, and very large and tall booth displays, including walls and tents, may not work in our booth spaces. We encourage you to think about using tables and shorter displays for your booth. Due to space constraints, multiple large tables in one booth will need to be arranged in an "L" shape rather than end-to-end. When you receive a confirmation of acceptance into a market, we will do our best to communicate any space constraints for your booth. If you have any questions about this, please contact us ahead of the market.

You will be notified of your building assignment and booth size 2 weeks prior to the market.

One 8' table is provided in the cost of your registration. You may choose to bring your own additional table or other display pieces.

- No tents are allowed in any of our indoor spaces.
- No attaching things to the walls. Some booths may have windows where some items may be hung. If this is a requirement for your booth, please specify in the application.
- Entire display must be within the boundaries of the specific booth space provided. Booth spaces will be disclosed two weeks before the market.
- All vendors should display their name and/or business name at their booth.
- Electricity is available at most booths. If this is a requirement for your booth, please specify in the application.

Capacity Restrictions

In order to maximize the number of shoppers in each room, you are allowed a TOTAL of 2 people working your booth space at any given time during the day. You may, however, have more than this help you with set-up and tear-down. We will have staff and volunteers monitoring room capacities and asking shoppers to line up outside the doors if the rooms are deemed to be too crowded. We also ask you to be mindful of this if you have friends or family shopping who wish to stop and chat.

Artist Sales

Artists are responsible for processing their own sales. If you are in the Auditorium, EEC, or Learning Lab, we will provide you with a wifi password for connecting your sales device to our wifi. Artists in the Schoolhouse are required to use their own cell service or wifi hotspot to connect to the internet as we do not have wifi in this building. Food sales are not allowed at artists' tables. Tables must be manned at all times. If you do not have a sales partner attending the Market with you, please flag down a BNC staff member or volunteer to help keep an eye on your booth if you need to leave your table for any reason. There will be several staff members and volunteers floating around throughout the day. Tables must remain open throughout the entire event. You may start disassembling your table at 3:00 pm when the Market closes. Blandford is not liable for items stolen or damaged during the event.



Event Promotions

Please help us promote this event through your mailing lists and social media! If you tag us in your social media, we will try to share it. BNC will share the event to our newsletter recipients, as well as share posts leading up to the event.

Wifi

Wifi is readily available in the Auditorium and Environmental Education Center, and a hotspot is provided in the Learning Lab space. Wifi is not available in the Schoolhouse.

Bathrooms

There are bathrooms located in all buildings, as well as one on the back side of the Visitor Center (accessed by walking via the patio around to the north side of the building).

Mask Policy

Masks are not mandatory in any buildings, but you are welcome to wear one if you prefer. Artists set up in the Learning Lab and Star Schoolhouse are welcome to open windows in those buildings, if desired.

Smoking/Alcohol

Smoking is not permitted on BNC grounds.

Alcohol is not permitted at this event.

Parking

We ask that artists with a booth take only ONE space in our parking lot. If you have additional drivers please park the additional vehicle at the Highlands, which is a short 10-minute walk from our Visitor Center. If there is anyone planning to bring a trailer to the market, you must notify us beforehand to make accommodations. And lastly, vehicles must be moved to the back of the parking lot once you have unloaded your goods.