

Eligibility: This festival is a juried show. All works must be the artist's own design, concept, and execution. Only original works or signed/numbered prints may be exhibited, with no more than half of the work displayed being reproductions. Reproductions must be labeled as such.

Jury Process: if you have not participated in Waterfront the last two years, you will have to submit 3 or 4 images of your work and/or both layout. to submit your photos, please email them to events@bonifasarts.org

In order to accelerate the process and help artists schedule their show season, we have moved to a rolling application process. All applications will be reviewed and artists notified within 14 business days if they are accepted into the show.

Acceptability will be based on originality, technique, design, and variety within mediums. Note: If you participated in either of the last two years of Waterfront Art Festival you do not need to be juried in. Simply complete steps 1 & 3 of the Application Process.

Application Process:

Applications must be received by July 24, 2026

Each participating artist must submit:

1. A completed application form (see reverse). Include your email address for confirmation purposes.
2. If you have not displayed at Waterfront in the past two years, you will have to be juried into the show. **Jury Process**— email 3 or 4 images of your work and/or booth layout to events@bonifasarts.org.
3. Include a check for the total amount due made out to Bonifas Arts Center. Prefer to pay by credit card? Please go to bonifasarts.org under the "For Artist and Vendor" tab to register your space or call the Bonifas at (906) 786-3833.

Mail filled out application & payment to:

Bonifas Arts Center
attn: Events
700 First Ave S.
Escanaba, MI 49829

OR Stop into the Bonifas to drop off payment and completed Application



- **Features 60+ exhibitors and artist vendors**
- **Showcases live music on the Band Shell stage throughout the festival**
- **Hosts activities for adults and hands-on activities for youth**
- **Booth spaces are large making it comfortable for your display and customers**
- **Hosts numerous food vendors to keep the crowd within reach**
- **Attracts a crowd of 2,500+ individuals.**
- **Consistently receives high marks from participating artists for quality, sales, marketing, and traffic.**



Event Details:

Festival Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM on Saturday, August 1, 2026 (no rain date) in Ludington Park by the Karas Band Shell.

Early set up: Friday, July 31, 3 - 7 PM

Day of Check-in starts at 7 AM

No early tear down

Display Booths: Booths are 15' x 15'. Spaces are assigned with no guarantee to get the same spot as previous year. We try to keep like vendors spread out over the festival grounds and not placed next to each other.

- Tents must be supported or anchored by appropriate weights.
- Electricity is not available and generators are prohibited.

Extra Space: we have a limited number of booths with expanded space available for an additional \$25.

Sales: Artists transact all sales and receive all proceeds. Artists are responsible for complying with State of Michigan tax rules.

Liability: The Bonifas Arts Center assumes no responsibility for loss of or damage to any work, display or personal property.

Refunds: Cancellations received before June 1 will be granted a full refund. Cancellations received before June 21 (45 days) will be granted half the refund. Cancellations received on or after June 21 will not be granted a refund.



Bonifas Membership: Artists are always encouraged to become members of the Bonifas Arts Center. The arts center provides exhibits, educational opportunities, programs and events to enrich our lives. In addition to supporting the arts in our community, artists can take advantage of:

- Reduced rates for Waterfront Art Festival, Holiday Art & Craft Fair, and Bonifas Gallery exhibit entry fees.
- Additional marketing exposure via our website and Facebook

Joining is easy, simply include the \$35 membership with your application and start enjoying the benefits immediately with lower booth fees.



Please SELECT ONE category that best represents your work:

- 3D – glass, sculpture, metal, wood
- Fibers & Organics—felted, weaving, basketry & soaps
- Jewelry – fine & assembled
- Painting – acrylic, oils, watercolor, alcohol inks
- Prints/Drawings – hand, lithographs, digital
- Pottery
- Mixed Media
- Photography

Waterfront Art Festival Application

Artist Name: _____
 Business: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____

Have you participated in the Waterfront before? **Yes | No** If yes, when did you last participate? _____

I will donate an item for the Art Raffle: Yes | No

Enter me in the Best of Show competition: Yes | No

I am participating in Friday night set-up: Yes | No

Application Booth Rate (BAC member/non) If Received by

- __ March 1: \$100 / \$110
- __ June 15: \$110 / \$120
- __ After June 15: \$150
- __ Extra booth space + \$25
- __ Bonifas membership + \$35

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
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