

Chautauqua-Wawasee

Wawasee Fine Arts Festival at Oakwood

Saturday, May 23rd, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Important Dates and Deadlines...

Early Bird Deadline: April 1, 2026

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Artist Notification: On acceptance of application. You will be notified by email

Chautauqua-Wawasee invites you to apply to our juried fine arts festival. To apply as an exhibiting artist, please complete enclosed application by May 1, 2026, or take advantage of the Early Bird Discount and submit your application prior to April 1, 2026.

- Booth space: 12'x12' \$125 per space, plus \$25 application/jury fee (per medium).
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: \$100 per space, plus \$25 application/jury fee if received by April 1, 2026.
- **Artists will be considered pre-juried if they were juried for any previous Wawasee Fine Arts Festival and will be displaying the same medium in the 2026 Festival. Only juried artwork will be allowed to be exhibited.**
- Artist set-up on Saturday, May 23rd begins at 6:00 a.m. Booth set-up **MUST** be complete by 8:30 a.m., and please allow yourself enough time to be completely torn down by 5:00 p.m. You will be able to drive right up to your booth area to set up and tear down, however, we ask that you PLEASE have your cars off the lawn at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the festival (8:45 a.m.)!
- Early set-up on Friday, May 22nd is available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Because of other events held at Oakwood, it is very important that we stick to these times.
- **All artists will transact their own sales and are responsible for complying with state and local sales tax regulations.**
- **White tents are preferred but not required. Tent poles are required to be weighted (sand bags).**
- **Special needs requests will be accepted but not guaranteed.**
- Cancellations must be made in written form (mail or email). Cancellations prior to May 9th, 2026 will receive a 50% refund. **No refunds will be made for any act of God, local authority or weather-related cancellations of the event.**
- Volunteer booth sitters will be available for your short-term needs / breaks.
- Wawasee Fine Arts Festival at Oakwood takes place rain or shine.
- No security for Friday night setup.
- Sorry, no access to electricity is available.

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2026 Reservation Request

The Art Festival is set for May 23rd, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This year it will be bigger and better. We are planning to have a children’s activity area, musicians, food vendors, ice cream and more. SO PLEASE JOIN US AGAIN!

Booth set up options:

Friday May 22, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday May 23, 6:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Contact person#1: _____ Alt contact: _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Email #1: _____ Email #2: _____

Your website: _____

Mailing address: _____
Street City State Zip

Desired booth location: _____

Special needs: _____

In which prior Wawasee Fine Arts Festivals have you participated?

None 2025 Prior to 2025

Chautauqua-Wawasee contact: Debbie Yankosky Debbie@CHQW.org 574-377-7543
PO Box 323 Syracuse, IN 46567

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For New Artists Not Yet Juried:

To apply as an exhibitor, please complete this application and submit with fees and up to 10 images (CDs, photos and slides acceptable) by Early Bird deadline of April 1, 2026. Acceptance notification will be emailed as registrations are received. *Two separate checks are due with new artist's application.* Your application is a commitment to participate in the festival. Your booth fee will be returned if your application is not accepted.

Name:	Business Name:
Address:	City, State, Zip
Business Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email:	Website:

Media: _____

Description of work (including information about process used to create your artwork):

Artist Biography (or email formal biography and any photos to be used for publicity)

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Artist Agreement

I hereby submit this application to become an exhibitor in the Wawasee Fine Arts Festival and agree to abide by the policies and regulations as established by the Festival Committee, Chautauqua-Wawasee and the Oakwood Resort.

By submitting this application, applicant hereby and forever releases Chautauqua-Wawasee, the Wawasee Fine Arts Festival Committee and Jury, the Oakwood Resort, Oakwood Foundation and agents and representatives of any of the above listed organizations of and from all manner of actions, suits, and damages, claims and demands, whatsoever in law or equity, from any loss and damage to the undersigned's property during the Wawasee Fine Arts Festival.

The undersigned also agrees Chautauqua-Wawasee and agents may use photographs, videotapes, audio or televised recordings, along with various social media for the festival publicity, documentation or archival purposes.

Our jury consists of a panel of artists, art educators, and visual art professionals. The names of our jury and our artists are anonymous, for obvious reasons. The jury adheres to strict guidelines in evaluating artwork. Artwork is evaluated using the same criteria regardless of the type of medium, the subject matter, the style or who created it. All artwork considered must be fine art or fine craft and judging criteria includes concept, composition, value, techniques, creativity, originality, quality of the art piece, and overall presentation. Arts and crafts that follow pre-established, popular trends do not fit the fine arts criteria, as they are not purchased as an investment that may increase in value over time. All jury decisions are final.

Signature _____ Date _____

Checklist

- Number of Booth Spaces _____ @ \$125. each=_____**
Please make check payable to Oakwood Foundation/Chautauqua-Wawasee

OR ...

- EARLY BIRD (Application must be received by April 1, 2026)**
Number of Booth Spaces _____ @ \$100. each=_____

PLUS ...

- NEW ARTISTS Application/Jury Fee (separate check) \$25.= _____**

- NEW ARTISTS Artwork submitted – CD/photographs/slides (or email to debbie@chqw.org).**
Maximum of ten (10) high quality images and a photo of booth/display.
Artists that were juried into prior year Festivals are pre-juried for the 2026 event.

- Application completed and signed (including biography). Keep page 1 for your records.**
Return pages 2 and 4 if you have exhibited in a prior year. New artists return pages 2, 3 and 4.

Please send application and payment (and direct any questions) to:

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PO Box 323, Syracuse, Indiana 46567

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