

Guidelines for Event Vendors and Demonstrators

Gammelgården Museum of Scandia is celebrating its 54th year in 2026. At our three major events – Opening Weekend (May 2nd), Midsommardagen (June 27th), and Spelmannsstämmen (August 15th) – there is an Artists, Crafters, and Vendor Fair and Demonstration Area. This space provides an opportunity for local artists, crafters, businesses, and non-profits to share their work with the community.

The following are details:

1. The fee for a booth space (with 10 frontage feet) is \$50 per event.
2. Booth spaces are overseen by the Event Chair to allow for the best product/demonstration mix and traffic flow. Each participant will be shown locations to set up upon arrival at Gammelgården. Having a booth space at a past Gammelgården event does not guarantee that a participant will have the same space the next year.
3. You will be included in advertising if your registration form is received by April 1, 2026. However, you can still participate if you sign up after that date.
4. The Artists, Crafters, and Vendor Fair and Demonstration Area is open from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Set-up time for each event is on Saturday from 8:30-9:45 a.m. All vehicles must be out of the parking lot by 9:15 a.m. Everyone must be set-up and open from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. The set-up is in the grassy area to the east of the Welcome House (Välkommen Hus) and Pastor's House (Prästgård). Please make sure your booth space is secure. There are no early set-ups on Friday or take-downs during the event.
5. Participants are responsible for collecting and paying all Minnesota sales tax. Fill out and return an Operator Certificate of Compliance/ST-19 with your registration form. No registration form can be processed without the OCC/ST-19 form completed and signed. A Minnesota tax ID number is available from the Minnesota Department of Revenue at 651-282-5225 or <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/minnesota-tax-id-requirements>.
6. Participants must provide their own booth, tent weights, display, tables, and chairs.
7. All artists and crafters must exhibit original work made by the artists – no mass-produced, franchised, or flea market items, please. You are welcome to do demonstrations, hands-on activities with guests, and/or sell items that are a variety of traditions (e.g., blacksmithing, folk painting, weaving, spinning, embroidery, knitting, crocheting, candlemaking, coopering, tinwork, hide tanning, pottery, copperwork, woodworking, chip carving, sewing, quilting, bookmaking) or related to heirloom gardening and nature.
8. Electricity is not available. Quiet generators are permitted. If a generator is too loud or disruptive, participants will be asked to make other arrangements and/or be removed from the event without a refund.
9. Cancellation policy: No fees will be returned after April 14th. All cancellations must be in writing.
10. No animals are allowed in the vendor area or in vehicles. However, service dogs are allowed in the vendor area.
11. Bathrooms are located nearby (indoor facilities in the Welcome House and porta-potties in the parking lot).
12. All events at Gammelgården will be held rain or shine so please plan for all weather conditions. If thunderstorms are forecast/happening, the event and vendor area will happen at Elim Lutheran Church (a half block north of the museum). No refunds will be made for bad weather.

13. Gammelgården Museum of Scandia is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage.
14. Stalls must be kept free from trash during the events at Gammelgården. At the end of the day, please take your trash home.
15. No alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or nicotine delivery products (e.g., e-cigarettes) are permitted within the vendor area at any event at Gammelgården.

Helpful Links

Information about each event can be found here:

- Opening Weekend (May 2nd) - <https://gammelgardenmuseum.org/event/season-opening-day-2026/>
- Midsommardagen (June 27th) – <https://gammelgardenmuseum.org/event/midsommardagen2026/>
- Spelmannsstämmen (August 15th) – <https://gammelgardenmuseum.org/event/spelmannsstamman2026/>

The link to the Vendor Registration Form to download and print is here: <https://gammelgardenmuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Artists-Crafters-Businesses-and-NonProfit-Registration-Form-2026.pdf>

Operator Certificate of Compliance:

<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2024-12/st19.pdf>

Membership

We invite all vendors to join Gammelgården Museum as a member. Your support ensures the events remain free to the public, which means more potential customers. Memberships also support the restoration of the historic buildings and artifacts; and museum operations. Information about membership is available here: <https://gammelgardenmuseum.org/get-involved/#membership>. Thank you for considering becoming a member of Gammelgården and for supporting our work.

Mailing

Please fill out and mail the Artists, Crafters, and Vendor Fair and Demonstration Area Registration Form and the Operator Certificate of Compliance, along with a check for the \$50 vendor fee per event (as well as the membership form and dues, if you would like to become a member) to:

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Checks should be made payable to Gammelgården Museum.