



September 2 - 4, 2022 • ***Florence, Alabama***

Florence, Alabama is a medium-sized historic southern city draped along the banks of the Tennessee River. It was founded in 1818 by the surveyor Ferdinand Sannoner but was inhabited by Native American tribes as early as the Paleolithic period. Florence and the Shoals area is home to a rich cultural history which gave rise to such figures as W.C. Handy, Helen Keller, and any number of notable artists, writers and musicians. The Shoals area population (Florence, Muscle Shoals, Tuscumbia & Sheffield) is approximately 71, 800 with an additional 271,000 in nearby Huntsville, Madison, and Athens.

The Tennessee Valley Art & Antiques Fair will take place in the Florence - Lauderdale Coliseum in Florence, Alabama September 2 - 4, 2022. Vendors will load in on Thursday, September 1st about mid-morning and have the day to unpack, arrange and prepare for shoppers the next day. The Art & Antique Fair will be open to shoppers from 9:00 - 6:00 on Friday, September 2nd and Saturday, September 3rd. The event will wrap up on Sunday, September 4th following 10:00-2:00 shopping hours. Vendors will break down and pack out Sunday afternoon beginning about 2:30.

The Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum is located at 702 Veterans Dr, Florence, AL 35630.

What are we looking for?

Our goal is to offer a beautiful variety of high quality art and antiques across a range of price points. We hope to have a little of something for everyone – anything from fine antiques & vintage items to contemporary fine art. The fair will heavily feature antiques but will also include a small collection of

carefully curated original art and artisan crafts. Antique dealers should only offer items that are in good to excellent condition without major breaks, chips, peeling finishes, etc... Primitive items should be in a sturdy condition with a suitably stable surface. We are not interested in stocking the fair with DIY pieces. Although the trend for painted furniture exists, we would strongly prefer to have antique pieces with their original finishes.

Are there any excluded Items?

Yes. Firearms will not be allowed to be sold in the Art & Antique Fair for safety and insurance reasons. Native American items such as historic pottery, projectile points, etc. will not be allowed to be sold. As a cultural institution, we feel it is our obligation to protect, respect, and promote the wellbeing of our indigenous cultures. Contemporary Native American items are permitted. Specific questions can be addressed by email.

How do I participate?

After reading this prospectus, you may follow the link below to fill out your entry form and pay for your booth space.

Entry forms may be found on our website: tennesseevalleyarts.org

How is the fair going to be set up?

The Art & Antiques Fair will occupy the floor of the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum. The coliseum has a floor measuring approximately 160'x88' and a stage area measuring 40'x27'. There will be booths of varying sizes available depending on where they are located with the majority measuring 8'x10' arranged back-to-back in three long rows divided by black pipe and drapes 8' tall. There will be approximately 70 vendor booths available. Each vendor will be supplied with 2 tables - (1) 6' table, (1) 8' table, and chair(s). Vendors are responsible for furnishing their own table coverings. Every effort will be made to place each dealer in a position to showcase their items and differentiate them from their neighboring booths. The vendor floor may be accessed through (2) regular metal doors or (1) roll up garage-type door on each end of the venue.

What about taxes and fees?

Booth fees are the only payment you will make to the Tennessee Valley Art Association. Each vendor is responsible for collecting, documenting and remitting all applicable sales taxes. Tax forms will be available for each vendor to use in remitting sales taxes to Lauderdale county and the State of Alabama. The tax rate for Florence, Alabama is 9.5%.

What about overnight accommodations?

Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield and Tusculumbia, Alabama offer a multitude of chain brand accommodations as well as boutique hotels with prices to fit your budget and taste.

If you are interested in camping, spots may be available in nearby McFarland Park located on the banks of the Tennessee River and only a few minutes away from the venue.

McFarland Camp Site / Campground Rental Information

With two beautiful campgrounds next to the Tennessee River, you're sure to enjoy your stay. The campgrounds provide RV and tent camping with electrical and water connections, sewer hookups, waste stations, bathhouse and laundry facilities. McFarland Park has 60 campsites. Campgrounds are

currently open year round. Our policy is first come first serve. There is no limit on the number of stays, only a limit on the maximum length of each stay (21 days). During the months of September through April there is no limit on the length of stay. For more information call **(256) 760-6416** or **(256) 740-8817**.

Important Dates

September 1 (Thursday) Load in / set up booths 10:00 - 6:00

September 2 (Friday) Shopping hours 9:00 - 10:00

- 9:00-10:00 for Tennessee Valley Art Association (TVAA) Early Bird exclusive shopping.
- 10:00 - 6:00 for the general public.

September 3 (Saturday) Shopping hours 9:00 - 6:00

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- 10:00 - 6:00 for the general public.

September 4 (Sunday) Shopping hours 10:00 - 2:00

- Break down begins at 2:30 - 6:00ish

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