

Danforth East Arts Fair 2026 Policies

We are excited to welcome you to the Fair!

The Danforth East Community Association (DECA) is a not-for-profit organization that supports communities and local businesses in the Danforth East area. DECA strives to be an inclusive organization and will not tolerate hate or discrimination on the basis of nationality, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, etc. All Fair participants acknowledge the above and agree to operate in accordance with this principle.

The policies below are in place to set expectations and support an enjoyable and successful Fair for all. Failure to adhere to any of the below guidelines may restrict current/future event participation.

Handmade Focus

Exhibitors' booths may contain only hand-crafted products produced by the exhibitor.

Handmade artwork enclosed in commercial frames or items sold in commercial packaging does not violate this policy.

Claiming design rights to the products (i.e. done locally) while they are produced commercially in a factory or internationally violates this policy.

If you have concerns about this policy for your particular offerings (e.g. stationary printed with your artwork) please include a note in the application form and the jury may contact you for further consideration.

Reproduction Content (applicable to Drawing, Painting and Photography categories only)

Booth content should largely contain original artwork. Photographs and digital works must be signed by the artist and appropriately numbered.

Reproductions / prints should only account for a maximum of 40% of your product offering.

Only one print of the same image can be displayed at any time.

Group Applications

Galleries may apply for a booth at the event to display and sell a cohesive collection of various artists' works. Samples of the artwork you plan to display must be submitted for jury review at the time of application.

Two or more artists (e.g. WORKING AS a collective) may apply to share a booth but all artists' works must be submitted for jury review at the time of application.

Booth Content & Location

Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own 10 ft x 10 ft tent – the Fair will run rain or shine. This year we have added the possibility to rent a tent and have it delivered to the park. This would be an extra charge paid directly to the rental company and applicants selected for participation in the Fair will be given details in their acceptance package.

Exhibitors are responsible to provide any tables, chairs, and display materials required. Exhibitors may not use the park's picnic tables or benches. No staking of the ground is permitted, as per City of Toronto regulations. Booth location is determined at the discretion of DECA organizers and will be assigned to you upon acceptance.

Emerging Artists

The Exhibitor must be a student - secondary or postsecondary - full or part time, to be eligible for the Emerging Artist Booths

Emerging Artists agree to stock sufficient items and be prepared to sell them.

A 10' x 10' tent, as well as table/chairs are provided to all emerging artists to be shared with another emerging artist or sponsoring business.

When Exhibitors share a booth space, each agrees to DECA sharing their contact information with the other. Thereafter, the Exhibitors are responsible to coordinate the booth setup with each other.

Intent to Publish

Application data such as your artist statement, submitted images and/or craft and process description may be published in event marketing materials, including DECA's website and DECA's social media channels as a means to promote the event and its vendors. Please consider your content carefully.

Misrepresentation

Organizers reserve the right to end an exhibitor's participation in the show if the exhibitor's booth is not representative of the exhibitor's application.

DECA reserves the right to terminate the agreement without notice if the participant breaches the contract; for example, if the exhibitor is displaying products or materials that are not covered in the application or if the exhibitor's booth is found objectionable to members of the public or other exhibitors.

No refund will be issued as a result of this termination.

Assumption of Risk

Exhibitors choose to participate at their own risk, including theft, personal injury and property damage. The exhibitor undertakes and agrees with DECA to indemnify and save harmless from any and all claims arising out of the exhibitor's use of the facilities and to indemnify and save harmless from DECA any claims and liabilities for any loss, damage theft or destruction whatsoever caused to any goods or any property belonging to the exhibitor, or for which the exhibitor is responsible, beyond the fee paid to participate in the show in the event of cancellation for any reason.

The exhibitor undertakes and agrees with DECA that he/she/they exhibits entirely at his/her/their own risk and shall be liable for any and all loss whatsoever, caused by the exhibitor, his/her/their servants or agents or the goods, exhibits or other property belonging to the exhibitor or for which he or she is responsible.

While DECA provides overnight security to prevent vandalism, exhibitors are strongly urged to purchase insurance to cover themselves against the risk of loss, damage, and liability.

Weather

The fair will proceed rain or shine. Organizers cannot be held responsible for the weather or its effects. Refunds will not be issued for bad weather. DECA is not responsible for any goods damaged due to weather.

Full Participation

Exhibitors' booths must be set up no later than **10 AM on September 19, 2026.**

No exhibitor may pack up their display before the official closing of the event, **5 PM on September 20, 2026**) without prior agreement with the DECA organizers.

All displays must be removed entirely by **7 PM on September 20, 2026.** Exhibitors are responsible for removing all items brought to the park and waste produced as a by-product of their participation in the show.

Event Cancellation

Should the entire event be cancelled due to circumstances outside of the DECA organizers control – for example, the City of Toronto denying permits for public events – full refunds will be issued to all applicants.

Refund Policy

Unsuccessful applications will have their entire application fees refunded.

Any exhibitor who is accepted to the fair but withdraws on or before **July 19, 2026**, will be subject to a \$50 administrative charge; the rest of the application fee will be refunded.

Exhibitors who withdraw after July 19, 2026, will not receive a refund.