

# TOTAH

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL



Farmington Civic Center  
Farmington, New Mexico

## **Market Terms & Conditions Booklet 2026**

**Please read all instructions carefully before submitting your application packet and booth fee(s).**

**Reserve your space early for the  
Totah Fine Arts Festival  
September 4-6, 2026**

**All booths - \$125**

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The 2026 Market Terms and Conditions booklet, Artist Application and additional festival information available online at,

***[www.totalfestival.org](http://www.totalfestival.org)***

***Total Festival Foundation***

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# **2026 Totah Festival Foundation**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Purpose of the Totah Festival Foundation:

- 1) To provide and promote a public marketplace where Native American artisans are able to display and sell their fine handmade artworks and paintings.
- 2) To encourage the development of newly discovered talent among Native Americans by providing an outlet for their works.
- 3) To bring to the northwest corner of New Mexico those people from all over the world who are interested in knowing more about our cultural heritage, and to invest in the artworks of that culture.
- 4) To create a well-known source for collectors and retailers of Native American art objects.
- 5) To enhance the appreciation of our community, and the world, for our talented Native American community.

## **TO OUR VALUED PARTICIPANTS**

Totah Festival began in 1988 with the idea of creating a marketplace for Native American artists to share their skills and craftsmanship with the community, visitors and each other. The Festival has grown to feature more than 100 artists, a renowned Navajo Rug Auction, Cultural Performances, and Powwow & Gourd Dance. As a foundation, we not only wish to bring more artists to the forefront, we strive to keep the cost low for our participants in order to enable them to establish their business and to learn how shows and festivals are operated.

We thank those artists that have been with us for the past 37 years. They are truly the building blocks of this operation. Without their support and goodwill, Totah Festival would not enjoy the success that it has today.

The Artist Advisory Committee has recommended to the Foundation an additional statement to our title, "Artists Helping Artists Keep Culture Alive." We wish each and every one of you success in your career and we are proud that you chose Totah Fine Arts Festival as one of your annual festivals.

# 2026 Totah Fine Arts Festival Schedule

Totah Fine Arts Festival Artist's booth price **\$125**.

## September 4 - FRIDAY

- Artist Check-in, 12 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Farmington Civic Center
- Juried Art Show Competition Registration, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Farmington Civic Center
- Rug Check-in, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Farmington Civic Center
- Juried Competition Awards & Poster Contest unveiling, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Farmington Civic Center

## September 5 - SATURDAY

- Artist Check-in, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Farmington Civic Center
- Rug Check-in, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Farmington Civic Center
- Show open to public, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Farmington Civic Center
- Indian Market, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Farmington Civic Center
- Totah Festival Powwow & Gourd Dance, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., Farmington Civic Center
- Navajo Rug Auction, 1 p.m., Farmington Civic Center  
Unsold rugs from Navajo Rug Auction, available for pick up, 1-hour after close of auction - Farmington Civic Center  
Checks for sold rugs from Navajo Rug Auction, available 1-hour after close of auction - Farmington Civic Center

## September 6 - SUNDAY

- Totah Festival 5K Run/Walk, 8 a.m.
- Show open to public, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Farmington Civic Center
- Indian Market, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Farmington Civic Center
- Total Festival Powwow & Gourd Dace, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Farmington Civic Center

## September 9 - WEDNESDAY

- **Weaver Checks for rugs sold will be available** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Farmington Museum
- Unsold rugs can be claimed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Farmington Museum

## September 11 - FRIDAY

- Remaining weavers' checks will be mailed

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Booth Registration:** The **non-refundable** booth fee is due at time of application. Booth fees will be \$125. **All booths will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**Booth Capacity:** A maximum of 2 artists permitted per booth. Only registered artists will be permitted in booth space. Artisans must be present both days of Festival, artwork cannot be sold by anyone other than the registered artist.

**Booth Space:** Booths will be assigned in the order completed applications are received and approved. Incomplete applications will be returned to artists. **If you need more than the allotted space then you need to purchase the adjoining booth.**

**Booth Space Description:** Booths in the Exhibit Hall will be approximately 9 ft. X 6 ft. separated and draped. One table and two chairs will be provided per booth. Please let us know at check-in if you will not need the table or chairs so they can be removed.

**Display:** Display units are not provided. Displays, tables and shelving brought in must fit within the assigned booth space. Artists agree to keep booth space presentable and free of debris.

**Electricity:** Electricity cannot be made available to every booth or guaranteed to any artisan. If electricity is necessary, bring extension cords and set up early to gain access to the limited outlets.

**Waiting List:** A waiting list will be established Saturday, September 5, 2026. Judges will approve applications and booths will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Come with a complete application and photos. No-show booths will be reassigned at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 5, 2026.

**Cancellation:** Please notify the committee of cancellation at least 30 days prior to opening day. No-shows jeopardize acceptance into future shows. **Booth fees are non-refundable and there are no rain-checks.**

**Submit application, 3 photographs (for each category), artists' biography, description of artwork (for each category) and booth fee to:**

**Total Festival: 3041 E. Main Street, Farmington, NM 87402**

Each registered artist will be kindly asked to make a donation to the Totah Fine Arts Festival Raffle. Each piece submitted will be included in the raffle. Artists who participate will also be entered into a raffle of winning a complimentary booth at the annual Totah Fine Arts Festival.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Any artist not in compliance or with continued disregard of the set rules and regulations of Totah Fine Arts Festival will be required to leave the premises immediately.

1. The Totah Foundation, herein called Producer, herewith grants a revocable license to use the exhibit space as assigned, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this contract.
2. Any exhibitor not occupying his/her booth space by **9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 5**, will forfeit his/her booth space AND booth fee, unless such deviation is confirmed and agreed to by Producer. Forfeited booths will be filled by artists from the waiting list.
3. No exhibitor will be allowed to begin packing prior to the actual close of the show. Any exhibitor packing their display, or moving out early, will jeopardize their participation in future Totah Festivals.
4. Buyers may not be solicited in the halls or aisles, nor in any other exhibitor space, or escorted to other spaces. Exhibitors may not have models, signs or other solicitation devices outside their booth space.
5. Exhibitors may not distribute any printed material outside of their assigned booth space without Producer's approval. As a matter of courtesy, please ask permission from other exhibitors before entering their space. If they are with a customer, please allow them to give their full attention to the buyer.
6. Exhibitors assume all responsibility for compliance with local, state & federal ordinances and regulations covering fire, safety and health. All exhibit equipment and materials will be reasonably located within the booth and protected with safety devices as necessary. Only fireproof materials should be used in displays. All necessary fire precautions must be observed by exhibitors. No flammable liquids shall be kept within the exhibit booth.
7. **The Producer reserves the right to assign all booth locations and to make changes that become necessary at any time**, consistent with good show practice.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

8. Producer will provide security only during the time the market is not open to buyers from move-in time until show closing. However, Producer and the City of Farmington WILL NOT be liable for loss or damage to the property of the exhibitor or their representatives or employees from theft, fire, accident, water or any other cause.
9. Exhibits and property within the exhibit are brought into the building, maintained and removed from the building at the exhibitor's risk.
10. Exhibitor shall indemnify the Producer and the City of Farmington against and hold it harmless from any claims, suits, or liabilities resulting from negligence of exhibitor in connection with the exhibitor's use of the exhibit space.
11. Producer and City of Farmington will not be responsible for any injury, damage or loss that may occur to an exhibitor, to his/her employees or invitees or to any other person on the premises of the exhibit.
12. Exhibitors will be allowed into the exhibit hall one-half hour prior to opening each day, and will be required to leave the exhibit hall not later than 15 minutes after closing time.
13. Exhibitors are advised to carry floater insurance to cover exhibit material and merchandise against damage and loss, and public liability insurance against injury to the person and property of others.
14. Exemptions to these Festival regulations may be requested and will be considered by the Board of Directors at the request of the Festival Committee or those seeking the exemption.
15. Artists must comply with the current Federal Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act and the New Mexico Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act. All items offered for sale must be properly represented. Everything for sale at an artist's booth at Totah Fine Arts Festival must be produced by the registered artist or artists in booth. All forms of artwork are acceptable if the work is done by hand.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

16. There are a number of restrictions that may apply to specific categories. Jurors and the Show Committee have the final determination concerning the interpretation of these rules and regulations. In order to increase the quality and integrity of the Totah Festival, new procedures in the monitoring and juroring of booths have been implemented. **Artists are due in their assigned booths by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 5, 2026. Vacant booths will be reassigned at 10:00 a.m.** At 9:00 a.m., jurors will check all booths looking for the following:
  1. Compliance with Federal & State Native American Art Acts and the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990
  2. Compliance with the Totah Fine Arts Festival Terms, Rules and Regulations set forth in the 2026 Terms & Conditions Booklet.
  3. All items for sale are made by the registered artist.
  4. Each item for sale has the artist's hallmark or a signed statement of authenticity.
17. Artists must maintain a presence at their booth during the entire length of the show, failure to do so will jeopardize ability to show at future festivals.
18. Sale of mass produced items without approval is not permitted. Commercially mass produced items such as books, videos, CD's, postcards etc. must be juried into the show by the Totah Festival Foundation Board of Directors on a case by case basis. To have items reviewed by the Totah Board submit a letter requesting a review, a complete application packet and sample of the item to be sold (CD, book, postcard) by August 14, 2026. **The sale of stickers will not be allowed.** (See Paintings and Drawings Category Requirements for Poster sale guidelines.)
19. **The usage of Pendleton made items will not be excepted.**
20. Festival participants exhibiting behavior/attitudes deterrent to the success of the show can be removed from the grounds. The individual's actions will then be evaluated by the Totah Festival Board to determine future attendance.

## SPECIFIC CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS

### I. JEWELRY

#### A. Hallmarks

All jewelry including beading, metal work, etc. must have an artist's hallmark, stamp, mark or a signed statement of authenticity by the artist. This is required for each item and must be displayed at booth. **Items must be artist(s) original work. The resale of items not belonging to the artist is not allowed.**

#### B. Metal

- 1) Each piece must have the artist's hallmark, mark or a signed statement of authenticity by the artist for each item and must be displayed at booth.
- 2) Each piece must be clearly STAMPED identifying the metal content of each piece.
- 3) Multiple centrifugal cast is not allowed. Multiple cast is defined as lost wax cast, centrifugal cast, spin cast, vacuum cast or any other casting method that is not hand poured, employing gravity only into a mold created by an Indian artist.
- 4) No manufactured components may be used except for allowable findings (pin backs, earring backs, sterling silver chains).
- 5) No machine made liquid silver, metal beads or plated metals are allowed. The usage of **Copper and Nickel is not allowed.**

#### C. Stone

- 1) Artist's hallmark, mark or signed statement of authenticity by the artist is required for each item and must be displayed at booth.
- 2) Artist must be able to identify all stones upon request.
- 3) All stones shall be of natural color and hardness except:
  - a) Historic or ethnic (i.e. Santo Domingo rolled stone jewelry, mosaic, etc.)
  - b) Fetish jewelry.
  - c) Stabilized turquoise is allowed, but must be disclosed as such.
- 4) **NO imitation or synthetic stone or shell.**
- 5) **NO non-Indian heishi or fetishes.**
- 6) **NO imitation jewels or sequins (i.e. premade jewels purchased at local retailers.)**
- 7) **NO mass production items are allowed.**

## SPECIFIC CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS

### II. PAINTINGS including Contemporary

- A. Artist's hallmark, mark or a signed statement of authenticity by the artist is required for each item and must be displayed at booth.
- B. Original paintings allowed in all media.
- C. Hand executed lithographs, serigraphs & etchings are allowed.
- D. The sale of stickers is and will be prohibited.**
- E. The sale of prints will be allowed if:**
  - 1. Original artwork must accompany prints and be available for sale.
  - 2. Prints are "limited edition" with no more than 200 prints.
  - 2. Each print must bare the artist's hallmark .
  - 3. Prints must be numbered in series (1 of 200, 2 of 200, etc.).

### III. DRAWINGS including Contemporary

- A. Artist's hallmark, mark or a signed statement of authenticity by the artist is required for each item and must be displayed at booth.
- B. Original drawings allowed in all media.
- C. Hand executed lithographs, serigraphs & etchings are allowed.
- D. The sale of stickers is and will be prohibited.**
- E. The sale of prints will be allowed if:**
  - 1. Original artwork must accompany prints and be available for sale.
  - 2. Prints are "limited edition" with no more than 200 prints.
  - 2. Each print must bare the artist's hallmark .
  - 3. Prints must be numbered in series (1 of 200, 2 of 200, etc.).

### IV. WEAVINGS

- A. Artist hallmark, mark or a signed statement of authenticity by the artist is required for each item and must be displayed at booth.
- B. Weavings shall be created on a traditional style loom.

### V. POTTERY including Contemporary

- A. Artist hallmark, mark or signed statement of authenticity by the artist is required for each item and must be displayed at booth.
- B. Only hand-formed pottery is allowed and must be signed by the artist.
- C. NO mould poured ceramic allowed.
- D. NO commercial clay.
- E. All painted or etched pottery must also meet pottery guidelines stated under the pottery guidelines.
- F. Wheel-turned pottery must be labeled as such.

## **SPECIFIC CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS**

### **VI. WOOD CARVING**

- A. Artist hallmark, mark or a signed statement of authenticity by the artist is required for each item and displayed at booth.
- B. All one (1) piece carvings shall be signed by the artist and identified noting the type of wood utilized.

### **VII. SCULPTURE**

- A. Artist hallmark, mark or a signed statement of authenticity by the artist is required for each item and must be displayed at booth.
- B. No prefabricated sculptures.
- C. All types of media are acceptable.
- D. Metal castings must be made by the artist, from the artist's original model and shall be accompanied by a statement of authenticity signed by the artists along with a note designating such work.
- E. No numbered castings after 10/10.

### **VIII. JUNIOR ARTIST**

- A. Artist must be age 18 years or younger.
- B. All rules, regulations and eligibility of artwork for the applicable category and specific requirements apply.

### **IX. EMERGING ARTIST**

- A. This artist must be new to the industry and have never sold artwork one year prior to September 4, 2026.
- B. All rules, regulations, eligibility of artwork and above mentioned category specification previously stated apply.

### **X. PHOTOGRAPHY**

- A. Artist hallmark, mark or statement of authenticity by the artist is required for each item and must be displayed at booth.
- B. Artist must have captured and created the original exposure.
- C. Artwork must be mounted on standard mount board or framed.
- D. Images of any size or shape allowed.
- E. Each piece must be titled.

## 2026 TOTAH FINE ARTS FESTIVAL RUG AUCTION POLICY

Rug Auction will be held at the Farmington Civic Center  
200 W. Arrington  
1 p.m. on Saturday, September 5, 2026

Total Foundation will accept rugs directly from weavers only, with the following understanding:

1. Both the weaver and Total Foundation representatives agree on a **REASONABLE** minimum acceptable auction price.
2. If a minimum price **cannot** be reached, the rug will not be accepted by the Total Fine Arts Festival.
3. Weavers will be charged a **10% commission** on sold rugs. The funds generated from the sale of all rugs will be invested back into the Festival.
4. No rugs may be sold on the Civic Center premises or surrounding parking lots during Total Fine Arts Festival, except in a registered booth.
5. A limited number of rugs from invited licensed and active Trading Posts will be accepted for sale at the auction, with a statement of authenticity, signed by the weaver attached to the name of the Trading Post.
6. Trading Post owners will be charged a **25% commission** on sold rugs, with a maximum of 15 rugs per trading post accepted.
7. Rugs from other sources will NOT be accepted.
8. To enter a rug into the Total Fine Arts Festival Juried Art Competition, the rug must be available for sale at the Festival. Weaver must be registered into a booth or checked-in to the auction.
9. All rugs must be made entirely of purchased or hand-spun natural (non-synthetic) wool.

### Rug Check-In

Friday, September 4 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Farmington Civic Center  
200 W. Arrington

Saturday, September 5 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Farmington Civic Center  
**Rugs not accepted after 12:00 p.m.**

### Weaver Checks and No Sale Rugs

- A. **Weaver checks** for rugs sold will be available 1 hour after CLOSE of auction OR at the Farmington Museum on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- B. **Unsold rugs** can be claimed by weavers 1 hour after the auction has concluded or from the Farmington Museum on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026** between **10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

## 2026 JURIED ART COMPETITION

The Totah Fine Arts Festival offers a Juried Art Competition for registered and confirmed participants of the Festival and/or Rug Auction. Registered artists and Weavers confirmed for the Rug Auction are allowed three (3) entries for judging. Prize money and ribbons are awarded in 10 categories.

Entries for the juried competition must be hand-delivered to the *Farmington Civic Center*, located at 200 W. Arrington, in Farmington. **Entries will only be accepted on Friday, September 4, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.** Mail-ins will not be accepted. The artist must be the sole owner of any artwork submitted for judging. Judging will take place immediately following the deadline. The winning entries will be on display for the Artist Reception Friday evening. Reception will be limited to those entered in the competition.

### Juried Art Reception

Friday, September 4, 2026

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Farmington Civic Center Atrium  
200 W. Arrington

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category. Prize money and ribbons will be awarded for Best of Show (\$1000), Claudine Riddle Award (\$500), Emerging Artist (\$250) and Junior Artist (\$250). Each category 1st place winner will receive a \$100 cash prize award. The Best of Show 1st place winner will also be given a free booth at the 2026 Totah Fine Arts Festival.

### Juried Art Categories

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|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Jewelry   | 6. Wood Carving               |
| 2. Paintings | 7. Sculpture                  |
| 3. Drawings  | 8. Junior Artist (18 & Under) |
| 4. Weavings  | 9. Emerging Artist            |
| 5. Pottery   | 10. Photography               |

**All entries must be available for sale at the artist's booth or the rug auction during the Totah Fine Arts Festival.** An artist may receive first prize for only two (2) consecutive years, but the artist may enter and be eligible for other awards every year.

Artwork must be available for viewing during reception and can be picked up at 7:00 p.m.

## 2026 TOTAH FINE ARTS FESTIVAL POSTER CONTEST

You are cordially invited to submit your artwork for the 2025 Totah Festival Indian Market Poster Contest. Artists previously honored were Mark Silver-smith (1989), Pete Jackson (1990), Clifford Simpson (1991), Jay De Groat (1992), Willie Murphy (1993), Dave Yazzie (1994) Jimmy Abeita (1995), Don Clark (1996), Calvin Toddy (1997), Roger Deale Jr. (1998), Lawrence Charley II (1999), Anthony Chee Emerson (2000), Rosie Yellowhair (2001), Hyrum Joe (2002), James Joe (2003), Everett Howe (2004), Cheryl Joe (2005), Harold NezBegay (2006), Donovan Begay (2007), Roger Deale Jr. (2008), Douglas Yazzie (2009), JC Black (2010), Gilmore Scott (2011), Dennis Ross (2013), Roy Kady (2014), Santana Edd-Belin (2017), Littleriver Simpson (2018), Jerald Sherman (2019), Beverly Blacksheep (2021), Robert Manygoats (2022), Lawrence Charley III (2024), and Jerald Sherman (2025).

The competition is open to **Native American Art of all types of media** including 3-dimensional pieces (e.g. sculpture, wood carving, rugs, silver work etc.) You may submit **up to three (3) pieces** of artwork for the contest. Artwork must be **hand delivered to Farmington Museum** in Farmington, **June 1 through June 22, 2026**. Artwork not selected will be available for pickup on June 26, 2026. Entries can be dropped off/picked up Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mailed entries will not be accepted.

Artwork will be reviewed by a panel of judges. They will consider the overall impact of your work, the appropriateness of the subject matter as it relates to the Festival, and how well the artwork can be photographed and reproduced as a poster, as well as other promotional products. Please be aware there is no need to do any lettering for the poster unless it is incorporated into the artwork. The printer will set the type.

**Hand deliver artwork to:** Farmington Museum  
3041 E. Main St., Farmington

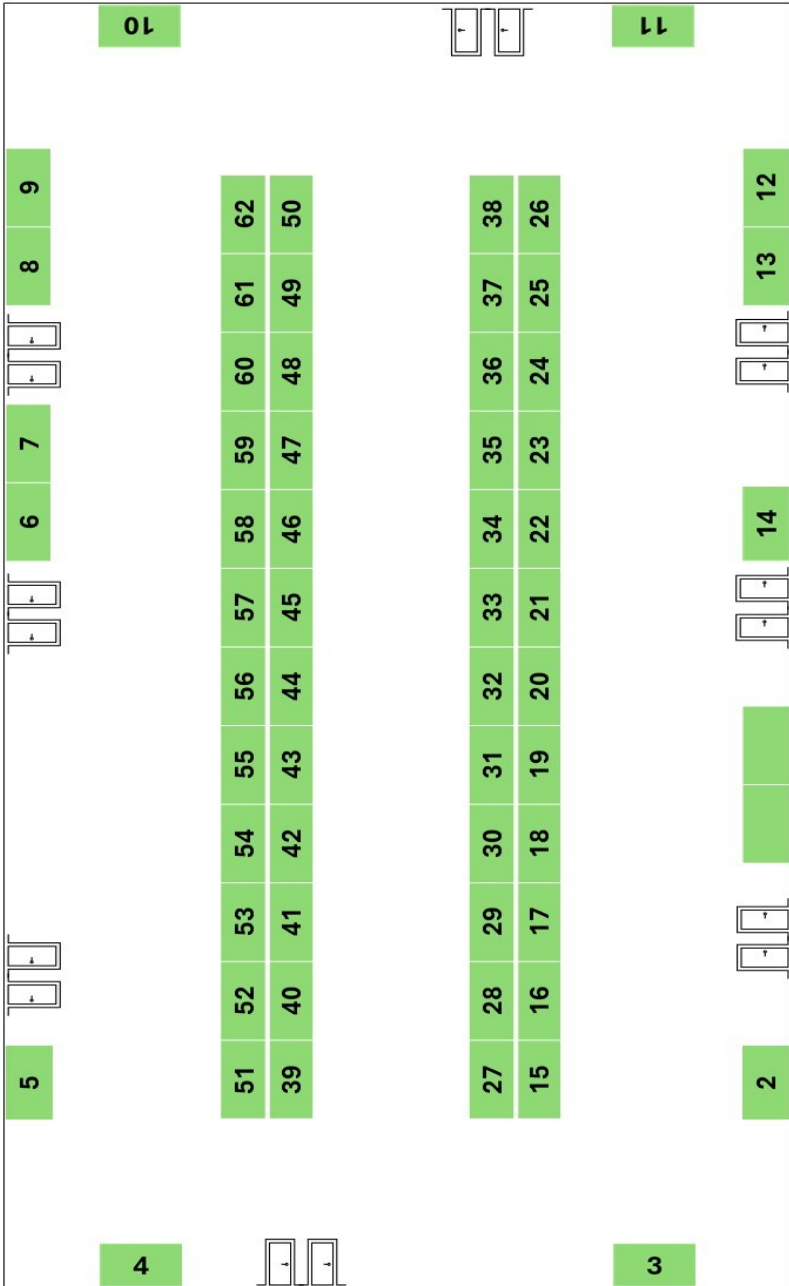
**Artwork drop off dates:** June 1 - June 22, 2026 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**Pick-up art work:** June 26, 2026

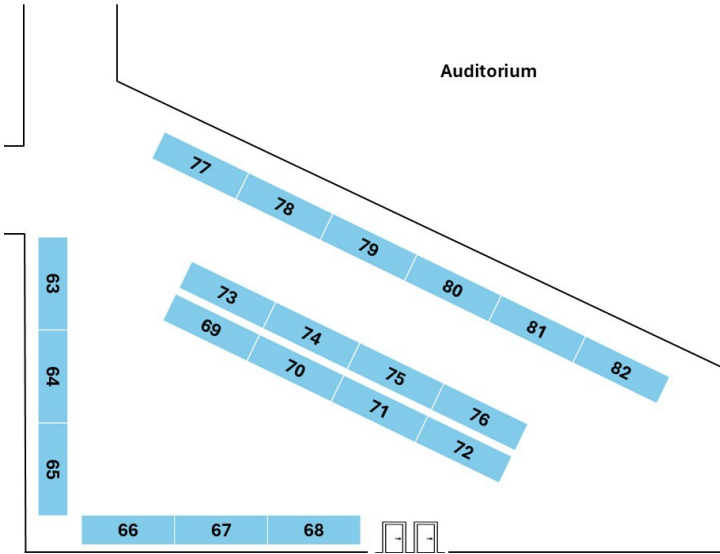
Artwork must be owned by the artist and available for sale at the 2026 Totah Fine Arts Festival. The 2026 Totah Fine Arts Festival Poster sponsor will have first right of purchase of the winning piece of artwork. The winner will have his/her booth at a prime location to sell artwork at this year's festival. Winning artist will receive **50** of the **150** posters and all artist's proofs at the close of the festival on Sunday. Artist's 50 posters are not to be sold until after the completion of the festival.

Winner must be available at his/her booth to sign purchased posters during the business hours of the festival and at the poster unveiling reception **Friday, September 4, 2026**. Artist will be expected to sign and number the 150 posters prior to reception. The artist must be present at the poster unveiling.

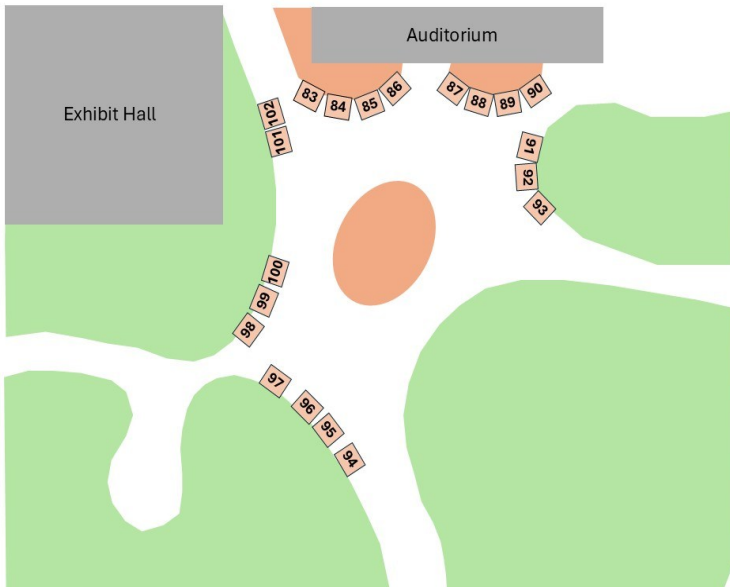
# 2026 Totah Fine Arts Festival Artisan Vendor Spaces - Exhibit Hall



## 2026 Totah Fine Arts Festival Artisan Vendor Spaces - Atrium



## 2026 Totah Fine Arts Festival Artisan Vendor Spaces – Outdoor





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**Festival Location**  
Farmington Civic Center  
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