

VIRTU ARTS FESTIVAL

May 25 & 26, 2019

APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Media _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

DESCRIPTION OF WORK _____

PRICE RANGE OF WORK _____

R.I. SALES TAX # _____

(If you do not have one presently, you must apply for a temporary)
All original works of art are sold Tax Free at Virtu

LICENSE PLATE # (Vehicle you'll park here)

LIST OF PHOTOS/SLIDES & SAMPLES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

(Booth Set-up)

All spaces for the show are outdoors. No electricity is available.

_____ Check here if you participated last year and would like the same booth location.

I understand that no stakes are permitted and I must use weights to hold down my tent. I also understand the hours for set-up.

Would you like future applications and correspondence
____ Mailed ____ E-mailed

E-mail address: _____

Make check payable to: OCCC. Use an appropriate sized envelope and include sufficient postage on your return envelope or your sample will not be returned.

Signature

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #21
WESTERLY, RI 02891

DEADLINE APPROACHING! OPEN IMMEDIATELY!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Ocean Community
Chamber of Commerce
1 Chamber Way
Westerly, RI 02891

VIRTU

art show



MEMORIAL DAY weekend

23rd Annual Outdoor Arts Festival
May 25 & 26, 2019



www.oceanchamber.org



Virtu Arts Festival Memorial Day Weekend

May 25 & 26, 2019

Sat. 10 AM – 5 PM • Sun. 10 AM – 4 PM

Wilcox Park, Westerly, Rhode Island

“Virtu” –Love of Fine Arts

Be part of something really special—an event that is a time-honored tradition—the annual Virtu Outdoor Arts Festival. Join us as we present an entire weekend focused on the arts. We guarantee a first-rate event with live entertainment, and a variety of unique and quality works being exhibited by artists from around the country. Wilcox Park is a beautiful setting, and the rich colors of nature in bloom provide a stunning backdrop to the event. Historically, Memorial Day weekend signals the official start of the tourist season, with a huge influx of visitors to our scenic community.

Application Deadline: February 27, 2019 • 12 noon

#Spaces	180
	140 Available for Artists
	40 Available for Crafts
Space Size:	12x12 Outdoor Spaces
Show Type:	Juried Art & Craft Show
Send:	3 Photos/Slides of Work
	1 of Your Booth Set Up
Fee:	\$210 For 2 day show!
Check payable to:	OCCC



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

No stakes of any size are permitted at this show. You must use weights to hold down your tent. Artists who do not bring weights will not be permitted to set up and will not be refunded. No exceptions.

APPLY NOW!

PAYMENT: Checks for Virtu will be cashed on February 27, 2019. No refund of fee once accepted into the show. No exceptions.

ADVERTISING: We spend thousands advertising this event, including ads in the Providence Journal, The Day, The Westerly Sun, Norwich Bulletin, Hartford Courant, Go Westerly Magazine, Mystic Coast & Country Magazine, and publications by the State of Rhode Island Tourism Department. Extensive marketing campaign will include posters, banners, newspaper ads, radio coverage, a billboard and more. In addition, lampposts in downtown Westerly will be flanked by brightly colored Virtu banners thanks to our generous sponsors.

VOLUNTEERS: A fantastic crew of volunteers are ready to assist with unloading, providing breaks, and transferring items to your car at the show's conclusion.

PARK RULES: The event is held in a beautiful, but delicate setting. Wilcox Park is an arboretum, and therefore no vehicles are allowed to drive on the grass. Vehicles limited to 7 feet 8 inches and a weight limit of 6.5 tons net weight will drive into the park on a sidewalk, and then be unloaded in a 5-minute zone with help of volunteers. Rules are very strict. Small handtrucks, golf carts and tractors will transport your items to your space.

FOOD: Free coffee and pastries will be provided each morning. Catered lunch will be available onsite.

ENTERTAINMENT: Live performances take place all weekend. Enjoy jazz, classical, Andean music and more.

INSURANCE, LIABILITY & TAXES: Each person exhibits at his/her own risk. Neither the OCCC nor the Committee are responsible for damage, theft or loss of an individual's work. Each artisan in the show must have a current State of Rhode Island Sales Tax Number. To obtain a permit tax number, visit the State of RI, Division of Taxation web-site www.tax.ri.gov. It takes about 3 weeks to process, costs \$10 and is valid for 1 year. A permanent permit requires you to file monthly. As an alternative, you may obtain a temporary license, which is also \$10 for each show. In this case, you would need to collect taxes during the weekend and turn them over with your sales report to the show producer at the event conclusion. All original works of art are exempt from RI Sales Tax.

TENTS: Each exhibitor is required to bring a tent/tarp in case of inclement weather. Show is held rain or shine!

SECURITY: The OCCC employs a private security officer overnight (Fri. and Sat. evenings from 6PM – 8AM).

SET-UP TIME: Friday from 12 – 4PM and Saturday 6 – 9:30AM.

No stakes permitted at this show!
Artists must use weights.

The Arts Are Alive in Westerly!

Westerly is celebrating its 350th Anniversary! This is a delightful coastal community known for its beautiful beaches, picturesque landscapes and thriving artist community and rich history.

We invite you to take part in a very special event: the 23rd Annual Virtu Outdoor Arts Festival. It is a top quality event featuring the unique, distinctive works of selected artists and craftsmen. Each year, Virtu's attendance tops 20,000.

ABOUT THE SHOW ORGANIZERS

The Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce is a business and a civic organization serving the two-state community of Westerly-Pawcatuck. It is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the economy and the quality of life for residents and tourists alike.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please complete this application form, detach and send with photos/slides, **self-addressed stamped envelope** and check to: Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce, 1 Chamber Way, Westerly, RI 02891. For more information, call (401) 596-7761. Download an application at www.oceanchamber.org. WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING: works created from kits, commercially manufactured items or works imported for resale. Artists who display these may be removed without a refund.

Like "Virtu" On Facebook!

