

• 47TH INVITATIONAL FINE CRAFT EXHIBITION •

• General Information •

Oakbrook Center is a premier outdoor shopping center located in the affluent western suburbs of Chicago. The Center features more than 160 fine shops, including Bloomingdale's Home and Furniture, Lord & Taylor, Macy's, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, and Sears. For over 40 years, Oakbrook Center has held the Invitational Fine Craft Exhibition, offering interested artists from all over the U.S. an opportunity to display and sell their original work in metal, wood, ceramics, glass, fiber, and mixed media. All artists are located throughout the mall's walkways among trees, flowers, plants, waterfalls and fountains.

Event Date: Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., and
 Sunday, July 11, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Profile: 70% of the artists who participated in the exhibition are invited back each year. More than 130,000 attended the 2-day event. Last year Oakbrook Center partnered with the Elmhurst Art Museum to conduct a Children's Art Workshop where over 700 children and parents participated in workshop activities.

Awards: Each year, 7 awards of excellence (\$500) and 7 awards of merit (\$250) are presented based on Artist's total art presentation.

• Rules •

- This is a contemporary fine craft exhibition. **ONLY original work** in design and concept is allowed. Thus, no imports or works made with the use of commercial kits, molds, patterns, plans, stencils, or prefabricated forms accepted. **Offset reproductions of an artist's original work must not comprise of more than 20% of exhibited works.**
- Booth spaces are non-transferable. No artist will be allowed to exhibit work without having been juried or invited into the Fine Craft Exhibition and paid the jury and booth fees.
- Upon acceptance into exhibition, artists must exhibit in their assigned locations, and use the entrances as indicated in their entrance packets.
- Booths must remain open during the specified hours of the Exhibition, with the original artists in attendance to manage displays.
- Artists are responsible for collecting and remitting Illinois Sales Tax of 7.75% on all sales made during the exhibition
- Artists must supply their own protection from the elements, upon art show organizer's approval.

• Application Procedures •

Deadline for entry is March 1, 2010

- **Deadline** Entries must be complete and **received by March 1, 2010.**
- **Jury Fee** A check made payable to Oakbrook Shopping Center, LLC for \$25.00 must accompany your entry. This fee is non-refundable, and artists will be notified of acceptance by April 1st.
- **Exhibition Fee** Artists whose work is accepted and who will be exhibiting must pay a \$325.00 exhibition fee due upon receipt of invitation. The exhibition fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- **Slide Preparation**
 - Artists must submit five current slides – four of individual work and one of the display.
 - In the application portion below, please provide the description, dimensions, and price of the art, as well as your creative development description if different from traditional methods.
 - Slides must be prepared so that a red dot is placed on the lower left corner of the slide, for placement in carousel.
 - Please put your name, corresponding letter, and medium on the slide for easy identification.
 - Do not manipulate the slide in any way so that it cannot be viewed through a standard slide carousel.
- **Payment Instructions** Make checks payable to Oakbrook Shopping Center, LLC and send to the Oakbrook Center Management Office, Attn. Suzanne Beres, Sr. Marketing Manager, Oakbrook Center, 100 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

APPLICATION

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____ FAX NUMBER _____

Please check medium (if accepted, this is how you will be listed in the program):

- Ceramics Fiber Glass Jewelry Leather Mixed Media Pottery
 Metal Stone Wood Other _____

Please Describe

	Description (be specific)	Dimensions	Price
Slide A			
Slide B			
Slide C			
Slide D			
Display Slide	Canopy, pedestals	Space requirements	

Please read and sign the following statement:

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby certify that the enclosed slides represent my original, executed work in design and concept, and that my art is not the result of commercial kits, molds, patterns, plans, stencils, or prefabricated forms. Upon execution, I agree to follow all Oakbrook Center and Fine Craft Rules and Regulations. In the event that 2 or more artists display in partnership, we declare that all work displayed and marketed is my/our original and executed work, and that prints of my/our original work complies with the reproduction limits set above. Upon acceptance into the Fine Craft Exhibition, I agree to allow images of my/our work to be used in event related collateral and publicity, and understand that all materials submitted for consideration will become the property of Oakbrook Center.

X _____ Date: _____

Mail to: Suzanne Beres – Sr. Marketing Manager
 Oakbrook Center Fine Craft Exhibition
 100 Oakbrook Center
 Oak Brook, IL 60523

If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the Marketing Team contacts at (630) 573-0700:

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