

Kris Kringle Christmas Market
At the Charles County Fairgrounds La Plata, Maryland 20646
301-932-1234 phone



Planning is underway for our **10th Annual Kris Kringle Christmas Market** to be held at the Charles County Fairgrounds, located at 8440 Fairgrounds Road, La Plata, MD 20646.

Kris Kringle Christmas Market 2023 dates

Fri. Dec 8th 4pm-8pm Sat. Dec 9th 9am-8pm Sun. Dec 10th 10am-3pm

The market will include a variety of events, including a tree lighting, a lighted Christmas Walk, live music, and an array of activities for both children and adults. Talented crafters, artisans and food vendors will come together to offer a Christmas themed family-oriented event that will benefit local organizations like the Southern Maryland Food Bank and the Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Indoor spaces (10x10) will be available in heated buildings for you to display and sell your wares. With the addition of the new buildings, this event has plenty of space and ample parking. Entry fee for the public will be **\$5.00**. Children 12 and under enter at no charge.

Space rentals are priced as follows:

\$250 for a 10x10 crafting space if received by June 1st 2023.

\$275 for a 10x10 crafting space **if received AFTER June 1st through Sept 30th, 2023**

\$300 for a 10x10 crafting space **if received after Oct 1, 2023 (this includes your late fee of \$25)**

Electric is available and is priced at \$10.00 for each 15amp plug needed. You must be very specific when giving us your electrical needs.

Deadline for application and payment is no later than October 1st 2023 but it's STRONGLY advised to submit much earlier to secure a space.

For further information please contact the Kris Kringle Christmas Market Committee via e-mail at kriskringlechristmasmarket@gmail.com

Please remember this is an all volunteer committee and decisions for this event are made collectively by the group.

Kris Kringle Market Rules

1. All crafters are welcome, however, **artisan crafters will be given priority placement**. To be considered an artisan with a placement in the first 3 buildings, items for sale **must be handmade**. **NO STORE-BOUGHT** items are allowed. Include a description of how your item is made and materials used along with **3** photos of your craft/art. **This includes vendors who have participated in the past**. Past participation is not a guarantee of show placement. Early application and payment submission is strongly advised.
2. Exhibitors that are assigned indoor space must remain at their assigned space and have personnel on duty at their exhibit while the buildings are open for the market hours. Designated aisles must remain clear at all times, due to local Fire Marshall Regulations. You may not interfere with your neighbor in any way.
3. All exhibitors must be present one hour prior to the market's opening day, or the vendor chairperson has the right to re-assign your space. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN!**
4. No exhibitor may sell or sublet their assigned space to anyone else during the market.
5. No changing of assigned spaces is permitted unless approved by the vendor chairperson.
6. Nothing may be nailed, stapled, or otherwise attached to the walls, floors, or any other parts of the exhibition area.
7. Tables should be skirted or covered to the floor on all exposed sides with professional looking covers. Space must be kept in a neat and orderly fashion.
8. Backdrops are strongly recommended. This is most important in the center aisle of the main building to separate your booth from the booth behind you. Canopies are **NOT** allowed.
9. Applicants can request wall or corner space and the coordinators will do their best to accommodate however, the market is first come first serve with priority given to past vendors. **There will be no guarantees.**
10. Smoking is strictly prohibited in all buildings and barns at all times.
11. Open flames are strictly prohibited in all the buildings and barns, **this includes candles!**
12. Exhibitors are responsible for all display materials, including tables and chairs.
13. The fairgrounds **will not have** any tables or chairs available for use.
14. Break-down: booths must be fully dismantled and packed prior to your vehicle entering the loading area. Once you're all packed, please see the vendor chairperson or event crew.
15. Vendors are required to stay for the duration of the market. Early departure is not permitted.

16. You are responsible for cleaning up your booth area prior to departure. Please put all trash in the provided trash cans.
17. There is a \$35.00 fee for all returned checks.
- 18. There will be a \$25.00 additional fee for applicants that submit their applications after the 10-1-23 deadline.**
19. There will be no vendor parking or vehicles allowed on the actual fairgrounds. There is ample parking on the fairground perimeters. Traffic will flow one way only; you must enter at the South gate and exit at the North Gate. PLEASE BRING equipment with you such as dollies, carts or anything that you may need to assist you when transporting items if needed during the market hours.
20. Food Vendors selling any type of food must present a Health Dept. Permit. This includes any vendor that is giving away samples during the show. Please contact the Charles Co Dept. of Environmental Health to obtain the proper permit for the market.
The Charles Co. Dept. of Health (phone #301-609-6900)
21. Vendors are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and respect other vendors, event staff, and the event rules. Those who do not abide will be asked to leave and not return. There are many vendors on a waiting list who want to be a part of this show.
22. Please **make a check payable to Charles County Fair Inc.** and return your application and payment **no later than June 1st 2023 for returning vendors to secure placement.** All others have until Oct 1st 2023. After this date there will be a \$25.00 late fee required
23. After June 1st 2023 the show will be advertised on Festivals.net and crafters.net.

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PO Box 237 Hughesville, MD 20637

Please sign below that you have read, understand and agree to abide by the above show rules.

Signature _____ Print _____

Company/Business name _____

E-mail address for contract _____

Kris Kringle Christmas Market 2023 Vendor Application

Date _____

Business/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Person _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail _____ Website _____

Facebook / other social media info:

Type of Business _____

10x10 Space indoor crafter fee

\$250.00 if received by June 1st 2023

\$275.00 if received **after** June 1st 2023

Spaces required (max is 2) (_____) Total dollar amount (\$ _____) discount applies Y/N

Late Applicant fee \$25.00 after 10/1/23 _____

Electrical fee is \$10.00 per 15 amp outlet

How many outlets are needed? _____ Total dollar amount per outlet (\$ _____)

Total amount of payment \$ _____ (space + electrical requirements if needed & late fee if applicable)

Will you have items on site for sale or distribution? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what product (s) _____

What price range? _____

Brief description of your exhibit (product/materials to be displayed) _____

3 Photos are included to be considered for the first 3 buildings _____ Yes _____ No _____

Food Vendors, please list proposed product and prices _____

References/Other places you have exhibited _____

REMEMBER THERE ARE NO TABLES OR CHAIRS AVAILABLE

For office use only:

Date received _____ Approved _____ Amount Paid _____ Photos received _____