

INFO SHEET



46th Celebration of THE CHRISTMAS CONNECTION - November 14 & 15, 2025

Location: MeadowView Convention Center | 1901 Meadowview Pkwy | Kingsport, TN 37660

Sponsored by: City of Kingsport, Office of Cultural Arts (423) 392-8414

Website: <https://www.artskingsport.org/christmas-connection/>

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The Christmas Connection is a very well-established cultural event in Kingsport, hosting some of the region's best craft artists and is looked forward to year after year! In 2025, this will be the 46th consecutive year serving the artists and the community.

- No fee to apply!
- \$150 per 10' x 10' booth, paid only if accepted into show
- This show has FREE admission to the public!
- This show is for regional artists only - within 300 miles of Kingsport, TN
- Please submit your application no later than July 11th!

July 11th – DEADLINE for applications. No cost to apply!

August 15th – Notification of acceptance & Invitations will be sent to accepted vendors.

August 25th – All payments are DUE from accepted applicants. Please note: Invited vendors are not confirmed for show unless payment is received.

Acceptance is by invitation only. All applications are reviewed by a selection committee, taking various factors into consideration in order to create a high quality, attractive show having a good mix of artistic and crafting creations. There will be a limited number of exhibitions for each category or media.

**Please Note: Preference will be given to items that are “Hand-Crafted” vs. “Retail/Manufactured”.*

APPLICATIONS: We have upgraded to a more streamline application system this year! Follow the link below to complete your online application entry:

<https://www.eventeny.com/events/vendor/?id=33422>

If you need a paper application, please email KingsportChristmasConnection@gmail.com and request a pdf form of application. Please submit your application no later than July 11th.

Include 5-9 photos of your current work with your application submission. Your images must accurately represent your CURRENT work. Please make sure photos are good quality images, suitable for promotional use. *The judges will use these to determine who is selected for the show. Make sure to show what makes YOUR work unique? How is it different from others' work?*

Items not included for submission during selection process may not be allowed in show. The Office of Cultural Arts reserves all rights to reject specific items from display.

LOCATION:

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Main Convention Hall - "Convention Center A" is the location of The Christmas Connection

Loading area is located around the right side of Meadowview, closest to I-26. See enclosed diagram.

2025 (2-day) SCHEDULE:

(OPEN TO VENDORS)	Set-up	Thursday	Nov. 13	2:00 PM - 8:00 PM [NO EARLY entry Please]
(OPEN TO VENDORS)	Set-up	Friday	Nov. 14	8:00 AM – 11:45 AM
	Show	Friday	Nov. 14	12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM
	Show	Saturday	Nov. 15	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
				(OPEN TO VENDORS for setup: 8:00 AM)
	BREAK-DOWN	Saturday	Nov. 15	4:01 PM – 7:00 PM

**** There will be no set-up or breakdown during show hours! Please plan accordingly.****

FEES: \$150.00 for each 10' by 10' booth. Limited Number. There will be a \$10 fee per table if sponsor of event is asked to provide tables for booth. The Christmas Connection is Free Admission to the public. Please note: You will only be asked for payment if you are selected to be in the 2025 show, and will be notified via email.

EXHIBITIONS: The selection committee reserves the right to reject specific items. There will be a limited number of exhibitions for each category or media. A Christmas theme is recommended for each exhibit. **Please Note: Preference will be given to items that are "Hand-Crafted" vs. "Retail/Manufactured".*

EQUIPMENT: If requested, two chairs can be provided per booth by sponsor of event. There will be a **\$10 fee per table** if sponsor of event is asked to provide tables for booth. [specify on application]

Exhibitor will provide their own display equipment. Please, NO tall booth barriers (over 6' tall, that are solid, non-see-thru material.) Line of sight must be kept throughout the show. Taller pipe and drape, wood or metal hanging systems, etc are allowed, ONLY IF of a lightweight and translucent fabric, or wall that can be seen thru and visually appealing from both sides.

Electrical outlets are available, but limited and not guaranteed.

PARKING: Adequate parking adjacent to the building

- Each artist is responsible for paying his/her portion of applicable TN sales tax. All financial transactions and taxes are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor (information will be provided).
- Artists may exhibit only in the medium(s) in which he/she was accepted.
- Exhibitors must remain open for business for entire show, no early breakdowns.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have the display staffed at all times.
- Please plan for sufficient inventory.
- Cars must be moved from loading zones once loads are complete.
- The number of light bulbs allowed will be limited due to circuit overloads.
- All excess materials, cartons and tables must be concealed or removed.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited, no smoking, service animals only.
- Damage to the facility is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- No propane gas, spray paint or hazardous materials are permitted.
- No open flames or equipment which produces fumes or loud noises are allowed.