

Ennis Garden Club's 67th Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival Friday-Sunday, April 20-22, 2018

We invite you to the 67th Annual Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival, a premier arts and crafts festival hosted by the Ennis Garden Club. This festival has allowed us to share the beauty of the Bluebonnet Trails with thousands of visitors throughout the years. Our objective for the festival has always and will always be to provide the visitor with a family-friendly event. The efforts from the event provide awareness to visitors about the City of Ennis, known as the Bluebonnet City of Texas, and the wonderful culture and living environment that can be shared. In 1997, the Ennis Bluebonnet Trail was designated as the Official Bluebonnet Trail of Texas, resolution HCR 116 was signed by Gov. George W. Bush on June 18, 1997. We are the first mapped Bluebonnet Trail in Texas.

We are proud to say our festival in 2017 had approximately **20,000 visitors** providing a great shopping experience and success for our vendors! The Ennis Bluebonnet Trails encompass some 40 miles of mapped roads which are enjoyed by visitors from around the world during the entire month of April. To increase awareness as the "Official State of Texas Bluebonnet Trail" we are making changes to the festival each year. We are "taking it up a notch" so to say, and we would love for you to be a part of it. Just a few of the highlights include:

- Extended Friday hours as the festival will open at noon on Friday, April 20, and top quality entertainment will include a street dance kick-off on Friday evening.
- A "wine wander" with wine pour locations located throughout the festival to increase overall traffic.
- Wide assortment of new vendors providing a unique and expanded shopping experience for festival attendees.
- Expanded marketing coverage to include a large digital push through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram in addition to the hotel/motel tax dollars spent by the Ennis CVB to promote this festival as they have for over 21 years.
- Media partnership with one of the premier local television stations.
- Entertainment and security provided for a family-friendly festival.

We hope you will want to join us as we continue our growth to becoming a premier festival in Texas.

The festival is presented by the Ennis Garden Club, a non-profit volunteer civic organization dedicated to the education and preservation of our Texas State Wildflower, the Bluebonnet.

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EXHIBITOR/VENDOR WAIVER AND INDEMNIFICATION

Please initial:

- _____ I agree to obey all show rules as set forth in the Exhibitor/Vendor Agreement.
- _____ I have read and agree to abide by the terms set forth in this "Waiver and Indemnification" as listed below.
- _____ Items exhibited will be consistent with the description of items submitted with the application for consideration.

Waiver and Indemnification

For good and valuable considerations received, the undersigned agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival, the Ennis Garden Club, the Ennis Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the City of Ennis, and its members, employees, sponsors, volunteers, contractors, and assigns against any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments, costs and expenses for personal injury (including death), property loss or damage or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, suffered by any person or persons. The above names the Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival, the Ennis Garden Club, the Ennis Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the City of Ennis departments, and its members, employees, sponsors, volunteers, contractors, and assigns are not responsible for any liability, obligations, claims, damages, diminution in value, costs and expenses, including all court costs and reasonable attorney fees (collectively, "claims"), that the undersigned may suffer or incur prior to, during or following the participation in the Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival. This includes injury to persons or property under my control or to persons or property of my agents, employees or invitees from any cause, including but not limited to theft or loss of property, whether such claim arises from the alleged negligent act of omission of the Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival, the Ennis Garden Club, the Ennis Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the City of Ennis departments, and its members, employees, sponsors, volunteers, contractors, and assigns. The undersigned assumes all risks of participation except that the indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the sole negligence of City, its officers, agents, employees or separate contractors, and in the event of joint and concurring negligence or fault of the Contractor and City, responsibility and indemnity, if any, shall be apportioned in accordance with the law of the State of Texas, without waiving any governmental immunity available to the City under Texas law and without waiving any defenses of the parties under Texas law. The provisions of this paragraph are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Booth Name

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Friday, April 20, 2018; 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday, April 21, 2018; 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday, April 22, 2018; 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Arts & Crafts Exhibitor/Vendor Agreement

FESTIVAL INFORMATION:

Arts & Crafts Vendors: To aid Show Management in assigning exhibit space and to determine eligibility to exhibit, please include a separate document describing the products and/or services to be exhibited **and** pictures of prior booth exhibits or products.

Exhibitors are responsible for all booth structures, set up and furnishings (tents, coverings, tables, extension cords, signage etc.). Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own cash box/register and cash on hand to make change. Confetti's Rentals in Ennis, Texas will have a limited number of tables, chairs, and pop ups available for rent. It is your responsibility to make arrangements for delivery, set up and payment through Confetti's. Ennis Garden Club has no responsibility in these arrangements and is providing this notation as information only. Confetti's phone number is 972-878-1588.

The Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival reserves the right to prohibit any items considered in bad taste and to prohibit or remove any vendor who is found to be selling products considered offensive during the festival. Such vendor will not receive any refund.

Space will be provided on a first paid -- first reserved space. There are limited spaces that provide electricity and electrical charges are in addition to booth rental space. All electrical connections must be approved by the Ennis Fire Department. Please complete the Electrical/Water Request form.

Sales Tax: Vendors retain all revenues from the sale of their merchandise. Reminder – although we do not take a percentage of booth income, the various government entities do. It is your responsibility to collect and pay Texas State and Local Sales and Use Tax (currently 8.25%). For more information see the Texas Comptroller's website at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/sales/index.html>. **No vendor will be allowed to exhibit unless they provide a valid and current sales tax permit.**

Schedule: Festival hours are Friday, April 20, 12:00pm until 9:00pm, Saturday, April 21, 9:00am until 6:00pm and Sunday, April 22, 9:00am until 5:00pm. **Vendors are expected to have their booth managed and open during the entire time the festival is open, Friday through Sunday. Set up and tear down is not permitted during the Festival.**

Weather: This is an outdoor festival. This is a rain or shine event. All fees are non-refundable even due to inclement weather.

Registration, Set Up and Tear Down: Booth space will be assigned according to requirements listed on the application. Booth space location will be posted on website of www.bluebonnettrail.org and emailed approximately two weeks prior to festival.

Booth space may be on asphalt, concrete or grass, you will want to plan for any assignment.

Set up may not begin until 6:00 am on Friday, April 20, and not before. There will be traffic manager/volunteers available to direct you during your set up time. Because of the limited availability of

festival area parking, you are asked to be considerate of others by unloading tent and all product, then park vehicle outside festival parameter.

When you arrive at the festival you will be required to check in at the designated vendor check-in to obtain driving directions to your booth location. Volunteers will be available to assist with locating your assigned booth space plus volunteers from local groups will also be available to assist you in unloading. These organizations greatly appreciate your tips but they are not expected.

No Participant will be allowed to set up without a signed, dated and approved application. Booths must be completely assembled and open for business prior to 12:00pm on Friday, April 20th. No booths will be allowed to set up or close early without prior permission from the Festival Committee. All vendor vehicles must be cleared from the street each day.

It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to dismantle and clean their space prior to leaving.

Security: General overnight security will be provided: however, vendors are responsible for their own booths, including merchandise and money, security of their goods and property. Neither the Festival Committee nor the Festival Sponsor will be responsible for stolen, lost or damaged property, accidents or injury.

Subletting is not permitted. The booth must be occupied by the vendor or one of their agents at all times. You are not allowed to sell merchandise away from your assigned booth space.

This is a non-smoking festival.

Fees: The fees for booth space are outlined on the Vendor Application.

Payment: Make check or money order payable to Ennis Garden Club. Mail all completed documents to Ennis Garden Club/Bluebonnet Festival, P. O. Box 784, Ennis, TX 75120.

Deadline: To receive **best vendor rate** listed on application, the application must be **postmarked on or before March 15, 2018**. Applications postmarked after March 15, 2018, the vendor rates will increase by \$50.00. All applications will be reviewed when received. If accepted, you will be notified, and checks will be deposited. Final Vendor Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2018.

Signing below, you indicate agreement to all conditions listed in this Exhibitor/Vendor Agreement.

Vendor Booth Name

Vendor Signature

Date

Completion by Bluebonnet Festival Committee Only				
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Waiver & Indemnification	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) Ruling	<input type="checkbox"/> Description/Photos	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment	Representative _____	

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ARTS & CRAFTS VENDOR APPLICATION

Booth Name

Contact Name

Address

City, State Zip

**Phone
Number**

**Emergency
Number**

Email Address

Arts & Craft Vendor:

Cost

Sub Total

10' x 10' Booth Space

\$300.00

10' x 20' Booth Space

\$350.00

10' x 30' Booth Space

\$400.00

Electrical/Water Request (Must complete Electrical/Water Request form)

\$50.00

Postmarked After March 15th, 2018

\$50.00

Final Deadline Postmarked No Later than April 1st, 2018

TOTAL

**All required documents must be completed and signed for consideration.
By signing you are stating that you have read and agree to the
Exhibitor/Vendor Agreement.**

Signature

Date

Sales Tax #

To be accepted you must give a detailed description of your products and enclose photos of your products:

Check or Money Order is payable to Ennis Garden Club.

Mail payment and all completed paperwork to Ennis Garden Club, P. O. Box 784, Ennis, TX, 75120

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ELECTRICAL/WATER REQUEST

Booth Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

List each electrical device needing power plus each wattage/amp requirement.

<u>Device</u>	<u>Wattage/Amps</u>	<u>Comments</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Vendor must provide their own 3-prong extension cord(s).
Modification of electrical outlets is strictly prohibited
and is subject to fines by the City of Ennis.**

Explain in detail water request (if needed):
