

27th Annual

TEXIAN MARKET DAYS



DATES:

Friday and Saturday, October 22 & 23, 2010

(Friday, October 22 is the student day. Vendors are not required to be here on this date, but 2,000 middle school students are expected from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

LOCATION:

George Ranch Historical Park
10215 FM 762 in Richmond

Regular Pricing Deadline: October 1, 2010	Early Reservation Prices Deadline: September 1, 2010
\$50 Outdoor (10 x10) \$65 Outdoor (10 x 20) \$80 Indoor (10 x 10) (limited) \$95 Indoor (10 x 20) (limited)	\$35 Outdoor (10 x10) \$50 Outdoor (10 x 20) \$65 Indoor (10 x 10) (limited) \$80 Indoor (10 x 20) (limited)

FORT BEND COUNTY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

Items must be Arts, Crafts, Antiques and/or Collectibles.

Join us for our biggest celebration yet for our 27th Annual Texian Market Days. For 26 years, Texans (long-time residents, new neighbors and "temporary" Texans) have enjoyed a living view of Texas' past. On October 22 & 23, 2010, folks will gather again at the George Ranch Historical Park to celebrate Texian Market Days.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Mitzi Jackson

mjackson@fortbendmuseum.org

(281) 342-1256



Texian Market Days is a celebration of Texas history that includes costumed historical interpreters and volunteers presenting vignettes of daily lives and heroic moments from the early days in Stephen F. Austin's colony (1830s) through the late years of the Great Depression and World War II (1940s) along with toe-tapping old-time tunes, arts and crafts from around the region at the Texian Market Place and so much more.

Texian Market Days is a fund-raising event supporting the educational programs of the Fort Bend County Museum Association, including the George Ranch Historical Park and the Fort Bend Museum.



Dear Vendor:

The Fort Bend County Museum Association is gearing up for our 27th Annual Texian Market Days at the George Ranch Historical Park on October 22th and 23rd, 2010.

Arts and crafts are one of the most popular areas of the event. Surveys from the past years ranked the arts and crafts section as one of the top attractions during the weekend. Also mentioned was the relaxing atmosphere being out at our beautiful ranch location.

If you would like to be a vendor in this year's event, please complete the enclosed application and return with your check or money order made out to the Fort Bend County Museum Association, Attn: Mitzi Jackson, P.O. Drawer 460, Richmond, Texas 77406. (We also take credit cards.)

We will assign booths in the order that we receive your completed contract and payment. Your assigned booth number and other vendor information will be mailed out in early October. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (281) 342-1256.

We look forward to seeing you at the ranch in October!

Mitzi Jackson

Development Specialist/ TMD Arts & Crafts Chairman

Fort Bend County Museum Association

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2010 Texian Market Days
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CRAFT and SUTLERS VENDOR CONTRACT

Dates and Times for Crafts Sales:

Friday, October 22 (School Day; Expect 2,000 7th-Graders)	9 a.m. to 2 p.m. <i>NOTE: Your location for the student day may change on our general public day.</i>
Saturday, October 23	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Multiple spaces may be purchased. Electricity is unavailable in the outdoor craft area. Indoor electricity is limited. Participants are responsible for collecting and paying their own sales taxes, if any.

No chairs, tables, tents, extension cords or lights, etc will be furnished. If you need it, bring it. The Festival does not provide labor to set up, take down, loading or sales.

Allowed items have changed. Please read carefully.

Items for sale must be pre-approved by the craft vendor coordinator. **Send 3 photos of representative items** of the merchandise to be sold. Photos can be reviewed by website or e-mail. A list of the types of items to be sold must accompany the photos. **Items which are found not to be in keeping with the high standards for quality of the Festival or which are not on the list may not be sold.** You may not add to your list after it has been accepted with approval from the Crafts Coordinator.

Craft vendors are encouraged to wear costume appropriate to the 19th century. This enhances the atmosphere of the festival, increases audience participation and attendance, and boosts sales for everyone.

BANNED ITEMS: No aerosols may be sold, including silly string and hair dye. No explosives/fireworks, including throw-down poppers. No inflatable toys. Items must be Arts, Crafts, Antiques and Collectibles.

Sutlers are those who sell items made of period appropriate materials that represent items of the period or provide goods and publications used in the creation of traditional crafts or costuming. Sutlers may sell items which fall into either of these categories. Sutlers must dress in period appropriate attire, and must set up under a period appropriate canvas shelter. Sutlers pay for a single booth space regardless of the size of their canvas shelter. Please advise the crafts coordinator of tent dimensions for purposes of assigning booth spaces.

Craft vendors and sutlers will be expected to set up early Friday morning or early Saturday morning. Vehicles will need to be off the grounds by 8:30 a.m. on Friday. Participants are expected to operate and maintain their exhibits or booths during the entire festival. No one is to shut down before closing hours except in an emergency and only with permission from the Craft Coordinator. Vehicles will be allowed to enter the grounds at 5:00 each evening for restocking.

Applications to reserve booth space should be submitted with full payment by October 1. No spaces will be reserved without full payment. No late payments will be accepted. **No exceptions.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

There are no rain dates and no refunds in the event of rain.

There are no refunds if a vendor withdraws from participation. A vendor who withdraws may find an alternate to use the booth space with approval from the Craft Coordinator.

It is the sole responsibility of each Participant to secure the exhibit area assigned to them and the belongings contained therein. The Festival Management assumes no liability for any personal loss or injury to the Participant's staff, and/or booth guests, or for loss, damage or theft of any individual's belongings. Nor shall Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association be required to maintain security or provide insurance for any damage or loss to any individual or any individual's property.

Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association, reserves the right to cancel or close the Market Days if, in the reasonable opinion of the management of the Fort Bend County Museum Association, the Festival premises are destroyed or damaged so as to render them untenable or unfit, or should any circumstance beyond the control of Festival management make impossible the fulfillment of its part of this contract. Provided, however, that in the event of such cancellation or closing all payments previously made and to be made hereunder to Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association, on this contract shall be considered fully earned and the Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association shall be released of any and all claims for losses, damages, costs or expenses of the Folk life Demonstrator or Craft Vendor by reason of such cancellation or closing. It is further understood and agreed that should a postponement of the Festival be advisable, later Festival dates may be selected and set within a reasonable time, all at the discretion of the management of the Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association. It is further understood that should a change of announced Festival dates be considered advisable in the opinion of Festival management, this change may be effected by said Festival management without altering any of the terms or conditions of this contract.

Each Participant agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association and its officers, directors, agents, or any person, organization or company associated with the Festival against loss, damages, or expense by reason of suits, claims, demands, judgments and causes of action caused by Participant or the Participant's agents, arising out of or in consequence of the performance of this contract.

Festival Management can give indications of attendance at previous events, but cannot and does not guarantee attendance or profit levels at the Festival site. Any loss sustained is to be borne by the Participant.

The Participant herein acknowledges receipt and reading of all the Terms and Conditions of this contract. The Participant further agrees that he/she/it is responsible for obtaining a copy of the General Festival Rules and Instructions and any special additional instructions written for each section of the festival, and to read and understand same and is bound by such rules and instructions, incorporated herein by reference.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ALL CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Send this **Contract, Vendor Application Form** and **Payment** to:

Attn: Mitzi Jackson
Fort Bend County Museum Association
P. O. Drawer 460
Richmond, TX 77406

Checks should be made payable to: FBCMA

Texian Marketplace Vendor Information

The Fort Bend Museum Association is gearing up for the 27th Annual Texian Market Days at the George Ranch Historical Park on October 22 and 23, 2010. Surveys from recent years ranked the Texian Market Place as one of the top five features of the weekend.

We will assign booths in the order that we receive your completed contract and payment. If you would like to be a vendor in this year's event, **please print out and complete the application below and MAIL it with your check or money order made out to the Fort Bend Museum Association, Attn.: Mitzi Jackson, P.O. Drawer 460, Richmond, Texas 77406.** Your assigned booth number and other vendor information will be mailed out in early October. Please note that booth assignments may change. Please verify your location when you check in. If you have any questions, please contact Mitzi Jackson at mjackson@fortbendmuseum.org or (281) 342-1256 [Fax: (281) 342-3782].

Vendor Booth Rules and Regulations

- 1) All merchandise must be displayed within marked boundaries of each booth and be clearly marked.
- 2) Booths should be set up and maintained in an attractive manner (no exposed boxes or wrapping paper, etc.).
- 3) Exhibitors are responsible for their own set-up, tables, chairs and booth covers. Tent supports should be self-contained. **NO GROUND-DRIVEN ANCHORS.**
- 4) Move in will be Friday, October 22, 2010 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 5) All vehicles must be removed from the booth area by 8 a.m. There will be no parking in unloading areas. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** All vehicles must be in assigned parking areas. All vehicles must display parking pass in a clearly visible location.
- 6) Booths may be left overnight, but at the vendor's risk. A security guard will patrol the grounds. Texian Market Days, Fort Bend County Museum Association and the George Ranch assume no liability for any damage to vendor's property during the event.
- 7) Booth hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** We reiterate: No booth is to be taken apart until after the festival has officially closed on Saturday.
- 8) Vendors who do not want their booth to be photographed may post a small sign to that effect.
- 9) This is a civic fundraising project for the educational programs of the Fort Bend County Museum Association. There will be no refund. Texian Market Days goes on rain or shine.
- 10) Locations are awarded on a first-paid, first-served basis.
- 11) Vendors will receive two (2) vendor passes per booth. If additional passes are needed, they can be purchased during the Friday and Saturday set-up from the Arts and Crafts Chairman.
- 12) No pets. No bicycles. No alcoholic beverages.

The Fort Bend County Museum Association and the George Ranch Historical Park (and any other sponsors) shall not be liable in any way for the loss or damage resulting from fire, theft or accident to a vendor's merchandise or fixtures. This includes move-in, set-up, breakdown, and during the entire time the vendor's property is on the George Ranch Historical Park. The sponsors shall not be liable for personal injury suffered by vendors or their employees while on the George Ranch property.

The Fort Bend Museum Association reserves the right to terminate the contract of any exhibitor who does not meet the terms of the preceding Vendor Booth Rules and Regulations and this Contract of Agreement.

Vendor/Shop Name: _____

Signature: _____

Texian Marketplace Vendor Reservation Form

To reserve a booth for Texian Market Days, please fill out the following form. All questions with an "*" must be filled in. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Please print this form, complete the contact information (please also PRINT) and return it by mail or fax.

Vendor Business Name: * _____

Owner/Vendor's Personal Name:* _____

Street Address:* _____

Address (cont.): _____

City:* _____ State:* _____ Zip Code:* _____

Phone:* _____ Alt. Phone: _____

FAX: * _____ E-mail:* _____

Web site: _____

Product/Service Description: * _____

Comments: _____

Please note that submission of this form indicates that you have read and understand the contents of the Texian Market Days Vendor Information Package. For more information, please contact Mitzi Jackson at mjackson@fortbendmuseum.org or (281) 342-1256.

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