

# THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FITCHBURG BLACKSMITH FESTIVAL

*October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011*

at Fitchburg Riverfront Park  
Commercial Street/Boulder Drive  
Downtown Fitchburg, MA

Coordinated by community volunteers, the Annual Fitchburg Forge-In Blacksmith Festival has successfully showcased artisans from all over the world for the past seven years. We welcomed over 2,000 visitors at our last Festival and we expect many more this year.

The Festival is geared toward promoting the craft of blacksmithy and the arts. The exciting Forge-In live competition where blacksmiths create metal works in traditional ways using fire and anvils makes this an unusual event. The Great Pumpkin Decorating competition offers all family members the opportunity to win cash prizes for their pumpkin creations. Pumpkin decorating and craft show/sale by artisans are organized by Fitchburg Art Museum. Live music, seasonal foods, and children's activities complete the day.

Admission to the Festival is free and is made possible by the many businesses, individuals and organizations that contribute to this event. Our promotional efforts have highlighted this event to the public on every calendar in the region and some nation-wide, as one of the premier festivals in New England. The Festival is promoted through advertisements, press releases, public service announcements, flyers, radio and local television.

Registration is only \$25 per 10' x 10' space, if registered by Sep. 18, 2011. Registration is \$45 after that date. There is no fee for established non-profit organizations.



Fitchburg Blacksmith Festival  
c/o ACHIA Designs  
65 Arbor Way  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

*Call for Artists,  
Crafts persons & Vendors*



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10am - 5pm*



1. Dealer shall be fully and completely responsible for entering and using City streets and property in a responsible and respectful manner at all times.  
**DRIVING ON THE PARK'S GRASS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**
2. Dealer shall be solely responsible for any and all extraordinary damages beyond normal wear and tear caused by Dealer to the property. Dealer understands that Dealer enters onto and uses the property for the limited purpose of participating in the Fitchburg Blacksmith Festival completely at Dealer's own risk.
3. The City of Fitchburg, and all of its employees, representatives and volunteers make no representations or warranties whatsoever, and assume no responsibility or liability to the Dealer, or any persons in Dealer's party, any visitors, any other Dealers, and/or any third party for any personal or property damages, lost profits, lost opportunities, or any indirect, special, incident, consequential, punitive, or any other damages.
4. Dealer agrees to hold the City of Fitchburg, its officers, employees, and volunteers harmless, and to the fullest extent of the law, Dealer shall indemnify the City, its officers, employees and volunteers against any and all liability for tort or contract liabilities arising from the Dealer's presence on or use of the property. The City, by and through its officials and volunteers, reserves the right to terminate Dealer's right of entry and use privileges at any time verbally or in writing.
5. The laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Fitchburg shall govern this agreement. Should any legal action, including any appeals, be brought by either party for breach of this agreement or to enforce any provision in it, the prevailing party in this action shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and any other related costs.
6. Spaces are outdoor, 10' x 10' spaces located in Riverfront Park, Fitchburg. Dealers provide their own structures, tables, etc. Please note that Riverfront Park can be windy at times. Only small stakes are permissible with care for underground utilities such as sprinklers.
7. Electricity is not available and no generators are allowed.
8. Set up begins at 6:00 am and ends at 9:00 am on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to recent changes in the park all setup and tear down must be conducted from the pedestrian bridge. Dealers will have to do so on foot (hand trucks will be available along with plenty of help from ROTC volunteers). No vehicles are allowed in the Park during

the Festival between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

9. All spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis, and are at the discretion of the Blacksmith Festival Committee. The Committee will schedule set-up times and will notify Dealers before the event. Dealers who miss their set-up time will have to go to the back of the line, with time allowing before 9:00 am.
10. Dealers are responsible for the safety and security of their own display and products. The City and all volunteers assume no responsibility for any loss or damage to inventory, displays, or personal property by any cause.
11. All dealers are responsible for adhering to state regulations and for payment of Massachusetts Sales Tax. All applicants must hold proper licensing for sale of goods.
12. Dealer will leave the grounds free of all merchandise and debris. Dealer is responsible for cleaning his/her area and an 8-foot area around their spot. Dealer shall be responsible for providing proper trash containers to hold trash generated by the Dealer (if necessary).
13. Should inclement weather cancel the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Festival, this agreement becomes null and void and the Dealer will be refunded the space fee within four weeks, minus a \$10 processing fee. No refunds will be made for no-shows. Should the Festival organizers, at their sole discretion, decide to run the event despite inclement weather, then this agreement remains in full force.
14. All cancellations must be made by notice to the Festival Committee in writing at the address written to the right and must be received by September 18, 2011 for refund. A \$10 processing fee will be retained by FCA - Blacksmith Festival (Fitchburg Cultural Alliance).
15. All Dealers are subject to any and all state and local laws and licensing requirements, as well as insurance liability coverage.

**I agree and understand the above:**

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Signature of "Dealer" Date

THIS AGREEMENT IS ONLY VALID WITH THE SIGNATURE OF A BLACKSMITH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE.

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Signature of accepting representative

# BLACKSMITH FESTIVAL 2011

## VENDOR APPLICATION

Please sign this sheet where indicated at left and fill in the form below. Submit this entire sheet with your payment – \$25 per 10' x 10' space before September 18, 2011, or \$45 after. We will send you a counter-signed copy upon acceptance by the Blacksmith Festival Committee. Please make checks payable to:

**“FCA - Blacksmith Festival”**

*And mail to:*

Fitchburg Blacksmith Festival  
c/o ACHLA Designs  
65 Arbor Way, Fitchburg, MA 01420

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Type & Size of Display (Please include photo if you are a new vendor) \_\_\_\_\_

Items to be sold \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your participation. For further information, please email [forge-in@achla.com](mailto:forge-in@achla.com) or visit [www.DiscoverFitchburg.com](http://www.DiscoverFitchburg.com) & [www.fitchburgforgein.com](http://www.fitchburgforgein.com)