

First State Heritage Park

Colonial Market Fair

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First Friday and Saturday of October



First State Heritage Park hosts the Colonial Market Fair on The Green with special agreements from the City of Dover and First State National Historical Park. The intent of this program is to recreate the sights and sounds of the 18th century, bringing the past to life for the visiting public.

For 2024, Dover's Colonial Market Fair will be held on Friday Evening (3:00 PM-8:00 PM) and Saturday (10:00-3:00), October 4th and 5th, with Friday being a "Tavern Night" theme.

Foremost, Market Fair is a public program with an educational mission. Public admission is kept free to ensure community accessibility. With limited space available in our historic venue – a genuine colonial square where markets were held weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays – preference is given to participants who demonstrate a commitment to historical authenticity and offer meaningful interpretation, interactivity, or demonstrations of their trade or skill.

Applicants that will be selling goods at the 18th Century Market Fair are subject to a **non-refundable** \$75 vendor fee, to be paid via check upon application approval.

Participants further acknowledge that First State Heritage Park may photograph, quote, or in other ways document the artisans and their representatives, products, and display, for use by the site.

I have read and understand the context of the event and certify the vendor information provided in the subsequent First State Heritage Park Compliance Standards.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant Information:

Participant Name: _____

Business Name/Trade Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Facebook Page (if applicable): _____

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Product Information:

A. Sutlers/ Tradespeople: Describe the type of goods you sell and/or what you will demonstrate while you are here, and enclose: (1) pictures of yourself in historical costume, with your set-up and/or merchandise, and (2) a list of your merchandise (indicating which of them, if any, you produce yourself) – please include prices!

Are your products reproductions of documented 18th century wares? Yes No
If not, are your products inspired by 18th century wares? Yes No

B. Entertainers/ Characters: Describe your performance or character and enclose pictures of yourself in your 18th century clothing.

Does your performance have a fee? Yes No If so, what is your performance fee? \$ _____

Presentation Information:

Are you able to attend both Friday and Saturday? If no, please indicate which days you can attend.
 Yes No Saturday only Sunday only

If not selected for both Friday and Saturday (due to budgetary constraints), are you still able to attend? (i.e. You are invited to perform for Friday or Saturday only) Yes No

Will you use period-appropriate displays and tools? Yes No

Will you demonstrate production of your craft or product at the Market Fair? Yes No

Does your act or demonstration involve firearms or sharp-edged weaponry? Please note, prior written permission from the Interpretive Programs Manager and the Superintendent is required to bring your firearm or other weapon onto the premises and will be inspected upon arrival.

Black powder and firing your weapon are strictly prohibited.

Yes No

Please note what weapons or firearms you would like to bring and explain why they are needed.

Will your demonstration involve fire? If yes, please explain how fire is used in your act or

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demonstration.

Yes No

Tent & Display Space Information:

Are you able to provide your own period-appropriate tent?

Yes No

Indicate the amount of space you will need for your setup, including the type of tents or other materials you use.

Total space required (including ropes and stakes): _____ Feet (frontage) by _____ Feet (Depth)

Supply Information:

Are you able to provide your own tables, tablecloths, clothing, chairs, etc.?

Yes No

Park-provided historical costumes and other supplies may be available on a first come, first served basis. Please indicate what supplies you would request from First State Heritage Park.

Vehicle Information:

Parking assignments will be made for each vendor in parking lots off The Green. Please list the vehicles you will be bringing:

Will you be parking a trailer? Yes No If so, what is the length? _____ ft.

List other events, particularly historic sites, where you have participated.

Any other comments, questions, or concerns?

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Complete this application and mail to:

First State Heritage Park
Attn: 18th Century Market Fair
102 S. State Street
Dover, DE 19901

Or, email to: FSHPMarketFair@delaware.gov (*electronic format preferred*)

Deadlines: Application will be received on a rolling basis.

- **Demonstrators & Performers:** if there is a fee associated with your participation, we encourage you to submit your application ASAP for budgetary consideration. Final Deadline for those requesting compensation is **June 1st, 2024.**
- **Vendors & Other Participants:** Applications received by **June 1st, 2024** will receive first consideration. Final Deadline for all applicants is **July 7, 2024.**