



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
ASHFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS
5TH ANNUAL

A Summer's Palette



JUNE 27, 2026 (10:00am – 4:00pm) - RAIN DATE: JUNE 28, 2026

A SUMMERS' PALETTE is the Ashford Area Arts Council's annual art and craft show on the grounds of the Westford Hill Distillers in Ashford CT. Until now it has served as a show and sales opportunity for our membership. It is a small but well attended event, and has become a yearly destination for guests, many travelling in excess of 50 miles to enjoy it. This year we are increasing the number of vendors and greatly expanding our advertising and marketing efforts with the expectation of becoming a 2-day show in 2027.

The venue itself is a beautiful New England family farm, basically unchanged in its 200+ year history. The grounds are gently rolling, graced by unusual trees and gardens that date back more than 100 years. Westford Hill Distillers is a family owned and run producer of eau-de-vie as well as various niche brandies and other distilled liquors, one of the first of its kind on the east coast. In addition to the pleasantly rambling layout, visitors can dine from a couple of food trucks and, more importantly, enjoy the distillery's products by outright purchase or enjoy their proprietary cocktails in their sampling room or outdoor café area. More info at: westfordhill.com

We are seeking applications from serious artists and fine craftspeople who create professional quality work.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

CLOSE DATE: May 16, 2026, 11:59PM

- We are accepting people on a rolling basis – until all the slots are full.
- You will hear if you are accepted within 2 weeks of your submitted application.
- Final Notice of acceptance/non-acceptance via email by May 23, 2026

JURYING: -Anonymous, to be done by a committee appointed by the organization.

NEEDED FOR JURYING: 3 to 6 JPGs of your work, plus images or description of your booth. (*see attached application link*)

FEE: \$95 is Due within 7 days upon acceptance

- *Fee includes: AAAC membership through 2026, website and marketing exposure and vending insurance for AAAC events provided through the Windham Arts Council policy.*

ALL WORK MUST BE THE PRODUCT OF THE APPLICANT THEMSELVES!

- No kits, no copies, no pre-made assemblages from other parties, no projects from classes or under the tutelage from other instructors.
- Additionally, references, photos etc. must be of the artist's own creation.

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Other information: This is an OUTDOOR Event!

- Accepted artists will be assigned a 12 x 12 space.
- Vendors are responsible for all display needs, including 10 x 10 canopy (no open-air displays).
- Tent must be secured with weights.
- Set up Friday evening 6/26 or Day of event Saturday morning, details to follow.
- NO EARLY BREAKDOWN UNTIL 4 PM DAY OF SHOW
- In the event of bad weather on Saturday 6/27/2026, **artists are required to be available for the rain date Sunday 6/28/2026.**
- Unfortunately, there will be no reschedule or refunds in the event of a total weather washout.
- No electricity (or generators). Personal battery power is acceptable.

Further information will be forthcoming to accepted vendors.

For questions involving application, please contact: John at artsinashford@gmail.com

Be sure to include your best contact number and website, Facebook or social media links for verification.

Thank you,

The Ashford Area Arts Council

[Ashford Area Arts Council Website](#)

Here is the link to the online application for Juried review: [A Summer's Palette 2026 Vendor Application Form](#)