



FESTIVAL is our favorite time of year at the Creative Arts Guild. We love the art and artists that fill our walls and our grounds, we love the sounds of live music throughout the day performed by local musicians, we love the kids that have their first experience of the arts here at the Guild as they learn about arts and culture from around the world through projects, stories and performances, and we love our volunteers who show up every year like clockwork to bring this annual event to life. But most of all, we love FESTIVAL because of the community it creates as ALL of the people come out to celebrate the arts with us every third weekend of September. While the Creative Arts Guild acts as the host of this weekend of Fine Arts and Crafts, this is not just a Guild event, it's a community event. This event is our gift to the community and it is only because of our community that FESTIVAL is entering its 57<sup>th</sup> year!

With all of this said, we are determined to carry FESTIVAL 2020 forward despite all of the barriers of COVID-19. While we are excited to present our plans for what we feel is a safe and appropriate FESTIVAL 2020, we want to say very clearly that **we value YOU above all else**. Everyone will have a different comfort level about these guidelines and this year's FESTIVAL and if you feel uncomfortable coming out to celebrate with us this year, we certainly understand. You will be missed, but we will look forward to seeing you next year! For those of you that choose to stay home but would still like to be a part of FESTIVAL 2020, we will be offering a VIRTUAL FESTIVAL experience as well.

VIRTUAL FESTIVAL will consist of: an Online Gallery complete with artist statements and bios, live Gallery Tours, and Individual Artists Interviews; a list of Outdoor Artist Market booths with links to their online stores; prerecorded arts and craft videos for kids to learn about arts and culture from different countries around the world, recorded and live videos of multicultural performances and live music performances, and live broadcasting of FESTIVAL events throughout the weekend. More information about VIRTUAL FESTIVAL will be available at [creativeartsguild.org](http://creativeartsguild.org) soon.

**F---at a safe distance ----ESTIVAL 2020 has been carefully planned to accommodate all of the health concerns so that we can safely gather and enjoy being TOGETHER for a weekend in celebration of the arts! In order to accommodate this, we have prepared the following guidelines for the weekend.**

- **Masks will be required for all FESTIVAL 2020 events.** For anyone who does not have a mask, Creative Arts Guild Masks will be sold for \$20/mask and free disposable masks will be available out as long as supplies last.
- **Restrooms:** Indoor restrooms will be reserved for FESTIVAL Artists and Volunteers and everyone who uses the restrooms will be required to disinfect after themselves. FESTIVAL patrons will be able to use our outdoor trailer bathrooms. A restroom tenant will disinfect patron restrooms between each use.
- **All patrons must check in and register at the front entrance of the building or on the Spigel Pavilion driveway entrance.** At check-in, patrons will be screened for temperature and any COVID-19 symptoms as well as for masks. All patrons who pass the screening process will be given a wristband.



- Internal staircases leading from the pavilion into the building will be locked for public use and the only entry into the building will be through the front entrance. Again, this will help us with monitoring the number of people in our building at one time.
- External staircases connecting the pavilion to the front of the building will be labeled for directional use with the South staircase indicated for downward traffic and the North staircase for upward traffic.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at both entrances and information desks throughout FESTIVAL weekend.
- We ask that our patrons consider noncash payment options for FESTIVAL weekend.
- To accommodate a more spaced out FESTIVAL, limited parking will be available on site and on the streets surrounding the Guild. *Please pay attention to the painted curbs as you cannot park along a yellow curb.* Additional parking will be available at Dalton-Whitfield Public Library and the First Baptist Church. A shuttle will be provided. Masks are required on the shuttle. If you are attending as a group. The majority of your group can be dropped off and one person can park the car and ride the short shuttle back to the Guild to meet your party. Valet will be available for a fee.
- The first hour of each FESTIVAL day will be reserved for seniors and high risk patrons. (10-11am on Saturday and Sunday).
- Indoor patrons will be limited to 45 people in our building at a time.
- FESTIVAL patron numbers will be monitored at the doors to accommodate crowd control.
- FESTIVAL activities and areas will be distanced to accommodate a comfortable and safe patron flow for the weekend. \*Details about each specific area to follow.

### **Outdoor Artist Market**

- Our outdoor artist market will be located under the building on our Spigel Pavilion possibly spilling onto our Founders' Garden lawn is needed.
- Artist booths will be placed 6 feet apart.
- Only one household in a booth at a time.

### **Indoor Patron Exhibit**

- Our Indoor Patron Exhibits will take place in our Gallery FIVE20 and our Jonas Hall.
- Only 10 patrons will be allowed in our Gallery FIVE20 and 20 patrons in our Jonas Hall Gallery at a time in addition to our Gallery docents.
- Directional signage will be placed on the ground to keep the traffic pattern moving in one direction.
- Private gallery appointments to view our FESTIVAL exhibit can be arranged outside of FESTIVAL hours. To reserve a time slot, contact Gallery Director, Savannah Thomas at [savannaht@creativeartsguild.org](mailto:savannaht@creativeartsguild.org) or 706.279.3129.



### **Multicultural Children's Hill**

- Our Children's Hill area will be located in our main parking lot.
- Only one volunteer will be stationed in each country at a time to inform families about the country and the arts and culture that are tied to that country. Only one household in a country tent at a time.
- Prepackaged supplies for individual arts projects for each country will be passed out. A couple of craft tables will be available for families who would like to stay at FESTIVAL to do their craft. One family at a table at a time. All tables and shared supplies will be sanitized after each use. For families who prefer to take their crafts home, we will have a prerecorded demonstration video for each craft available online as part of our Virtual FESTIVAL. More information will be available on our website closer to FESTIVAL.
- Our Children's Art Market will be open during FESTIVAL weekend. Only one kid will be allowed in the Children's Art Market tent at a time.

### **Performance Tent**

- Our FESTIVAL 2020 performance tent will be placed in the front drive.
- Live music and multicultural performances will be presented from the tent all weekend long.
- Our CAG and Ballet Dalton Dancers will perform on Saturday and our CAG Gymnastics will perform on Sunday.
- There will be limited socially distanced seating and tables provided. Feel free to bring your own chair!
- All seating will be disinfected and sanitized between uses.

### **Food Vendors and Beverages**

- There will be a limited number of food vendors available on the back lawn behind the Guild building to grab a quick bite or lunch.
- Water, Wine and Beer will be available for purchase all weekend long at the bar on the Spigel Pavilion.

### **Friday Night Preview Party: Taste of Dalton**

- All of our FESTIVAL weekend guidelines listed above will also be followed for our Taste of Dalton: Friday Night Preview Party.
- The Friday night check-in and screening tent will be located at the Hawthorne driveway entrance into our parking lot. All patrons must check-in, go through the screen process and receive a wrist band to enter the event.
- Restaurants will all be located outdoors in our parking lot and front drive.
- All restaurants will be spaced at 6ft intervals among our new sculpture garden additions and lines to get food will be socially distanced as well.



- The beverage bar and live music will be located outdoors.
- Patrons will be allowed in to see the Indoor Gallery Exhibits in shifts following the guidelines for entry into the building as listed above.
- Parking and valet guidelines and options listed above apply.