

The Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar (HFHB) is an annual holiday show held at the Renton Community Center. With 100+ of the best crafters, indie designers, artists and food vendors, this event is a must see for craft-lovers in the Pacific Northwest!

Categories Juried

There are twelve juried categories for the HFHB. Applicants are juried on the quality and originality within the category, upon the four color photos of items submitted with the application and the aesthetics and presentation of the sellers booth also included in the photo submission. All photos should be labeled on the back with the vendor's name and numbered to correspond to the descriptions on the application please include a color photo depicting vendor booth set-up as this also a crucial part of the jury process. All applications must represent a juried category and be consistent in content, form and quality with the photos sent with your application and reviewed by the jury. The City of Renton reserves the right to close any booth whose merchandise is not consistent with the photos sent and accepted by the jury. **Photos will not be returned to the applicant.**

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When and where is the Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar?

The HFHB is held inside the spacious Renton Community Center. We hold one show per year, always the Friday and Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

How do I get there?

The Renton Community Center is located at **1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy Renton, 98057**
If you are able, we highly encourage you to carpool to the show.

How much does it cost to attend?

The Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar **FREE** to the public!

Is there parking?

There is free parking within the Renton Community Center parking lot. There is overflow parking available at Liberty Park (Located off of Houser Way) This requires about a 5 minute walk.

Who is eligible to apply to vend at the Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar?

At this time vendors who sell handmade products. However, we have accepted very few vendors selling imported products but at this time we are NOT accepting applications for these types of vendors. To apply for the show, we need to see photos of your work.

Do you really need to see photos of my work?

Yes. The truth is that these 4 photos are what the Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar team is using to evaluate how your work might compare to others, and whether it is a good fit for our event.

Please make sure that these represent the best that you have to offer.

Your application is **NOT** complete and will **NOT** be reviewed unless you submit your photos. Photos should be representative of the merchandise you'll be selling in your booth.

Can I sell something at the show that you didn't see in my photos?

We don't expect a photo of every single item you sell, you may only vend with the specific **product lines** and craft category that you applied with. For example, if you are accepted to the show to sell jams that you applied with, but two weeks before the show decide to expand your business to include jewelry, you will need to check with us before bringing those along to sell. The reason for this is that HFHB selection choices are intended to reduce competition between vendors once accepted, to maximize sales for everyone. By introducing brand new products into the mix post-jurying, you may be inadvertently competing with another vendor at the show.

My photos aren't really that important because you'll look at my website and blog, right?

Sorry, but we never ever look at websites or blogs. We make our decisions based entirely upon your currently submitted photos and the information you provide in your application. That's why we require your photos.

I've been a vendor with Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar before. I can just send you the same photos I did last time?

Technically, yes... BUT: if we see the same photos each time you apply, we can be left with the impression that your work doesn't change. Our job is to keep the show feeling fresh for our fans, so showing us your newest work is to your benefit.

More info about the application process:

Can I apply to share a booth with a friend?

Sure, but you each need to fill out the application separately, and will be juried separately. If both of you are accepted, you may share a booth. If one of you gets in, but the other doesn't, we will offer you a space of your own.

Is there a quick checklist for what I need to do to apply as a vendor for Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar?

- 1) Fill out the online application and attach your 4 excellent photos
- 2) Be patient!

Follow these tips for a successful application:

Tip #1: Know The Show

If you've never vended at one of our shows, take the time to find out about our aesthetic, atmosphere, and style.

Tip #2: Photos For The Win

Your photos are the most important part of your application.

We make our decisions based entirely upon your currently submitted photos and the information you provide in your application. That's why we tell you that your photos are really, really, really important.

We hope to see:

- Sharp, clear, bright photos
- A few photos of single items and a few shots of several items together
- Your fine craftsmanship
- Your unique point of view and work that expresses it

Tip #3: Get Yourself the Information

If the application asks for something you don't understand, seek the information and make it work!

Tip #4: Take A Deep Breath...

We're rooting for ya!

All about the jurying process:

What do you mean when you say the Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar is a juried show? How do you pick who gets in?

Part of what makes the HFHB a successful show is the careful selection of vendors who we think will come together to make the most balanced and high quality show possible. With previous attendee surveys in hand, we sit down as a team to look at application info and photos and make decisions based on originality, aesthetic, marketability to both men and women, general appeal, and price range. We also consider the variety of the show overall, making sure that we don't have too many similar items or vendors.

I've been a vendor with the Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar before so I have a better chance of returning, right?

Sorry, but it doesn't work that way. We love all of our previous vendors but every show is a new show and we believe part of our continued success is that we always keep things evolving.

How will I know if I get in or not?

You will receive a letter via mail so make sure your application is completed and your mailing address is current.

If I don't get in, will you tell me why?

Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications, we can't give specific feedback to each person. When time permits, we will respond to respectful inquiries from applicants with details as best we can.