

Dear Artist:

May 2022

We are getting excited for **The South 9th Street Italian Market Festival** on Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22 (Rain or Shine), 11 AM to 6 PM each day.

The Italian Market Festival is located on and around South 9th Street in South Philadelphia's Italian Market Area between Federal (to the south) and Fitzwater (to the north) streets. It is a large Festival with much going on (see www.italianmarketfestival.com for the schedule!).

The Juried Fine Crafts and Arts portion of the Festival will be on 3 blocks of South 9th Street (see info below and on the [Attached Festival Map](#) – it will help if you greatly if you Print This Out). Your booth #s correspond to the map; see [Booth Assignment Chart](#) at the end of this email.

Important 9th Street Information for Saturday Night

South 9th Street is closed during the Festival but is re-opened to traffic on Saturday Night – thus, most booths which are on the street will need to be moved a bit (6" or so) back up onto the curb to allow for cars to get through (you can always start your set-up with your tent up on the curb a bit if you prefer; talk to the other crafters in your row).

Another option is to tear down totally on Saturday night and re-set up on Sunday. Some booths must be totally taken down since they are against a pole or a tree. IF you have a space that may need to be taken down, we will email you separately. Booths on/in the sidewalk spaces can remain as they are overnight.

While there is overnight security, we always advise artists to take home any product you may be especially concerned about (hand trucks are useful for this purpose!). You may leave your display units and tent in place if you have sides and can close up your tent. Some artists choose to lower their tent half-way so that it is difficult for anyone to break into the tent. And please don't forget your weights; it can get windy between the houses and shops on 9th Street.

Booth Locations

Renaissance Craftables booths are located either:

- 1) Against a curb (booth #s 1-23 between Catharine and Fitzwater; and booth #s 30-43 between Christian and Catherine) on the west side of South 9th Street and must be pulled up (about 6") onto the curb on Saturday night to allow for vehicle traffic; or taken down if against a tree or other object.
OR
- 2) On a sidewalk (a few between Christian and Catherine: #s 24-29; and booth #s 45-60, south of Washington) on the east side of South 9th Street. These set ups can remain up overnight where they sit.

Set-Up/Unloading -- Set up will begin at 8 AM on Saturday. **Please "enter" the Festival Area / South 9th Street according to these directions:**

For booth #s 1-23 – take South 8th Street to Catherine Street, turn right onto Catherine and then right onto South 9th Street, your booth # will be written in chalk on the curb/s to your left.

For booth #s 24-43 – take South 10th Street to Christian Street, turn left onto Christian and then left onto South 9th Street; booth #s 24-29 will be on the sidewalk to the right in front of the Rite Aid; booth #s 30-43 will be at the curb to your left, all booth #s will be written in chalk on the ground or curb.

For booth #s 45-60 – take South 8th Street to Federal Street, turn right onto Federal and then right onto South 9th Street and proceed one block to Ellsworth. Cross Ellsworth and your booth will be on the sidewalk to your right after a row of storefront, spaces noted in chalk on the sidewalk near the curb.

Some of these cross streets (Catherine, Christian, Federal) will appear to be blocked off but there should be volunteers posted at the barricades to let you through.

NOTE – If you arrive before 8 AM, tow trucks will be on South 9th Street towing vehicles so that you, the crafters, may set up. You may need to work around them or find a side street to park on until South 9th Street is clear for set-up.

Set-up Instructions – When you arrive and find your space (number will be written in chalk at the curb): pull over at the curb, unload all items from your vehicle onto the sidewalk at your space, and then *immediately* go park your vehicle (see info below) - after which you can return to your space to set-up your tent, display units and product. This is especially critical at This Show; space is tight and there will be vehicles unloading on BOTH sides of South 9th Street at some points.

Booth/Display – All booth spaces are 10' x 10' with not much wiggle room. There will be no room for storage other than inside your tent. You must have your own tent with sides. Weights are strongly recommended (at least 20# per leg), as are locks or a closure system to keep secure overnight. Some artists lower their tents half-way at night.

Festival Map with Booth Locations IS ATTACHED in PDF format. Please Print the map if you can.

Corners - We have done our best to meet your corner (and other) requests, thus: if you requested a corner and we were able to provide you with a corner, your booth # will be in **red/boldface booth** on the Booth Assignment Chart.

Security and Parking

There is overnight security throughout the festival area, but neither Renaissance Craftables nor the South 9th Street Italian Market District is responsible for merchandise or other items left overnight; we strongly suggest you take all product home with you overnight. **Anything left overnight is left at your own risk.**

There is very limited parking in South Philadelphia, especially on side streets. There are, however, many parking lots in the area (**see Festival Map**). Fees range from \$20 to \$50 for daily parking in these private lots. For this show, we cannot procure nor save Handicapped parking nor provide any Free parking. We have just learned that there is a parking lot on Washington between 9th and 10th Streets that is offering a Festival special of \$20 for all day parking; please take care in driving there after set-up (follow the road directions on your map).

Additional Information

Artists/crafters are responsible for complying with all local, state and federal tax and business laws. For more information about doing business in Philadelphia, visit <https://business.phila.gov/> to find out about permits and licenses and City taxes.

If you have any general show questions, please contact Maria at 215.266.3094 or email info@rencrafts.com

See you at the Festival!

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Booth Assignment Chart – 2022 Italian Market Festival

Fname	Lname	Booth #
Maureen	Abdullah	5
May	Abed	45-46
Jon	Bandish	9
Dayna	Bezila	13
Miranda	Blas	11
Chakir	Bouchaib	58-59
Sean	Brady	34
Jean	Broden	28
Russel	Brown	41
Paul	Carpenter	29
Patrick	Carrow	38
Luis	Chaguipaz	3-4
Marques	Davis	43
Lauren	Dombrowiak	27
Daniel	Duffy	7
Anastasia	Filanovich	53
Chartel	Findlater	31
Alec	Friel	16
Elizabeth	Gaige	25
Lindsay	Gradel	35
Stacey	Granger	24
Noel	Gregory	40
Ana	Harrill Espinosa	54
Stephanie	Harvey	12
Amy	Hildenberger	14
Ken	Ingalls	49-50
Jennifer	Kirby	39
Jason	Lempieri	43
Aisha	Loeks	17
Lily	Lough	47
Matt	McInerney	52
Ellie	Moniz	30
Amy	Muermann	10
Beatriz	Munoz	48
Ryan	Oberdick	6
Molly Rose	Post	26
Chai	Reos	42
Anne Thomas	Resnick	36
Susan	Rifkin	37
John	Scott	15
KK	Sheehan	55
Tina	Tagher	57
Mark	Zilai	23

