

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The 15th Annual BahamArts Festival will be hosted by the Bahamas Agricultural & Industrial Corporation (BAIC) in conjunction with the Bahamas National Craft Association (BNCA). The Festival will be held at the Heritage Village, Arawak Cay (Fish Fry Site) Friday, October 26th to Sunday October 28th, 2012.

This year's theme is "Awarding Excellence". The Festival's purpose is to bring together Artisans and Artists from throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, highlighting indigenous Bahamian-made products.

The Official Grand Opening Ceremony of the 15th Annual BahamArts Festival will commence on Friday, October 26th on Arawak Cay, under the Festival Tent.

A unique display of Arts, Crafts, Souvenirs, Clothing, Accessories, Jewelry, Packaged and Processed Foods will be displayed throughout one hundred booths (100) during the three (3) day event. Products will also be displayed by Artisans of the thirty-five (35) Handicraft Association of the Bahamas National Craft Association.

Bahamas National Craft Association will commence the week of the Festival on Sunday, October 21st to 28th, 2012.

PROCLAMATION:

Monday, October 22, 2012 —Proclamation from Prime Minister declaring "Bahamas National Craft Week" officially opened.

CHURCH SERVICE

A Church Service will be held for one of the oldest Craft person, in New Providence. Additional Artisans and Artist will be honored by their local Associations throughout the Bahamas. This year's honoree is Mrs. Nora Dorsette and the Service will be held at East Street Gospel Chapel.

BNCA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 24th and Thursday, October 25th the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Bahamas National Craft Association at Super Club Breezes Hotel, West Bay Street. Thirty-three family Island Associations will participate.

BAHAMARTS FESTIVAL GRAND OPENING

Friday 26th October 2012 Opening of Festival, Arawak Cay, 11:00 a.m. Live remotes will be played thru out the day. The evening closes with a live Bahamian show commencing at 7:00 p.m., with Bahamian Bands performing live onstage.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION

Saturday, October 27, 2012 commencing at 2:00 p.m. the "Victory of the Bands" will "kick off" with the Exuma Community Band and North Eleuthera Mainland Band going head to head along with New Providence Youth bands competing for the Title of the Best Marching Band in The Bahamas. The Festival will close with live Bahamian music starting at 7:00 p.m., with the Falcon's Band and great Bahamian entertainers.

GALA TEA PARTY

Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. our Gala Tea Party will kick off, where ALL the ladies are invited to come out and enjoy delicious food and various teas with great entertainment. The Best Dress table Competition will also be held. Tickets are available at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

GRAND GOSPEL CONCERT

Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., a Grand Gospel Concert will close out the Festival. You will be able to take this time to relax and reflect on the great time we have had over the past week.



15th Annual BahamArts Festival



October 26th -28th
2012
Arawak Cay
THEME

"Awarding Excellence"

BOOTH APPLICATION FORM

Ms. Donnalee Bowe
Assistant General Manager/
Chairman
BahamArts Festival



Hello Everyone:

We are so excited to once again come to you and introduce the 15th Annual BahamArts Festival, which will be held on Arawak Cay. The struggle has been rough, BUT we haven't given up! THIS YEAR, we want to celebrate our 15th year without any stops. We plan to make the 15th Annual BahamArts Festival the **Greatest** one yet!!

Don't procrastinate, come on in and sign up because we expect a great turn out and you don't want to miss it!!!!

The purpose of the Trade Show is:

- To educate Bahamian artisans by exposing them to the international market and also allow them to compete.
- To recognize their art and craft products.
- To provide Bahamian entertainment over the three-day period and delight both Bahamians and visitors alike.
- To inform artists and artisans about changing trends in their respective field of endeavors.
- To provide unique Bahamian culinary delights throughout the Festival.

Conscious of the need to increase employment and improve the economic well being of our people and mindful of the limitations of the local market it is recognized that a substantial contribution can be made by a successful promotion campaign of Bahamian Made Products to increase the share of the international market, expand the contribution of domestic production, and to educate and inform a captive market, that the Bahamas has more than just sun, sand and sea to offer.

It is with sincere and humble thanks that I salute the hardworking and committed staff of the Handicraft Development & Marketing Department and Intergovernmental Committee for making this Festival a great success once again.

Thank You Jesus!

BAHAMARTS FESTIVAL
FRIDAY OCTOBER 26 THRU
SUNDAY 28, 2012

COST OF BOOTHS:

CRAFT BOOTHS - \$150.00
(Bahamas National Craft Association Members)

Non-Members - \$175.00

Association Booths: - \$200.00

Food Booths: - \$200.00
(Health Certificate MUST be presented)

Bahamas National Craft Week
7th Annual General Meeting
\$50.00 per day
October 24 & 25, 2012

100 Booths Available on 1st come 1st Serve Basis
(90 Craft 10 Food)
(1 Table & 2 Chairs per booth)

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WHEN
APPLICATION IS PRESENTED

SPACE IS LIMITED.....

DON'T WAIT!!
REGISTER NOW!!!

FUNDS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!!

ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO SHARAE COLLIE OR PAM DEVEAUX. CERTIFIED CHEQUE IS TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO: THE BAHAMAS AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (BAIC)

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Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

P.O. Box: _____

Settlement: _____

Island: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Product:

shell coconut straw Food other

Are you a member of an Association:

YES NO Name: _____

I Certify that products are Bahamian-made and
produced in The Bahamas.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

AMOUNT PAID: _____

RECEIPT #: _____

DATE: _____