



# Awesome Art in Autumn Gardens

Presented by

**River Region Art Association**

**Saturday & Sunday Oct 9-10, 2010**

**Houmas House Plantation Darrow, Louisiana**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe type of work to be exhibited. All items to be included in your booth must be listed below. Please include a photo of your items. The River Region Art Association Advisory Board has the authority to refuse any items or exhibitor.**

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**Arts & Crafts Booth Fees: 10 x 10 spaces rent for \$75 for the weekend event Oct 9 & 10, 2010. Assignment of space will be on a first-come, first-served basis based on when rental fee is received. You must supply your own table, chairs, set up and tent, if desired. Per owner of Houmas House all tents used on his premises must be WHITE. Plan to supply heavy-duty extension cords if needed for electricity. Please do not use electricity to power heaters or fans—but electricity can be provided if you let us know your needs.**

I need Electricity for: \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby agree to accept the rules of the River Region Art Association. Please sign the bottom of this form to ensure you agree with our rental policy. All contracted vendors, vendor employees, volunteers, and participants in the Awesome Art in Autumn Gardens Event must agree to indemnify and hold harmless the River Region Art Association advisory board and any and all officers, directors, and volunteers, as well as the staff and owner of Houmas House Plantation from any and all claims arising out of or connected with the vendors and/or participant's actions or inactions, including claims based on strict liability in connection with activities at the Awesome Art in Autumn Gardens.**

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks (\$75.00) payable to:**

**River Region Art Association**

**1835 N Magnolia Ave Gonzales, LA 70737 225-644-8496 www.artgumbo.org**

**Rules for Awesome Art in Autumn Gardens Booths...READ, SIGN, & RETURN!**

All booths must be family friendly. The River Region Art Association Advisory Board has the final say on all booth content and what may or may not be displayed or sold during the Festival.

**Direct cash sales** Vendors are responsible for paying all applicable sales tax. All Vendors must collect their own sales tax. All necessary forms will be available at the event. All items for sale must be clearly marked with price. Prices to remain the same throughout the event. Exhibits are subject to all State, Federal, and Parish laws governing taxes, health, and safety of persons and or property. Please provide your own change.

**Applications** All interested vendors must complete an application for booth space. Applications are available to any interested vendor upon request. A "booth" is defined as a 10'x10' section for arts and crafts. Applications must be accompanied with payment of \$75 for booth space and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis – based on when payment is received.

**Animals/Pets** are prohibited except for those supporting the disabled.

**Electrical** Electricity to each booth is based on availability and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. No fans or heater use. Vendor will need their own extension cord.

**Vendor Set-up Time** Vendor set-up is Saturday, Oct 9 from 7:00 am until 9:45am and Booths should be ready by 10:00am for opening of event. You will receive info on what gate and when to come for your set up. On Sunday, Oct 10, 2010 set-up time is again starting at 7:00 am until 9:45 am with booths ready for opening at 10:00am. All vendors must keep their booths open and operating from the time gates open until closed Saturday and Sunday at 4:00pm. No early break-downs permitted.

**Event times:** Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. River Region Art Association Advisory Board will determine the location of all booths. Vendors will operate in a professional manner. Vendors will keep their booths clean, sanitary and will make sure to leave the area spotless at the end of the day.

The River Region Art Association, the Houmas House Plantation staff & owner and all organizers and sponsors do not take any responsibility or liability for the loss or damage that might result to a booth or its contents from causes beyond reasonable control, including, without limitation, such loss or damage as may be caused by the elements, an act of God, thieves, vandals or unavoidable accidents. The River Region Art Association, Houmas House Plantation staff and owner and all organizers and sponsors are not an insurer, nor will they be responsible for anything contained in or comprising the booth.

**Please sign that you have read and understand this:**

Signature:

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To be completed by Coordinator: Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Booth # \_\_\_\_\_

## **Information Sheet For You**

Houmas House Plantation is located on the River Road in Ascension Parish. Take exit 179 (Burnside/Gonzales) off I-10 turn right onto Hwy 44 to River Road(Hwy 942)and turn right. The Plantation is shortly after turn onto River Road (Hwy 942). You will receive a packet upon entry with ID badges for you & a helper and directions to your booth location.

There will be food available at the Houmas House restaurant in the Pavilion. You may order from the menu or choose the buffet. Service to your booth may be provided if you ask. An order blank will be in your packet. You may just choose to bring in your own lunch. Restrooms are located in the Pavilion area & gift shop. There will be a complimentary self serve cold drinks/water/coffee in the Art Exhibit Pavilion for all vendors and artists.

Entrance for the public to the Gardens, including the Awesome Art in Awesome Garden event is \$10. Tours of the inside of the mansion are also sold at the entrance for an additional \$10.

The Houmas House Plantation is a 34 acre estate with about 16 acres in lush gardens with paths and ponds throughout. The booths will be placed all around the grounds affording the guests a wonderful shopping experience as they tour the gardens. There is a sidewalk path throughout the entire gardens. Our goal for this event is to offer the public a wonderful gathering of art & fine crafts along with musical entertainment throughout both days set amidst a natural and historic background where beauty abounds.

***River Region Art Association, a non profit art organization, offers Awesome Art in Awesome Gardens partly with grant funding from the Louisiana Division of the Arts and the Baton Rouge Arts Council. Awesome Art in Autumn Gardens is also supported by Ascension Parish Recreation & Culture and sponsored by many businesses in the area.***

When unloading your work, you may want to bring a wagon or some sort of carrier to handle the load to your assigned booth. You will not be able to drive right up to your assigned area. A separate Parking area will be provided for all vendors after they unload. Someone will be there to direct you. Volunteer help will be provided for any carrying or set up.

You will receive explicit directions for unloading when all booths have been assigned. We are limiting the booths to 100 in addition to the various artisan demonstrators who are part of the Awesome Art in Autumn Gardens program. There will also be numerous performing artists involved, also. In all, you will be a part of over 200 talented people.

Remember if you set up a tent...it must be WHITE as requested by the owner of the plantation. We intend for this event to be a special tribute to the artists of Louisiana. But a tent is not required. You must provide your own table and chairs and any art set up you may want.

WE will advertise with TV interviews, radio announcements, all local and area newspapers, by signs, flyers, billboard on interstate, and direct mail as well as via internet and on our website at [www.artgumbo.org](http://www.artgumbo.org). We will also include your name and product on the website for the event. Our event will be recommended by Local & State Tourism and Through the Chamber of Commerce.

We hope you will join us in presenting a unique event representing the talent of Louisiana!

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