



31st Annual Colorscope Chenango Arts Festival September 6th & 7th, 2025 Norwich, New York

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

ARRIVAL AND SET-UP: Festival hours are 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday and 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. Booths should be set up by 9:30 am Saturday and 10:30 am Sunday. Upon arrival, all exhibitors should check in at HEADQUARTERS, located along the north edge of East Park. Here you will receive your check-in folder with name tags, booth signs, etc. A volunteer will be on hand until 6:30 pm Friday, and starting at 6:30 am Saturday to check in artists. We encourage you to present donations for the ART MARKET directly to the ART MARKET in West Park so that they will be available for the auction as early as possible.

Set-up begins at noon on Friday. Beginning at 2:00 pm, side streets will close to regular traffic. As a courtesy to others, vehicles should be removed as quickly as they are unloaded and parked in a designated area. NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON THE GRASS AT ANY TIME. No tent stakes more than 12" long are permitted; weights should be used instead. We will be hiring security personnel to patrol the parks this year. and the Norwich Police Dept. is just across Main street. However, if you wish to reload your vehicle, you may do so after 6:00 pm on Saturday.

When loading out at the close of the event, please do not move your vehicle from the parking area until you are packed up and ready to load. Parking space is limited near the parks and your cooperation will help make things go faster and more smoothly. Please be considerate and do not block others' access to their booths or vehicles.

West Park vendor parking is available in the County Office parking lot, behind The Red Roof Inn or behind the United Church of Christ (accessible from Hayes street). East Park vendor parking is available in the Frontier parking lot, which can be accessed through a gate on one-way Lackawanna Ave., or from East Park Place.

SALES TAX INFORMATION: Exhibitors must collect NYS sales tax and prominently display a current Sales Tax Certificate at all times as required by law. The sales tax rate in Chenango County is 8%, excluding footwear and clothing for human use costing less than \$110. Clothing costing less than \$110 is now subject to a 1.5% city sales tax. To get a Sales Tax Certificate, contact the NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance by calling 800-698-2909 or 518-485-2889, or visit <http://www.tax.ny.gov/bus/ads/webdtf17.htm>.

VIP HOSPITALITY CENTER: A complimentary Hospitality Center will be provided for your enjoyment at the southwest corner of the Courthouse in West Park. Here you will find food, beverages and a place to relax. Your name tag is required for admission.

Lunches will be delivered mid-day, or you can take advantage of the Hospitality Center. Lunch tickets will be included in your check-in packet (two lunches per booth per day) and are valid for both deliveries or the Hospitality Center. We can accommodate vegetarian diets, but people with other dietary needs should provide their own meals. We do our best to deliver lunches promptly, but this can be challenging when the parks are crowded. Please be patient with our volunteers, who do the best they can.

BOOTH SITTERS: Booth Sitters will be assigned to walk the parks wearing bright green vests so they are easy to identify. Feel free to flag one down when you need a break, or call me at 607-316-3212 and I will see that someone goes to your booth. You should be sure to let me know if you encounter problems of any sort.

JUDGING AND AWARDS: On-site judging begins at 10:00 am on Saturday. Awards are:

- Categories with five or more entries receive three awards (1st, 2nd and 3rd);
- Categories with four or more entries receive two awards (1st and 2nd); and
- Categories with three entries or fewer will receive one award (1st).

Award amounts are: 1st - \$200; 2nd - \$100; and 3rd - \$50. A \$200 BEST BOOTH and \$300 BEST OF SHOW awards will also be presented. Award winners are granted jury-exempt status for the 32nd Annual Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival, September 11th & 12th, 2026. Awards will be presented at a complimentary ARTIST AWARDS BREAKFAST Sunday at the Broad Street Methodist Church. Details will follow in the summer.

“COLORCASH” CERTIFICATES may be presented by shoppers and should be treated the same as cash for the purchase of artwork. Make change as needed, as you will be reimbursed for the full value of the Certificates. Please treat these Certificate holders well, since they are Colorscape’s partners. All Certificates must be signed by Michele Ericksen, Executive Director, and have an embossed corporate stamp (dated 1999) to be valid. Instructions for redemption are on the Certificates.

HOTELS AND LODGING:

- **The Red Roof Inn** in downtown Norwich (former Howard Johnson’s) is offering a rate of \$75+tax for Colorscape exhibitors. Call the hotel at 607.334.2200 and tell the desk clerk you are a Colorscape artist to get the discount. If you have any problems ask for general manager, Dana Meyer, or let me know. The Red Roof Inn is the preferred lodging for Colorscape exhibitors. More info is available at <https://www.redroof.com/property/ny/Norwich/RR1173>.
- **The Norwich Super 8** is offering a discount rate of \$75+tax for Colorscape artists. If you encounter any problems getting the discount when you call 607.336.8880 and tell the desk clerk you are a Colorscape artist. This motel is located at 6067 NYS Route 12 at the north edge of the city. You can visit their web site at http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=03705&brandInfo=SE
- **Fred’s Inn** offers a rate of \$129+tax for a room with a regular king-sized bed for Colorscape artists. Call 607.334.9282 and identify yourself as a Colorscape artist and request the discount. This facility includes a restaurant and pub, located south of Norwich at 5149 NYS Route 12. Their web site is <http://fredsinn.fredsinnparkplace.com/ordereze/splash.html>.
- **The Splendor Inn Bed & Breakfast**, at 75 So. Broad Street in Norwich is offering a 10% discount on their regular rates to Colorscape artists. Contact Ann or Chris Smith at 607.336.5003 or splendorinnbb@gmail.com. You can also visit their web site at <https://splendorinn.com/>
- I will send a list of volunteer Home Hosts with their contact information later this spring.

CAMPING: Camp sites are available at the Chenango county fairgrounds with electrical and water hook-ups for a fee. You can register for a site and pay your fees when you check in at the festival. I will notify you of fees when they are confirmed.

FOOD AND SHOPPING: There are a variety of restaurants, coffee shops and pubs in Norwich and culinary vendors will be present at the festival. Norwich also features galleries, gift shops, a restored movie theater and a number of other shops.

Be sure to contact me if you have any questions or problems. I’ll see you in September!

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