

Nanaimo Downtown Farmers' Market Society

Adjudication Requirements 2017

1. **Only Products produced by Vancouver Island and surrounding Gulf Islands Artisans/residents will be considered.** (Artisan is defined as a BC resident whose studio and home address is located on Vancouver Island or surrounding Gulf Islands, and has been a permanent resident on Canada and present on Vancouver Island or surrounding Gulf Islands for the greater portion of 12 months preceding date of Nanaimo Down Town Market application).
2. **Crafts utilizing local and sustainable materials is preferred.** (The sourcing of ethical and local materials when feasible or possible. Artisans may be requested to verify purchase of local materials and supplies. Please keep records of receipts and purchases).
3. **The handcrafted component must dominate the commercial component.** (The Artisan contribution to a finished product must outweigh the contribution of any commercial components used in the making of item).
4. **The commercial components must be transformed in a way that makes the work unique.** (The item is the original design of the craftsperson or a skillful rendering of a traditional or classic design. Starting materials must be significantly altered and enhanced by the Artisan).
5. **The product must meet basic expectations of product life, function and safety.**
6. **Crafts that will NOT be considered for adjudication include:**
 - Craft containing non-CSA approved electrical goods.
 - Mass produced or manufactured goods.
 - Kits or items made from kits.
 - Resale of second hand items (up cycled items ARE acceptable, provided they meet above guidelines).

Scoring System

Technique and Workmanship (35%)

Technique is the application of method to execute a work and workmanship is the quality of that execution.

What tools are employed, how they are used and how it defines the craft item presented. Good workmanship is evident by a product that is pleasing, well finished and if functional, performs well and lastingly. Workmanship will demonstrate the skill with which technique and materials are used to produce an object. Attention to detail and finish and is the difference between a product which is crafted versus produced.

Originality and Creativity (35%)

Originality and creativity is the craftsperson's expression of personality through the work produced. The craft should demonstrate a unique style that distinguishes each item from the other. Creativity and originality is evident in the production of something unique and new, even if based on traditional ideas or forms, through the combination of imagination, skill and inventiveness. Creativity is also evident in the choice of mediums and materials used and in the successful combination of techniques if more than one is used.

Suitability (30%)

When considering suitability jurors consider how each vendor works together to contribute to a unique and memorable experience at the market.

If you feel you meet the adjudication requirements of the Nanaimo Downtown Farmers' Market Society, please send a photo of your items or a website link and a description of items (how it's made, how it's grown, what and when farmers expect to have available though the season, VIHA approval, where materials come from etc...) and a photo of your market booth if possible, so we may review your product. Only Artisans that meet these requirements will be considered and may be asked to attend a live adjudication.

Thank you for applying to the Nanaimo Downtown Farmers' Market, we look forward to seeing you this season.