

## **ART GUMBO MARKET**

The Art Gumbo Market of RRAA is held from 10 am – 2 pm in the front parking area of Houmas House Plantation on the third Saturday of the month. The only exceptions to these dates are:

1. Cancellations due to inclement weather
2. The months of January and February, also weather-related
3. Additional markets in December (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays) to accommodate Christmas shoppers

Who may participate?

RRAA members may come without additional fees.

Non-members may visit/set up without charge for a one-time trial, but if they decide to become regular vendors, must fill out a Market Membership form and pay an annual fee of \$20.

What are the rules for vendors?

There are a few stipulations for vendors:

1. Vendor-products must be hand-made and not in conflict with items sold in the Houmas House Gift Shop. The Market Chair will be the liaison to Houmas House, and no approval will be made without that contact.
2. Each vendor will provide their own set-up (tables, chairs, etc. Since set-up is in a mostly shaded area, tents are not required, but permitted). Set-up begins at 8:30 am, and no spaces are reserved. Vendors are expected to cooperate with each other in sharing available area and should stay till closing at 2 pm.
3. Vendors may unload their items at the edge of the parking lot near the market area, but are asked to move their cars to a spot on the perimeter of the lot, so that visitors to the plantation have access to the closer spots. At take-down, the vendors may again return closer to the market area for reloading.
4. Each vendor is responsible for their own money handling, personal refreshment and waste collection, to ensure that their area is left clear of any trash before they leave.

The Art Gumbo Market is a generous benefit that RRAA receives from Houmas House. The plantation provides, whenever possible, a free sampling of food from one of their restaurants during market hours for our visitors. We are indebted to them for their support. The Market Chair e-mails reminders to participants at least one week prior to market date, and tries to e-mail cancellations due to weather within 24 hours of the event.