

date: June 11th & 12th  
show: Spring Garden Fair  
location: Quailcrest Farms in Wooster, Ohio  
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website: <http://www.quailcrest.com/>  
space fee: \$100  
exhibitors: 40+  
hours: 10a-5p both days  
admission: \$2 for parking

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There are rare circumstances when an artist chooses to participate in a show for more reasons than loyalty and sales receipts. Quailcrest Farms' Spring Garden Fair is one of those shows for me. I absolutely love it. The Farm is a small plant nursery in Wooster, Ohio that opened its doors in 1957. Impressively, they propagate most of their own plants. During the show, the nursery's grounds and gardens are blooming with multi-colored herbs, perennials, flowering trees and shrubs. The owners and staff are always friendly, helping and supportive.

Other things I love about this show are the plumbed sinks for the artists by the lavatories, convenient vendor parking, set-up times starting the day before, drive to your spot access both days of the show, it's pet friendly and of course, the home-made ice cream. Another note worthy feature is the live entertainment all weekend with strolling musicians and a band in the gazebo. It is a truly enjoyable atmosphere for both the vendors and their customers.

The all outdoor Spring Garden Fair hosts over 40 artisans and crafters in glass, hypertufa, miniature gardens, jewelry, antiques and collectables, metal work, pottery, and apparel. Most of the show fees go to advertising and amenities like numerous port-o-potties and rental of pole tents (optional for artists). There are only two limitations to this show: all works represented must be garden themed and most spots do not have electricity.

The weather never seems to be an issue with gardeners but this year, predictions of thunderstorms seemed to keep all but the die-hard away. Considering the weather, I was happy with my sales, though they were down from the previous year. Most other vendors seemed to be in good spirits about the show if not their sales as well.