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May 5&6, Art Craft & Herb Fair, Hartville. Contact: Shelly Quinn, (300) 699-6020 or (330) 322-5905, 13480 Congress Lake Ave. Hartville, Ohio 44632. Website: <http://www.quailhollowpark.org/index.php>. Space fee: \$80 for main house and lower level and \$65 for outside, lower level, and 2nd floor. Exhibitors: 40. Hours: 10-5 Saturday, 11-5 Sunday. Admission: free

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For the past 20 years the Art, Craft & Herb Fair at Quail Hollow State Park has been held the first full Saturday & Sunday of May. The show attracts artists in pottery, glass, fiber, candle making, handmade soaps and lotions, yard art, jewelry, painting, and specialty foods from Ohio and Pennsylvania. It is a juried show that requires several photos of artists work to accompany an application (sent out in February). The only thing that is not welcome, Shelly Quinn of Quail Hollow states, “the show does not accept representatives of a commercial company.”

This event is held on the 750-acre property of a 19th century home originally built by a frontiersman and now maintained by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Vendors are set-up in the yard adjacent to the home. The one lane narrow road that leads vendors around the home would make maneuvering a trailer or RV difficult and the area gets very congested during set-up and tear down times. I recommend setting up on Friday if you want to get as close as possible to your booth space.

Along with the art and the historical home, another major draw for the nearly 7,000 patrons are the plants. People lined up outside the carriage house to buy plants from the local Hartville area. Quinn says, “Quail Hollow Herbal Society sells many varieties of herbal, perennial and annual plants and the concessionaire is the Hartville Lions Club.” Which makes it a truly local experience and an event that everyone can enjoy.

With that in mind, I was very pleased with this show considering that it was my first year. Returning artists reported having a show with sales commiserate with previous years, which seem to have been great before the economic downturn but still good now. Everyone I talked to seem to think that attendance was down but sales were about status quo. That sounds great to me. I think if attendance was up to what everyone expected, it could be a terrific show and I’m looking forward to making this an annual event for me.

Please call Shelly for an application.