

**Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival  
2018 Artist Vendor Application  
February 17 & 18, 2018  
“Rooted in the Past”**

The Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage, Inc. (F.I.S.H.) a non-profit 501c3 organization is now accepting applications for the 36th annual Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival.

Cortezians welcome the public to their historic village (est. 1887) for two days each year to increase awareness of the commercial fishing issues, regulation and practices. Volunteers (residents and friends) organize this massive event.

In 2017 paid attendance was over 21,000. Profits from the festival have been used to fund the FISH Preserve, 100 acres on the east side of the village bordering Sarasota Bay. There is an ongoing habitat restoration throughout the entire preserve that will recreate our unique coastal habitat for the public to enjoy, complete with trails and educational signage. We have been very successful with bringing grant money to the effort, but all grants are partnerships and our most important partners are our members, neighbors, participants and volunteers. FISH has also purchased significant historic buildings for preservation and community use.

FYI:

- 60 juried exhibitors
- 2D or 3D work (or surprise us)
- 70% of the work must reflect commercial fishing, historic preservation, the Florida Coastal Ecosystem, local flora + fauna or traditional craft.
- Spaces are usually 12' x 12'
- All work must be the original design of the exhibiting artist
- Artist must be present
- No double spaces
- Artists are responsible for the collection of 6.5% Florida state sales tax
- **No t-shirts except for art shirts**
- Set up starts Friday, Feb 17th @ 10 a.m., all day and before 8:30 a.m. Saturday
- The entrance gates open @ 9 a.m. Saturday
- The festival entrance is on 119th St @ 45th Ave. W. in Cortez (off Cortez Rd. CR 684) just west of the Bradenton Beach Bridge.

**To apply you will need to send us:**

- 1. 3 slides /photos of your work and 1 of your Display**
- 2. Completed application**
- 3. \$145.00 for Registration Fee (make Check payable to F.I.S.H.)**
- 4. Self-addressed stamped Envelope**

**Submission Deadline – must be postmarked by Friday November 24, 2017**

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Please Print Legibly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your work in detail:

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Display Size/Space Request (no double spaces):

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Near Stage? YES or NO [please circle]

Would you prefer to receive festival applications electronically? YES or NO [please circle]

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Please mail: \$145.00 Registration fee check, 3 photos of your work, 1 photo of your display, completed application and a Self-addressed envelope to:

**F.I.S.H.  
7816 17th Ave NW  
Bradenton, FL 34209**

Questions? Call phone: 941-725-9189 or by Email: [rosemilpke@gmail.com](mailto:rosemilpke@gmail.com)