

**43rd Annual Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival
February 15 & 16, 2025**

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The Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage, Inc. (F.I.S.H.) a non-profit 501c3 organization is now accepting applications for the **43rd Annual Cortez Commercial FISH Festival** to be held **Feb. 15th & 16th, 2025**. 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.

Estimated 2 day attendance is 15-18,000. Profits from the festival are used to fund "The FISH Preserve," 100 acres of undeveloped habitat bordering Sarasota Bay along the east side of the village. Habitat restoration throughout the preserve is creating coastal habitat for the public to enjoy, complete with trails and educational signage. Grant money assists our efforts, but our most important partners are our members, neighbors, participants and volunteers. FISH has also purchased significant historic buildings within the village for preservation and community use.

- 42 juried exhibitors spaces
- 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 approximately 12' x 12' but may vary slightly depending on location
- All work must be the original design of the exhibiting artist
- Artist must be present
- Artists are responsible for the collection of 7.0% Florida state sales tax
- **No** t-shirts except for art shirts, no mass manufactured items or products
- Set up starts Friday, Feb 14th / 10am till 5 pm and Saturday morning 7am to 8:30am
***ALL Vehicles must be off site by NO LATER than 8:30 AM. FESTIVAL ENDS 6 pm SUNDAY YOU MAY NOT LOAD OUT BEFORE 6:15 PM OR LATER ON SUNDAY ONCE ATTENDEES ARE GONE!**
- The entrance gates open @ 10 AM Saturday
- The festival entrance for artists row is on 123rd St. Ct. W off 45th Ave W in Cortez FL 34215

To apply you will need to do the following:

Send by Mail with your check:

1. **3 slides /photos of your work and 1 of your Display. (You may also submit your photos via email to: fishfestart@gmail.com (BUT DO NOT EMAIL YOUR APPLICATION) If you participated in the last 2 years you *DO NOT need to send photos unless your work has changed significantly.***
2. **Mail Completed application**
3. **\$175.00 per space for Registration Fee (make Check payable to F.I.S.H.)**

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Artist Application Please Print Legibly

Name: _____ **Contact phone number:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: (Must Provide) _____

Describe your work in detail: _____

Display Size/Space Request (limited double spaces available on request first come first served .

Please mail: **\$175.00 Registration fee check / completed application / 3 photos of your work / 1 photo of your display : *If you participated in the last 2 years you DO NOT need to send photos unless your work has changed significantly.*

**Send to: F.I.S.H.
Attention Festival Art Ap.
P.O. Box 606
Cortez, FL 34215-0606**

Questions: phone: 941-301-4000

Contact Info Email: fishfestart@gmail.com

Deadline for Entry is November 15th, 2024

****Applications sent without payment Will NOT be given consideration.**

Selections and notifications with be emailed no later than December 5th, 2024.