

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival

February 17 & 18, 2024

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2024 Coordinator: Jane von Hahmann

The Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage, Inc. (F.I.S.H.) a non-profit 501c3 organization is now accepting applications for the **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cortez Commercial FISH Festival** to be held **Feb. 17th & 18th, 2024**. 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 2023 paid attendance was estimated to be ~15,000. 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.

- 50 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' 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
- Set up starts Friday, Feb 16th @ 10 am, all day and before 8:30 am Saturday  
**\*ALL Vehicles must be off site by NO LATER than 8:30 AM.**
- 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 (off Cortez Rd. CR 684) just west of the Bradenton Beach Bridge.

**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 NOT YOUR APPLICATION)**
2. **Mail Completed application**
3. **\$175.00 per space for Registration Fee (make Check payable to F.I.S.H.)**

# Cortez 2024 Artist Application

Please Print Legibly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Describe your work in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Display Size/Space Request (double spaces on request first come first served): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please mail: \*\*\$175.00 Registration fee check / completed application /3 photos of your work / 1 photo of your display :**

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

**Questions: phone: 941-301-4000**

**Email: jvonhahm@verizon.net OR fishfestart@gmail.com**

**Deadline for Entry is November 30th, 2023**

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

**Selections and notifications will be emailed or mailed out no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**