

# FEEDBACK REPORT – 2015



**Note:** This is a compilation of the feedback received from the forms submitted during & after the Fair and via email. The responses are recorded as submitted with minor corrections for spelling and syntax without negating the respondents' intentions. Personal names have been included when celebrated and omitted when negatively criticized. Similar comments are noted by "\*" at the beginning of the entry. The coordinators, committees, and management will receive relevant information with respondents' contact information.

Thank you, all!

## AAAA

- I've been going to the Fair for years, and working on a crew for the last 6. I have some mobility issues and wish there was a way to get a ride to the Ritz after hours. Especially on days when I work, it's difficult to make the trek to the showers and some ride assistance for OCF Family with ADA placards would be awesome!
- Also - more ADA Honey Buckets in the back area (non-public) would be great. The public facing bathrooms are disgusting and there are almost NO ADA bathrooms for Family.
- 4-A is to help people with their needs. A woman in a wheel chair suggested we designate an area at Main Stage for altered-able access close to the stage.

## ADMISSIONS

- First off, I would like to say I love the fair! But I think it would be better if you offered a discount for Elmira/Veneta residents to attend the fair. We as a community prepare for this fair and traffic that comes with it all year. A lot of the Veneta/Elmira community does not attend because of the cost and believe it is unfair as residents in a small community to host this with no benefits. Just something to consider for next year! Also if you join the "Veneta community" and/or "Veneta Oregon uncensored" on Facebook you will see a lot of the same feedback during the fair days.
- We'd like the fair to consider making the 3 day bracelet a very different color from the staff bracelet. Not every security can distinguish the subtle colors of blue vs purple (in the daylight) and not every person checking bracelets at night has a black light. We think that it would be helpful if the 3 day bracelet were yellow or some very different color than the staff bracelet.
- If doing Will-Call for Friday and Saturday, you should be able to pick up Saturday's tickets when picking up Friday's vs standing (adding to) in line again.
- The crowds were a little much on Saturday
- We should keep on keepin' on with how we're doing it. I am a little wary of how big the fair is getting, but it's still a great event!
- Entry stamp -- person doing stamping insisted on putting it inside my forearm. It rubbed off on my new shirt & purse. Maybe the back of the hand for all stamps would be better. Thank you.
- Friday Will-Call was a disaster. Long wait, dusty, hot. Not a good welcome.
- On the positive front, it didn't seem so crowded on Friday, much more manageable after the new six acre expansion. Don't sell more tickets; keep the density down.
- I recommend that next year, the greeters make it very clear to those getting off the shuttle bus that if their tickets are on their smart phone, they need to go to Will Call and make it perfectly clear where Will Call is located. No one told me until I was at the entrance to the Fair. Then, I had to go all the way back to the very beginning, and go through the back check and lines all over again!! This took an extra 30 minutes approximately. Then I had to stand in the arm line for a very long time. You need more organization.
- It took 2 hours to get from Ray's to our parking spot. There were only 2 people appearing to be selling/checking passes. It really put a wet blanket on our fair mood.

## ADVERTISING

- Hello beloveds! I'd love to just gush and gush with good reviews of the fair, the new area, and just be a shining brush of fairy dust to lift your heart. All that stuff is true, but I have a boo boo problem too. This is one which has irked me for a couple of years now. One of the food booths advertises on KRVM and lavishly describes, over the public air waves, a breakfast burrito which is not available to the public. They stop serving it at 11. I feel strongly that the fair already suffers from more than enough 'us' campers, in people, and 'them' pitiable public, good for ground scores and cash options. This advertisement of a non-public product over the public airwaves seems profoundly tactless and unkind to me. I know it's hard to herd cats, and I don't think rules always make things better, but surely this is something which can be addressed in some manner

## **AMBIANCE**

- Loved the crafters and diversity in new artists that I noticed this year.
- More Interactive art :)
- The man you hired to portray the walking tree man stole the design of the costume. The man who originated this design is working and available for hire. [Walkingtreeman.com](http://Walkingtreeman.com) Please do not support such plagiarism.
- Really liked the ambiance this year. The tree Ent was awesome as were the wandering eyes.
- The ambiance at the public entrance was disappointing at best. One person with a bullhorn and cattle chute barriers? Really?? What happened to the stilt walkers and rainbow star, drummers, and metal peach archway?
- Where did 'The Fork in the Road' go?? It was such a wonderful part of the humor that is everywhere. Please put it back. You know, if the paths weren't so crowded more people would 'see' the fork in the road :)

## **ANIMALS ON SITE**

- We love the Fair for almost 20 years now, but what is the deal with all these dogs this year. They are not happy. Many are panting, trying to find shade and I saw a few urinate on the path. (This is something service animals are taught not to do.) We are veterinarians and are very disturbed by the new trend. Can you require a note from the dog's service agency (you can buy vests on the internet.) Thank you!
- I am so upset that you have decided birds are not allowed at Fair. Our service bird, Melon, was kicked out of Fair. I feel birds have as much right as a human. But, anyway, Melon was a certified service bird. The ADA says as long as it doesn't bite or be vicious. So, I don't understand the dog and miniature pony thing.

## **ATMs**

- Working at Dragon this year, I can't help but notice that the average ATM line was around 30-60 minutes. It might be worth bringing in a few more.
- You need more ATMs.
- Keep the \$\$ flowing. Add many, many more ATMs. One or two ATMs at the Registration cashier would be very much appreciated since they don't take cards.
- As a vendor, I am continually frustrated with the lack of ATMs. There is always a long line and every year they run out of \$. Not fair to vendors. Please add more ATMs. Thank you.

## **BAG CHECK**

- I handed my shirt to bag check-in worker to be put in my bag. I watched them place shirt on bag under strap. Then later, I come to get my bag and shirt is nowhere to be found. Now I have to buy a new thermal shirt for cold weather.

## **BARTER FAIR**

- Definitely add Barter Fair in Pirate Cove
- Bring back the Barter Fair!
- I also do the barter faire when it happened. I am a high grade bead sales lady. I have been stopped so often on the path and at booths asking for beads. Please return the barter faire for some of us, we provide a service to the Fair family; Fair jewelers need what I sell. Many blessings

## **The BOARD & MANAGEMENT**

- There should be a term limit for the office of Chairman of the Board. There are many who disagree with Jack's philosophy of running the Fair primarily as a money making business for all these years (decades!)... not the original intent of the hippie Renaissance Fair. Case in point: His "leadership" in the policy of treating elders as 'paying customers' even after decades of volunteer service.

- I think we seriously need to look at the ever-increasing upper management weighing down a more consensus-based decision-making process. When I'm told that I "have" to do something that is completely against my will because "we" decided something, I get really uncomfortable. It smacks of creeping totalitarianism. Too many managers.
- Did you know.... Next year, 2016, the 2nd weekend in July (8-9-10) is when the Track & Field Trials are being held in Eugene. Campgrounds & hotels, Corvallis to Cottage Grove are already sold out for that weekend. Might the OCF consider July 15-17 for 2016? Just a thought....

#### **BUBBLES**

- Confusion regarding Sunday morning bubbles, which are traditionally done at Main Stage, proved to be a disappointment to many. Better communication and consistency would help solve this.

#### **BUS**

- Create a steam line process for group busses like Zumwalt encouraging fewer cars.
- If the Fair ran a late bus to Eugene and another early bus back for elders and others who would like to sleep in Eugene, I'd bet it would be pretty popular. I'd bet that people would probably be willing to pay an extra fee for it. This seems like an easy one for me — even if it's a special charter company bus rather than LTD.
- It would be really helpful to post bus & shuttle schedules near the stops.

#### **CAMPING & CAMPING CREW**

- My family and I camped in Neil Henderson's back yard (close to the house) as friends of his family for many years. Then when the Fair bought the property we were no longer allowed to camp there. This year the elder's committee denied me a vehicle sticker when Ms. Piggy was full, but a friend on the board got me one anyway. (It's all about who you know, of course!) The camping crew put me in the SCOF lot, where I camped alone... a long walk into the fair for an overweight feeble-legged 70-year-old man.
- Impressed with how Crafts Lot was absorbed into new camping areas and our usual camp in Miss Piggy was as delightful as ever!
- Tent tags. These are a waste of resources. I understand they served a purpose years ago, but I think those times have passed. The natural resource it takes to print these tags is unnecessary: paper, ink, metal. Does anyone even check? I have camped at fair for over 10 years and have never had anyone check. I really think these should be phased out and stop creating more waste.
- A big THANK YOU for whoever was responsible for returning the SCOF lot to craft camping only (as it was originally) and expanding altered-abled. I have car camped in that lot for 26 years and I am happy to say it was probably this year the quietest place in the whole fair. The last few years it had turned into a big party scene out there. It is very important for craft folks to have somewhere we can actually get some sleep that is in close proximity to the entrance.
- I am alter-abled (first year) and needed to camp with my car as walking/carrying is difficult. It surprised me that the alter-abled "parking only" is closer to the Fair than the camping with your car. Those who camp go back and forth at least once a day. Few of those who camp in the Fair go back to their cars until they are ready to leave. Walking that far every day made it very difficult for me to have energy left to see the Fair. Hopefully, by next year my cancer will be a little better and I will be able to walk that far, but you should consider switching where the alter-abled camp with cars is located. Thanks. :)
- I heard some crafters who were very, very happy with camping crew, how well they were treated and how much they liked the new camp. Camping behind my booth I was not affected and so glad many of those who were made happy by the work of camping crew,

## **CARTOGRAPHY**

- Info Booths could really use single page maps to hand out in addition to the Peach Pits.
- Thanks for adding smoking sections to the maps!
- What about printing small maps so that people wanting maps don't have to use the whole entire Peach Pit or rip the map off the back? Lots of people just want maps.

## **CELL PHONE CHARGING**

- The Fair should request a mobile cell phone tower for the week of the Fair. The total grid lock of the cell phone service must be a real hardship for the local community as well as for the paying public and Fair family.
- Aloha. As a vendor I feel there should-could be a plug-in station for our credit card machines and cells positioned at ALL of the info booths inside and outside of the fair. I hiked 2 miles looking for a plug-in and White Bird plugged me in once -- hit or miss. There are only 2 plugs available at Dragon - Yikes. Mahalo
- Manned the booth for Fair hours and then unable to charge phone anywhere besides Chalupa's bicycle station. (Loved it, but unrealistic.) Solar charging stations not open pre-Fair. Car parked 1.28 miles from booth (crazy time commitment to back & forth). Would love to see a Fair family solution for next year.... and thank you for the services this year and the improvements for next year. :) Love & Blessings
- Having 3 solar-charging stations that do not open until 11 a.m. is a bad idea. No longer having a charging station at the intuitively obvious location of Energy Park is a bad idea. Having all 3 of them at the south end of the Fairgrounds is inefficient. Having 2 or 3 "staff" Wi-Fi networks but not giving passwords to the staff is sort of mystifying.
- Cell phones -- we mock them, but really they've become important -- vendor "squares," coordinating crews, handing off children between parents, etc., etc., etc. It has been terrifically difficult to charge them this year. Unmonitored places 24 hours/day attached to solar panels used to be available. The blue hut at the dragon had ridiculous hours for Fair family purposes.

## **CHELA MELA**

- It felt like the life was sucked out of the Meadow to accommodate the New Area. The usual, wonderful end-of-day music under the big tent was missing in the Meadow. Maybe that is the sacrifice to get the new area up and running, but, I hope, next year the energy returns to the Meadow as well.

## **CHILDCARE**

- Please allow two care givers on list for pick up as long as photo ID is written down and shown at pick up.

## **CIGARETTE SMOKING**

- Loved the respected the use of the smoking areas and was never offended or assaulted by unwanted cigarette smoke.
- I suggest we severely limit where people can use cigarettes. Year after year cigarette smoke at the fair is on the short list of things that "harsh my mellow."
- As always, I had an amazing year and I'm grateful to be part of such an amazing family. That being said, I am blown away by the lack of respect of our fair family with their cigarettes at night on the path. I have asthma and the dust was bad enough, but there was not one single time on the path at night that there wasn't someone or several someones walking and smoking in front of me. It limits the amount of time I can be in the 8, if I want to breathe that. This was a huge issue last year as well. Many people I know just can't go on the 8 at night because of it. It seems to me a better effort to have clearly lit smoking areas at night could improve this. It is not only completely disrespectful to our fair family that we continue to ignore this year after year despite the fact that it is a serious health risk and a fire hazard. If there were people smoking during the day security would direct them to the appropriate area, why can't this be done at night? Thank you for hearing me.

- Inspired by a heated discussion in the Facebook Group, I thought I would give some feedback on the smoking areas! I notice quite a bit of smoking on the paths after hours, which many non-smokers object to. Someone suggested illuminating the smoking areas at night, to make them more visible, and I think this would be a great idea! I think lighting them up at night would remind smokers that smoking areas still apply after hours.
- I still wish the Henry Howe memorial water fountain in Peace Parker and the water fountain between Shady Grove & the Junction were not located in smoking areas.
- Thanks for all the work that goes into the fair. I wish smoking wasn't allowed near drinking fountains. I actually wish it wasn't allowed in the fair at all. I love the new area though it needs more shade as does Chela Mela. Overall it's a pretty perfect event. Thanks
- People smoke cigarettes after hours anywhere they please. They walk around with lit cigarettes effectively makes the entire fair a smoking area.
- As I'm walking, if I wait for a smoker to get far away, another will come along smoking so it's no use. P It's a health hazard and a fire hazard, especially in these dry times. The grasses, trees, booths would make quite a blaze.
- I tried to ask smokers to use smoking areas, or at least go downwind from me, but they blow me off. They seem to think it's their right to smoke wherever they please. There are a lot of drunks staggering around smoking, too. Friends have said they have had the same experience.
- What can be done?
- The smoking policy may be in the fair guidelines, but many people aren't aware of it. (I wasn't.)
- Expectations about fair behavior need to be clear before people arrive, or when they get their wristbands. It needs to be enforced after hours in some friendly-reminder, for-the-good-of-all way, a job for security?
- Maybe you have better ideas to improve air quality for all.
- I recently returned to attend the OCF earlier this month after almost 14 years. How fun and beautiful it is. I had a great time and really appreciated that that you don't allow alcohol. However, I do have one question why is it you allow smoking in designated areas? Why not prohibit it as well?
  - I realize you may probably never make the OCF 100% smoke or vapor free even though the rules say no alcohol, drugs, or marijuana allowed. Why does tobacco, the number one preventable cause of death seem to get exemptions all the time? I will probably write the board and a letter to the editor as well as these comments.
  - Even though the smoking areas were away from the main walkways, it seems to me that there should be a cigarette 'beer-garden' type of fencing to enter for over 18 only. I saw kids, teens, and even a few strollers in the area with lots and lots of puffing of all sorts of things. Seems like a great opportunity to start reducing the footprint of where and how things are smoked.
  - Also, it is a fire danger. You know that. Why risk it? What a terrible loss that would be.
  - You guys claim to be an educational event in many aspects with wonderful areas for children and teens. Why would smoking be allowed then? Enforcement would be easy with tasteful signage, staff reminding people who light up to please refrain, and information to vendors and guests on websites and ticket stubs.
    - In my health department job here in Portland, I have helped many large venues go smoke-free: the Waterfront Blues Festival, the City of Portland Parks and Recreation, Portland State University, Trimet, Metro, and even large industrial businesses take their properties 100% tobacco and smoke-free. You guys can do it. It won't be perfect and it would take several years for the old timers to get used to it, but in time, it would be like all your other prohibitions. Please feel free to contact me to discuss options and how to go about it. I would also invite you to connect with Lane County Public Health. Thank you! I hope to hear from you.
- We need to clarify our expectations around night time cigarette smoking with the night time cigarette smokers if we really expect them to confine their cigarette smoking to the smoking areas. "But the Fair's closed," is what I hear when I ask them not to smoke everywhere.

- Why are all the smoking areas in the same place as drinking water? Those with asthma have a problem getting water when there is a waiting line. Also the place CD's are sold by the main stage is next to the smoking place. These volunteers are required to sit in a smoke cloud during their volunteering service.
- Cigarette smoking has to be controlled better -- horrible this year during Fair and after hours.
- Smoking areas seem a bit close to regular paths. Namaste
- It's generous of the Fair to accommodate cigarette smoking spreading their noxious fumes at designated smoking areas, but must this include the "clam shell" across from the Ritz. It's a favorite spot for musicians to gather and hang out, but the smoking drives some of them off. Could we establish this site as smoke-free?
- Can we be smoke free!
- My booth is next to peace parker, a designated smoking area with a water fountain. as in previous years I saw many parents frustrated that the fountain was not in a clear area meaning the kids had to go elsewhere for a drink. granted it isn't all that far to the next water station at community village--no smoking!, but several people asked why there was smoking allowed, designated!, at a water station. several others asked if fair had considered becoming smoke free, something I would like to see us do.
- Too many people still smoking tobacco on the paths!!
- To start off, I am allergic to tobacco. If it were up to me, I would ban tobacco smoking at the Fair completely: but I know it isn't up to me. Nicotine users, in my experience, tend to be so deeply addicted that not only are they incapable of going more than a few hours without another dose, but their nervous systems have become incapable of empathy with people who are not also chained to their personal demon, and whose health and quality of life their habit seriously endangers.

The compromise, of allowing smoking but keeping it restricted to smoking areas, is a good one - or would be, if the smokers would follow the agreement.

Despite my angry rants about it from Main Stage at the Midnight Show a few years ago, and some pretty scathing conversations in person and on FB where my allergy has fought pitched verbal battles with their addiction, I have tried (in the spirit of the Fair) to see the smokers' viewpoint. Most smokers I asked to move during this Fair were polite, apologetic, and quick to comply when they realized they were in the wrong place: the group of little Burner bastards - I'm sorry, Young Folk - who staged the Screaming Festival at 4 am in the Gnu area were the exception. They were rude, dismissive, and non-compliant. They pissed me way off.

But a constant gripe I've heard from smokers is that the Smoking Areas feel like punishment to them: they are uncomfortable places to be, barren and boring and dusty, in the hot sun with no place to sit down. I've been suggesting for a few years, and shall now do so here, that we attack the problem of smoking-everywhere with love and niceness instead of punishment.

1. Call them Smoking Lounges, and make them really pleasant, fun places to be. Get overstuffed chairs, end tables, velvet ropes, maybe even carts selling drinks and snacks - make them really inviting and a little exclusive. "Sorry, you can't hang out here unless you're smoking."
2. Mark them really, really well. They should be incredibly easy to spot, and should all have the same marker that doesn't look like anything else - something like an awning with bright black and yellow stripes, and big beautiful "Smokers' Lounge" signs.
3. Mark them on the maps, really clearly and brightly and consistently, with a special logo and a key in the legend and other great cartographic stuff.
4. Educate attendees and participants alike about the policy. There is no smoking at the Fair, both during and after hours, except in the Smokers' Lounges. People should be told at every step of the entry process - buying tickets, getting camping passes, et cetera - that this is the case, and that it will be enforced.

Will it be enforced? I expect Security has other fish to fry. It could be a way for Fire Crew to busy themselves, I suppose, and that would be appropriate, especially in drought years, but I don't know how large a crew that is or what they do when the Fair isn't actually on fire. There seems to be a tacit belief that

people can smoke wherever they want after hours: if that isn't true (which I hope it isn't), both the public and the Us should be told about that fact. Repeatedly.

I am not hugely sanguine about the likelihood of enforcement and regulation working: smokers can't see the harm they do, think their rights are being trampled on when they're asked to have some consideration for others, and - like mice with toxoplasmosis whose nervous systems have been altered to make them really attracted to cats - the physiological changes their drug has induced makes them willing to fight to the death to take their drug anywhere and anytime they please, regardless of the effect it has on others.

But, I think the idea of making the Smokers' Lounges attractive fun places to be has a lot of potential for shifting the balance. I'd love to be able to say "I'm sorry, smoking isn't allowed here by my campsite, but there's a really cool place right over there where smoking is encouraged. Have fun!"

I'm going to see if I can get anybody interested in taking on the Gnu Area Smokers' Lounge as a model project for next year. If it works, maybe the idea can spread to other areas of the Fair. Much love...

### COMMEMORATIVE SALES

- WORST OF ALL: the OCF HISTORY BOOTH was selling handkerchiefs with the map of the Fair on them along with the highly prized PEACH LOGO, and three inches from the Peach Logo was the tag MADE IN CHINA!!!!
- I'd like to suggest producing & selling decals of the Fair's logo each year. About 3"x4" would be about right, in full color of course. They should be as waterproof as environmentally safe. It could be used on water bottles, books, motorcycles, etc. They'd be a hit!
- Please send General Store more merchandise, including some of everything, instead of keeping some items away. We're an OCF booth, but treated like second-class. The General Store isn't even listed in the Peach Pit in the commemorative sales sidebar. It says 3 places to buy.

Is there a way to make sure more musicians know that we provide this service for them?

### CONSTRUCTION

- Info booths need rain covers.
- Does Construction check all the doors & locks on all the potties before they are opened for public use? I reported at least two units at Politics Park to Main Stage Info to be closed until Construction could fix them. One had no lock which is not a Big problem. The other one, however, had a broken, lower hinge such that the door which caused people to do more damage trying to open & close it. This also meant two fewer potties in service.

### DIVERSITY

- As a Native American I'm asking to please create policy in regards to the growing problems and concerns towards mis-appropriation of sacred native adornment. Just making my request official. Thank you/Miigwech.

### ELDERS

- I have for many years objected to being charged for a camping pass after 33 years of volunteer service. The fair gives lots of money to many causes and organizations but has no respect or similar charity for longtime service to the Fair by its elders. Other elders must chip in for such charity (which I will no longer accept) which is absent as Fair policy.

### ETIQUETTE

- Seems to be some pre-faire, during-faire, and post-faire crew aggression. Somehow people feel that they are entitled to more for their efforts than other crews. It takes a village to raise a child. Somebody has to clean the toilets for there to be clean toilets, there has to be a security crew at the same time to make sure the right people use the toilets, and there has to be a set up crew and take down crew for there to be toilets. Besides that it was the best faire yet! Maybe we can use this to find all the bitch-fest people and



then not invite them? too bad that goes against the whole acceptance and respect thing... I jest. but seriously how do we teach people to be more respectful and accepting? It won't happen overnight.

#### **FAIR AREA RAPID TRANSIT**

- Fire lane (back door) FARTS Transportation for new camping areas during Fair hours for wrist banded crew. Golf cart shuttle under FARTS for Elders only up to Main Stage from Elders Camping.

#### **FAMILY FRIENDLY**

- We love the fair and have been going for over ten years now. I am a nursing mother and found myself in a situation that I wanted to share with you all. I needed to pump my breasts at the fair this year. Luckily the White Bird folks were very accommodating and let me use their electricity in their new spot in the new loop. It was not a private space, but it worked for me because I am not a modest person. It got me thinking that having a dedicated space that supported mothers in nursing or pumping is needed at the fair. Not all mothers are as comfortable as I am to pump in front of others. I am a postpartum RN at Riverbend, active in the breastfeeding support community here in Eugene, and would love to organize a space for our mothers. Please let me know what I can do to help.

#### **FIREWORKS**

- I am voicing my complaint about 4th of July fireworks. I do not see how blowing up stuff over the fair site comes anywhere near showing "reverence for the land" and makes a MOCKERY of our mission statement! My understanding is this begun as a way to thank volunteers. I feel volunteers are rewarded with free camp passes and food vouchers. AND THERE MUST BE OTHER CREATIVE WAYS TO SAY THANKS. It is also my understanding that this "event" costs several thousand dollars in fireworks and now more strain on registration with the new required pass. The 4th celebration has now turned into its own event pressing on the fair's resources and volunteers. Seems there is many other important projects that "firework money" could be used for like improved sanitation or the treasured "community building" or the other infrastructure projects the fair needs as a whole or how about restoring cut funding to entertainment like "Girls Circus"? I hear numerous complaints by staff of people coming earlier and earlier to pre-fair which the fair is encouraging by holding this event. I do not see how the board can even begin to justify this event being held!
- Ban 4th of July Fireworks at Fair site forever.

#### **FOOD**

- Almost forgot, thanks to the Cafe' Mam crew, the line was usually short, I was afraid there was a misguided boycott going on until I realized how quickly orders were ready, how coordinated the crew was. I talked with a number of people who had gotten their coffee there, lots of thanks for the speed of service and good coffee. with a shorter line the traffic flowed more smoothly in the neighborhood. yippee!!!!
- As a former Recycling Crew person, I noticed that one of the lemonade booths are using plastic-coated cups which are not compostable. Again, probably just a change in the shopping list. :)
- I wish that OCF held their food vendors' ingredients to a higher standard. i.e. non GMO, organic, sustainably grown, local, etc.
- Food lines need some rerouting at some of the popular booths like Frisco. Too much path blockage.
- Food prices are still going up. Lots of stuff that I don't patronize anymore because it's just too ridiculous.
- Some vendors like the fudge cart ran out way too early (Friday). I thought that vendors had to bring enough stock for the event.
- The decision to move Herbal Junction from the Graceland Area is enormously positive. We like Jerry, yet the increase in people/public flow having them not there was even larger than we expected. Thank you! Thank you! You have made a number of booths quite happy. He got to have quite a "run" at his cart, and we are glad he has found a permanent home in the new development.

- And, last, don't even get me started on my frustrating experience with the Food Committee. There needs to be 1 person on that committee who is the go-to person. Otherwise, no one is accountable. The one thing I learned is to get everything in writing and signed. Otherwise, it is a trip down bullshit lane.
- I love eating Fair food -- it's one of my favorite Fair activities. However, this year it almost proved very dangerous for my daughter's boyfriend. He ordered a Cart de Frisco sandwich (this was his very first Fair experience), and read the list of ingredients posted due to his peanut allergy. Peanuts were not listed, but my ever vigilant daughter asked an employee who at first shrugged her off and then very irritatedly said that there were peanuts in the dressing. My daughter immediately requested a refund since her boyfriend could NOT eat the sandwich. After much fussing, she finally obliged with no concern at all for the potential physical harm that almost occurred. Anaphylactic emergencies can be fatal! It is my wish that ALL food vendors MUST LIST ALL ingredients so patrons can make informed and safe food choices!!! Especially with peanuts, (all nuts) soy, and wheat! Additionally, I think most Fair members and community members would also like to know if the ingredients are organic or not - or if they contain GMO's or not!

This is a huge issue in our (country) world right now -- people are being poisoned by GMO's and the government doesn't want to stop Monsanto or let the people make informed choices. This is wrong -- and shouldn't be happening, in my opinion, at the Fair either.

I am very willing to pay more money for delicious food at the Fair to ensure that the ingredients are organic. I'm not saying that all food vendors should be required to have only organic food, but I definitely feel it is a right for Fair patrons to know exactly what they are eating.

- \*\*\*OMG - Need a beer/wine garden!!! Oregon is all about gourmet beer/wine. Where's my mead? So many craft brewers. Good fun tho!

#### **HERBS, DRUGS & ALCOHOL**

- It would be awesome if there was an AA meeting during Fair hours so general public could attend. Thank you!
- Want to know when & where a medication station for medical marijuana is/will be?
- So glad the Fair is still pot-free. I voted to legalize, but personally I do not want to smoke it. So, Thanks!
- Lots of drinking alcohol cigarette smoking and bad drugs happening into the early morning hours. There was a group walking the paths screaming profanity late into Saturday night. And lots of beer cans strewn about early Sunday morning. If the fair doesn't enforce the " no alcohol or drugs" maybe they should be allowed.

#### **HOSPITALITY**

- Food in hospitality is awesome
- I ate at Main Camp and I love it! Healthy yummy Hospitality!
- Main Camp light lunches/teas. It would be nice to serve more fresh fruit & veggie sticks whenever & wherever cookies are served (Main Camp & Flowin' Notes)

#### **ICE**

- 25 years, and I still have no complaints. Wait! There is one thing. For that last 20 years, I've been packing in 1/2 gallon of ice each day. Can you suggest to all of the food vendors that they sell ice. They can charge a \$1 a cup. I mostly use the ice to cool down the water that comes from your fountains, and put it my water spritzer, to cool down my fellow fairgoers. Namaste! And keep up the good, no, awesome work. :)

#### **INFO**

- Info Booths could really use single page maps to hand out in addition to the Peach Pits.
- Ride board? If not (no info person seemed to know) Please, please.

## IT

- Let's eliminate/reduce using paper for schedules, stage and performer info etc. and replace it with a cell phone app. This could be very cost effective as more and more people carry around the technology in their pockets.
- Brought a smart phone to run square for credit card processing -- couldn't get on Wi-Fi password incorrect.
- I have been part of our Fair since 1985 (possibly earlier). From Community Village to Craft Inventory and now as an artist. I really need access to the internet to process credit cards. For 2 years now the system has been overwhelmed. There needs to be access in our modern card-carrying world.
- Please put clear info in handbook concerning passwords & system names.
- When I sell at other shows/events this size - both the public and the event expect and provide the service to take cards., i.e. Wi-Fi. Please provide this service as I lose sales when folks walk away. I really want to discuss this with whom? Registration?, Fair Central?, the Board? Thank you.
- I filled out the feedback 'form' that appeared on the .org site which ended up going nowhere, frustrating. Finally have some time to try again only to discover the link at the bottom just takes you to a form that needs to be mailed, you have to go elsewhere on the .net to find this form. It would be less frustrating if this could be corrected.

## LASERS

- With cheaper and newer technology, lasers are easy to get for everyone. I love the effect at night against the trees and sky, but this year I was really concerned with everyone's safety including my own. It doesn't take much exposure to someone's eyes to permanently damage them and this year the lasers were everywhere and getting pointed everywhere- crowds, performers included. It will be very hard to regulate them and I don't advocate banning them. But, an initial approach would be to clearly advertise their danger and provide cautions for their use.

## LAND USE MANAGEMENT PLANNING (LUMP)

- The Cascadian Subduction Zone Earthquake potential has been widely publicized recently. The Big One as high as 9.2 or more is coming - a one in 10 chance it will happen in the next 50 years. What is the OCF's earthquake and disaster plan? If a huge quake happened during the Fair, how would we evacuate? How can we prepare people to follow safety procedures? The OCF site is located in wetlands -- soil that could liquefy during a quake. Also, we are downstream from 2 dammed rivers (Willamette & McKenzie). A huge quake could break through the dams and this area would be completely flooded. This is a great concern to me and I feel like we should have emergency trainings for pre-during-and post-Fair quake procedures, including evacuations paths & routes!! How can we educate our Fair members and have systems in place for the best outcomes possible if this event should occur on Fair time???

## THE NEW AREA

- We love you, OCF! The "new space" is great.
- I liked the new loop, please add more vendors both food and retail.
- I liked the new area but the most compelling thing about it is the openness. It's nice to have an uncrowded space that's still inside the Fair.
- \*\*\*\*Love the New Area!!
- Fair was great this year. Loved the Gnu Area.
- I am concerned about the carbon foot print of the new area. Two areas are obvious to me. The steel posts were all marked made in Oman. That is really far away from Oregon. Is Construction responsible for that decision? It is ironic that the Stewardship booth is associated with those steel poles. The second area was the earth mandala. The abalone shell came from Mexico where the rules are lax on the degradation of the environment. If you are going to have such "exhibits" why not native Oregon materials? Is Ambiance responsible for that exhibit? Walk the Talk.

- It felt like the life was sucked out of the Meadow to accommodate the New Area. The usual, wonderful end-of-day music under the big tent was missing in the Meadow. Maybe that is the sacrifice to get the New area up and running, but, I hope, next year the energy returns to the Meadow as well.
- The 2015 Fair was wonderful. The new area gave a much needed feeling of openness and helped to relieve the congestion in the 8. But, the diesel generator powering the new area was a stinky noisy embarrassment.
- The new dance pavilion is wonderful and needs to be adjusted so that we can dance the night away. Shutting it down when the public leaves is Fairly heartless. I realize there's an issue with the flooring, but it needs to be dealt with post-haste.
- Fair was amazing! I loved the new space although it totally disoriented me. The energy this year felt great all around... until the very end.... yeah, the faire exodus this year was the worst I've ever witnessed, and, having camped at Entertainment for 23 + years..... it was bad. Not sure of the circumstances that caused the backlog, but our peeps were out in the parking lot for, like, 3 hours trying to get their cars up to Entertainment while we waited twiddling our thumbs, drinking champagne etc....but we finally made it back to the SF East Bay at 2 am. Is it possible to work out an alternative route to get cars to Entertainment? Send them around to the road and down Chickadee or something?
- The new area needs a new name. And I think it should be name the "Mandela Meadow". Peace and love, Henrik
- The New Area" -Name needs work. Some suggestions would be: Sunrise Meadow, Sound and Dance Meadow, or named after a historical fair family figure.
- A name for the new area that nearly everybody likes! (80%) "The Hundred Acre Wood" evokes images of roly poly Pooh bears and bouncing Tiggers!
- The flow zone was awesome!
- Open space is great after navigating the over-crowded 8.
- Really like the new area! Great job, makes the paths less crowded!
- I liked the art installations in the new area. However, my enjoyment was diminished by the name placards. They took away the whimsy & magic of encountering something new & unexpected and made it feel more like an art gallery. I also think the name placards diminish the work of our amazing ambiance artists whose work remains unidentified. Perhaps, instead, there could be a short article in the Peach Pit highlighting the new art and artists similar to performers playing on the stages.
- The Dance Pavilion seemed under-utilized and could benefit from more live music/activities during the day, as well as in the evening (when it wasn't utilized at all). The flooring seemed like the biggest hindrance to night time activities.
- The new space was a fresh delight during the day and magical at night. Not only was it a relief from crowded paths, it was artfully and spaciouly developed and offered new experiences. The piano lounge and dance pavilion, in particular.
- I was looking forward to seeing the solar charging station in the new area. And I truly think that they do look the part... Diversity is the key.
- Perhaps the abundant solar cell charging station could be expanded (more P.V. panels and batteries?) to be useful for night time lighting (e.g. The puffy white sculptures had lovely lights in them. They were quite fun, however they used electricity from the charging station (which was not enough to provide electricity all night.) We love the fun of colorful lights and Jahmez is a wonderful person who could help make that happen. Love, xoxo
- One more suggestion: A dance shoes vendor would do well near the Dance Pavilion.
- The new area is fabulous. While the dance pavilion is a wonderful concept, in execution it is significantly over-built and way outside the fair's aesthetic. Also, there is too much competition between the dance pavilion and the piano lounge.
- Love the new area! I'm a dancer, but my work shift is 3-8pm... so not much dancing at the new Dance Pavilion for me! Well, perhaps next year there can be lights installed & Fair family dances? Would love contra, ballroom, waltz, swing, salsa, blues... PS. I'll bring my dance shoes next year --

- I am a long time contra dancer. Thrilled with new dance pavilion. Nettles are the best band! Noah G is not a good caller and not a good teacher for new dancers. Thanks!
- Love the new loop. Hung out at the dance fair -- loved it. Here's the thing, re-think the location of the bucks. All day, Friday, everywhere I was in the new loop smelled like blue water. Cheers!
- Please consider more toilets & showers for the new area/meadow. Thanks!
- I cannot rave enough about the new area. Working admissions, it feels good to mention to new and older folk alike, that it is the place to visit, to escape the crowds and relax and reflect. The dance pavilion is a huge hit, full most per dances. The wheelbarrow, the bark garden, the rainbow curtain, all very creative.
- The trailer and van in the new area is unappealing & looks so out of place for the OCF.
- Avant Gardens helped keep the rest of the paths from being their own pedestrian traffic jams, people got to see more of the booths or get to other spots without the usual weaving in and out. yea!!!!
- Avant gardens!!!!!!!!!!!! wow, after all the meetings, maps, meetings, more maps, designs, revised designs, ice storm, more meetings, etc., etc., I felt like I had walked into, well, Avant gardens! Just amazing. The food booths looked very inviting and those booths had very engaging staffs. The craft booths were delightful, new works, new artists happy to be part of it all. Lots of happy and engaged public. The juniper logs, nice touch. When I walked in I saw the 'clothesline' and the kids airplaning through the fabrics, as I left I saw families braiding the fabrics then stepping back to watch them unwind. So simple and so much fun to see. The dance pavilion, oh my! I knew it had been a challenge to put up, my thanks to everyone on this, including Kirk who I'm sure lost some sleep over it. People flocked to it dancing on a real dance floor in the middle of the woods. That, my friends is a bit of true magic.

## PARKING

- Suggestion for improvement: .More Accurate communication: We were literally told 3 different stories as to what was going on with lot before actually parking there Wed. morning. I was also told I had to show "craft credentials". When I asked what that was? I was told give my booth #. If the fair is really serious about "credentials", anyone can make up a booth #. Maybe showing your booth wristband would be better proof. Perhaps having a short, concise written policy that lot volunteers and campers alike can refer too would be beneficial to all. None of the lot volunteers seemed to know exactly what was going on.
- Suggestion for improvement: More monitoring of row arrangement. I got totally blocked in twice during fair and would not have been able to leave had there been an emergency. This is unacceptable and is of particular importance for altered abled.
- Suggestion for improvement: We were also told if we left during fair we would not be allowed to re-park upon returning, even though the lot was not full at any time that I could see. That policy just doesn't make sense.
- I enjoyed the Fair, but was disappointed with parking because I got her extra early so as to get a good parking space and they parked me farther away. I feel that the closer parking should be awarded to the early fairgoers.
- I am 72. I have a disability tag that I only need during the fair when dust has clogged my lungs. This year it was easier to find a place to park near the entrance when we arrived at the Fair each day. In previous years, every day it was a struggle finding a spot to park.
- I work 10am to 4pm for the Lot Crew, cruising on my bike up and down North Miss Piggy's, from the Line in the Sand up to the outer fence at Dragon Plaza, and the North/South Miss Piggy's fence line to Indian Creek. One of main the things I do is to try to assist the Traffic Crew people in my area keep control of the inner-most parking area, which is given over to Stickered Vendors, Alter-Abled, Media, Fire and Emergency Crew vehicles, Motorcycles, and bicycles. I have a few observations, and a suggestion or two.

This year, it was decided to move the Pole Star from the Wedge between Wind Gate and Chassem Road, eliminating the usual bicycle parking area, and placing a second Security Bag Checkpoint outside the fence. The Line in the Sand entry was shifted closer to Chassem Road, reducing the dead zone there and creating more parking, which was good. The Wedge became a very "dead" zone as far as Fair ambiance goes, probably one of the most boring places in the Fair. Not a problem, just an observation. What was a problem was cutting off half the usual motorcycle parking and giving it over to bicycles. Both areas were at

nearly full capacity by Noon on Friday, and there were no Traffic Crew workers assigned there when I went on shift at 10. We had to drag a few of the already-parked bikes out of the fire lanes where they had been parked prior to my going on shift, and I spent quite a bit of time trying to keep motorcycles from parking themselves anywhere they could find a spot. Cart Central very graciously gave up part of their cart laager to motorcycle parking, making their job more difficult. Traffic did not have personnel that could be taken from other locations to post there, so Lot Crew pitched in as best we could.

A solution to the bike/bike parking was implemented by Traffic on Saturday, giving over all of Row 100, I think, to motorcycle parking, and returning Cart Central's cart laager. Row 100 is Alter-Abled parking, so that many more Alter-Abled Fairgoers had to make longer walks from outer areas. There was more room than needed for motorcycles, but I can see no way to have sub-divided the row on such short notice, without signage and a static Traffic person on the spot. Sunday went much like Saturday, with the bicycle parking area full to overflow, and some motorcycles parked with them, some in Row 100.

As I have grown to expect over the years, the Traffic and Alter-Abled Crew folks that I dealt with were wonderful, and particularly those who tried to keep up on the Alter-Abled parking really earned their pay this year. The two Traffic Crew bosses I work with, Arrow and Cassidy, did their best to keep things moving and their people functioning efficiently, great guys to work with, and if I were on Traffic, I'd want to work for them. Suggestions:

1. I think Traffic needs to have someone watching the East end of North Miss Piggy's- Alter-Abled, Vendor, Media, motorcycles, and bicycles parking- sooner than is current. Friday's problems in this area were evident when I went on shift at 10am, so that could use some attention.
2. There were many more bicycles than there were places to park them. I think that the entire area where bikes and motorcycles were parked on Friday would be just sufficient for next year. Their parking requirements are completely different than those coming in on motorcycles. More racks would be appreciated by cyclists, I'm sure.
3. Motorcycles need an area sufficiently large to accommodate their numbers, and their need for maneuvering space. A row works well, but an entire row is not needed. If a row could be divided by some fixed and durable demarcation, and someone were assigned to police it, I think half a row would do for motorcycles, and would restore at least 50 slots to Alter-Abled parking.

All in all, I think this little part of the Fair went pretty well. It appeared that some of the changes in this zone needed to have been thought out more thoroughly prior to the Fair, a better job of "what ifing" to anticipate how a change in one system would affect other systems. Other than what I have mentioned, from my perspective, work-wise this year's Fair was a groove, looking forward to doing it again next year.

#### **PATH PLANNING & CROWDS**

- The path between Community Village and the Toilets needs to be better lighted! I was shocked the fact that such a passage way was so dark! After all these years of improving the Festival.
- I would like to congratulate you on making more space with the new loop. I enjoyed what it has to offer. However, our booth is on Wooten Way. Folks entered Chela Mela, went to new loop and must have exited by the toilets. Or entered at toilets and left by Chela Mela. This is a concern to me and others on Wooten Way. Sales were back to the first year of Chela Mela.
- After observing folks by sitting and seeing what people were doing, I saw a couple things and have ideas to get folks to Wooten Way again. When looking towards new loop and down to the right when standing at sushi booth it appears nothing is down that way.
  1. Make the path wider at the Mothership. People standing in line for food block the path.
  2. Create signage which entices people to go around the corner to the right to see more booths.
  3. Directional at Blueberry Trout with more booths this way would also be helpful.Thank you for caring.
- Food lines need some rerouting at some of the popular booths like Frisco. Too much path blockage.
- It would be great if the Fair would ban strollers and wagons within the fairgrounds. The Fair is too busy to have giant strollers (often empty) taking up so much space. Thanks!
- Would like to see more bench seating around the edges of some of the stage venues, especially Blue Moon. I'll even build them on construction!

- Why are all the smoking areas in the same place as drinking water? Those with asthma have a problem getting water when there is a waiting line. Also the place CD's are sold by the main stage is next to the smoking place. These volunteers are required to sit in a smoke cloud during their volunteering service.
- The crowds were a little much on Saturday.
- I have been coming to the Fair since 1970 as a crafts person and worker with Tofu Palace for decades. I knew the fair like many Elders did when it was a group of crafts people, communes and heartfelt hippies, gathering together to share ideas about the political culture and how we wanted to change things up, getting back to the basics and a more sustainable way of living on this planet. Not to mention having a grand party for all. Those were some of the best years of my life.

We would come for a week before and stay a week after. My family parked our bus on the lonely and quiet 'service road' that the Ritz is on now. We were the only vehicle there, tucked away behind Main Stage and off the beaten path.

My issue is The Beaten Path. I have written letters before about the crowds and I'm writing again. I thought having the new area would help disperse the already too crowded paths but I understand you have chosen to let more people in because you have increased the geography..... NO! That will not solve the crowded path issue. They were as crowded as usual at peak times of the day and getting to and from the New Area I was still fighting the ocean of humanity.

There are many elders (and others) who knew the fair 'when' and don't come anymore, citing the loss of the spirit of the fair and the crowds. Another issue that I hear is that it's too exclusive and not enough fresh artists represented. I overheard a couple of crafts people at a recent art fair discussing how hard it was to get into the OCF. I hear this all the time.

I would love to see fewer tickets sold, more free ambling along the path and being able to cross over to a booth on the other side with ease. I really thought I'd see a difference this year but sadly no. My thoughts have been to extend it another day opening to the public on Thursday but selling the amount you sell for 3 days. Or..... what about two weekends have the folks who don't want to come back let some of the waiting list take their booth for the second weekend. It happens at the Holiday market with great success. It's good for customers who want variety and there is no shortage of excellent crafts folk in this area so more artists would be seen.

There are very successful outdoor summer fairs that run a whole month but just on weekends with well-established booths and the sharing of booth space. It could really help with diluting the crowds if you are willing to hold the maximum to a doable amount so the paths could be more relaxed and food booth lines less disruptive on some of the narrower paths.... etc. Please consider what I've said. I am not just speaking for myself. There are so many who have complained about the crowded paths for years, including vendors. The path becomes a sardine conveyor belt and no one gets off or can maneuver easily which also prevents potential customers from taking a look at booths along the way. Cheers and loads of love and good wishes to you all.

- For the past 7 years that I've been coordinating the Youth Stage, there's been one issue that continues to cause a big stink! The Pit toilets located right next to our stage smell rank and awful!!! It's embarrassing to hire these lovely, amazing, talented musicians and performers and have to ask them (and the audience), to never mind that putrid smell. It's the "elephant dung in the living room." Our stage butts up against the pit toilets and the Main Camp area. I'm not sure if the pit toilets can be removed -- or the stage can be moved - - so what can be done? It also occurs to me that the bathroom facilities (pit toilets & bucks) are a total buzz kill all around. I am a mother of a 3-year-old, and we AVOID having to use the public toilets at all costs! (We have a toilet in our trailer at Far Side.) I know the toilets at the top of the 8 have been re-done and are way more user-friendly. What kind of creative solution & planning can happen to potentially create a PLEASURABLE bathroom experience for all Fair goers?

It's something that no one likes to talk about, but nonetheless, seems to degrade the "Magic" of the Fair. I've ignored this issue for too long and I'm seeking some help!

Thank you so much for considering this situation and how it can be made better.

- Please don't divide Community Village with a new path! It would be like putting a freeway through a neighborhood with the same effects. For me, CV is a refuge from the overstimulation & crowds, a safe space, a haven.
- As a side note, I mentioned to Truman, the broom man (where our family reside during the Fair) about the lack of gridlock in the 8 this year due to the extra six acres. He said it helped business and folk had the opportunity to stop and browse more freely. Well Done.
- We want a massage parlor! With squishy mats. It could have tables or chairs for massage, open to the general public to give & receive massages!
- We've got huge dust hole & bottleneck where the path was re-routed between Daredevil Stage and Library. Also the Book Arts blockade creates confusion & traffic flow problems. This area needs much re-consideration and re-design.
- Congested areas within the 8 could benefit from having traffic directors. They would help keep people moving, answer questions, and direct "traffic blocking chit-chatters" to better nearby areas to visit, review schedules etc.

### PEACH PIT

- Often run out by Sunday on busy years. Why not have recycling bins near exits so we can either recycle them properly or re-use a few of them when they get scarce. If we are likely to run out -- let us (Info staff) know to request that people share what we have.
- Category Listing: Please list us under Leather and/or shoes if category exists. Currently we are listed under clothing/hats. We make leather shoes and boots since 1984. Thank you.
- Pretty please- list all jewelry vendors under 1 jewelry category no matter what the material is. As of now there are 2 jewelry categories- beaded & metalsmithing. My craft is jewelry which does not fit into either category but I am listed under accessories. Everyone whose craft is jewelry should be under the jewelry category.
- The Peach Pit never has anyone listed correctly. This year everyone was listed where they were 3 years ago & I spent the Fair directing people to the booth that was listed in my spot and the booth rep, where I was for 25 years is telling my old customers I am not at the Fair anymore. I prefer my legal name NOT BE KNOWN & only listed for registration for my pass since I need to produce legal ID -- not my whole booth under my legal name. My customers and friends only know me as Moon, so listing me by my legal name only hurts me.
- I was very disappointed with the Peach Pit. The cover looked like the Eugene Weekly, items I thought would be in it, like feedback info, weren't. I've been in the same booth since '12 and I'm still 'tad', other crafters were not listed correctly or at all. It just did not feel like the Peach Pit.
- PDF format for Peach Pit is more accessible for downloading & then offline access.

### RECYCLING

- Seeing cheap beer cans and trash littering Chela Mela in the mornings is saddening. I can't imagine how someone could throw their trash in one of the most wonderful places on earth.
- I also have a complaint about trash left for the recycling crew down Ho road where the new camp for the crafts lot people is, we who have been camping there for almost 20 years are very good about doing some recycling during the fair and we pack out our garbage after fair. I am very upset by this as it makes us look bad too, at a couple of fairs (in the crafts lot) recycling had people posted at the kiosk on Monday morning to help people recycle, I wondered if that is possible to prevent this? I know there are only so many on the crew, but it would hopefully make people think twice about dumping it and leaving! Thank you!
- Disposable cups. I just went to Pickathon. They had NO disposable cups or plates. You should check out their system and at least try it on some scale.
- As a former Recycling Crew person, I noticed that one of the lemonade booths are using plastic-coated cups which are not compostable. Again, probably just a change in the shopping list. :)
- \*\*Need more garbage & trash cans.



- Please try to put out recycle (compost) trash barrels during first day of set up (Mon-Tues)
- There were some overflowing compost bins.

## REGISTRATION

- Please find permanent booth space for Cada Johnson. She's an awesome artist and it would be better for her to focus on her art instead of finding a way to get in to the Fair. The Weaving Monk was fantastic; those folks need booth space too.
- Was nice to see Maria Moondance and Navajo Velvet back.
- Two workers in my booth had dragon passes to take the Worker Day Bus. The bus arrives at 8 on Friday but they couldn't get their wristbands till 9. That is ridiculous. The response was "the rule book states that the booth doesn't open until 9" and "why don't they have worker day passes"? and "why didn't they get their wristbands earlier?"

Well, they came from Portland and couldn't come earlier. Why would they get day passes if they were getting wristbands? Even if we knew the rules, the only option is the Worker Day bus that comes before 8 (and drops people off by the wrist band booth!!). People getting off the worker bus need to be able to get their wristbands promptly.

- With all the technology, why don't they use credit cards for booth fees. I would gladly pay the charges for running the card. Maybe debit cards. If not, can you tell me why not? Thanks.
- The decision to move Herbal Junction from the Graceland Area is enormously positive. We like Jerry, yet the increase in people/public flow having them not there was even larger than we expected. Thank you! Thank you! You have made a number of booths quite happy. He got to have quite a "run" at his cart, and we are glad he has found a permanent home in the new development.
- When Registration closes at 2pm Sunday, people with lost laminates and broken wristbands have no recourse. Please stay open until Fair closes.
- Please consider opening the registration booth 1 hour earlier on Friday morning. The only bus from VRC arrives at 8am, and many staff wait an hour to check in. Thank you! :)

## SANITATION

### Sanitation - Porta-potties

- A better job MUST be done! People go home talking about how awful the shitters were. This is not the memories we want about the Fair. The Fair can certainly afford this expense. Path Planning should re-design back access to POTTY areas so they can be safely serviced more often.
- Thanks for the cleaner toilets.
- I agree that the New Area is awesome and I spent as much time as possible in that area. I congratulate all the amazing people who were involved in making it happen. But, after all the back slapping and congrats, consider some of the short sighted decisions that were made. In particular, the sanitation issues in the Meadow were deplorable. Who would have thought that 1 circle of outhouses for hundreds (or thousands) of people would have been adequate next to the Horse Corral. Every single day, by early afternoon, there was no water or soap at the outhouse/hand wash area. People who paid to attend kept asking us where they could wash their hands. An embarrassing situation to say the least. There used to be a somewhat convenient alternative to the Horse C outhouses next to the Craft Lot, but this year the outhouses were hidden in the trees in the New Area. But, the worst was when a guy came to report that the urinal in the Horse Corral area was overflowing. Welcome to the Fair, general public.
- We now have the new area that was craft lot camping. This means more food/craft & etc. booths which means more people, which hopefully means larger attendance & more participants (everyone except the paying public), which means we need more of everything- honey buckets for example- The number of honey buckets by the Ritz has gone down- why? There always is a huge amount of people waiting in line to use them and now there are fewer.

- More ADA Honey Buckets in the back area (nonpublic) would be great. The public facing bathrooms are disgusting and there are almost NO ADA bathrooms for Family.
- Folks walking in through Snooze Gate to attend the fair, after spending time on the highway and then parking in the Dead Lot, had no toilet facilities to use until they were near admissions. Previously, there were Honey Buckets placed in Pirates Cove for use during the fire show, yet they were removed after the show. Seems it would be reasonable to leave them for the public to use. Just a couple-three porta-potties would help, thanks
- I love the Fair and almost everything about it. I do think OCF could do better regarding human waste. The new area has put added pressure on portable toilets. Here are a few suggestions:
  1. Put at least one girl-urinal in the new area!
  2. Add back some portable potties that are not available to public near new/old meadow.
  3. Clean them on Monday morning so we have a clean place to go as we pack up.
- Love the new loop. Hung out at the dance fair -- loved it. Here's the thing, re-think the location of the bucks. All day, Friday, everywhere I was in the new loop smelled like blue water. Cheers!
- There are not enough units with the opening of the new area. Why did they remove the sink for hand-washing to the back of the dance pavilion instead of making a new one! Sanitation should not be compromised for cost. More units for new area.
- Need a portapotty in Main Camp -- not just an alter-abled (that we were asked not to use) and men's urinal/herinal would be a step in the right direction.
- Please, please, please more bathrooms in more places, especially between Phoenix Rising & Energy Park or something!!!
- It would be nice for handicapped people to be able to use handicap bathroom in the Main Stage Meadow on Weds & Thurs as we are building our booth & moving in. Thanks. Other than that, Faire is a wonderful experience & easy to deal with. Thanks.
- Honey Bucket crews are not doing complete clean-up & restocking of the toilets. Both no toilet paper, not filling paper towels & soap, right after they picked up their hoses. The ground was still covered with paper & debris.
- Please consider more toilets & showers for the new area/meadow. Thanks!

#### Sanitation - Herinal

- We need more herinals. There have been LINES at the CV herinals for 2 years now. & I don't mean lines for the potty down there, I mean a line of gals waiting to squat over the troughs.
- herinal urinals everywhere, please! :)
- Love the Herinals! More Herinals, please!
- Yet another year asking for the chemical cakes to be removed from the herinals, please. The pee smell is not improved by the chemical smell. The chemical smell is awful. Splash back - ouch. TP that gets thrown in by "new users" gets caught up on the cakes... I could go on. The first 2 years or so, there were no chemical cakes at the CV herinal & it didn't smell worse...
- \*\*\*\*\*Please remove chemical cakes from Women's Urinals. There doesn't appear to be a need to have the chemical soap in the women's urinal. The smell is not an issue. Seems to be just a need to change the shopping list. Can't we use something natural, like apple cider vinegar or grapefruit seed extract (citricidal/like bleach)?
- Thank you!

#### Sanitation - Handwashing & Showers

- At several toilets (wooden ones), no soap has been present at the sinks. It seems, for public health, soap should be provided & up kept throughout the fair. We need more than one dispenser at Community Village/Shady Grove, and it needs to be refilled regularly. This seems very important and I have spoken to several people who also agree. Maintain soap at all toilets & sinks.

- I am very disappointed in the hand washing stations near kaleidoscope. This station has been the same for years and is not user friendly. We need an upgrade? Over the last few years there have been many flooding type leaks, and this year, one faucet kept running after use, the sinks have no clearance between faucet and sink. Is this the best we can do? Please consider and upgrade???
- I have worked the Crafts Lot Piggy Camping Crew for many years. Now we are Pig Island SCOF Lot Camping Crew. We work 14 hour days out there. A few things please:
  - Crew showers should be running the entire week before Fair.
  - There should be viable hand washing available the entire time too.
  - Sanitation is extremely poor, there was often no water in the blue hand wash stations & there are no other wash stations nearby. I go to main camp as often as possible just to wash my hands. When fair starts, main camp is closed for some reason, and it becomes a challenge to find hand washing again.
  - I am an OCF elder and member of community village. My health related concern is that we need more liquid hand soap at our infamous 6 pack handwashing station. We were told clearly not to use bar soap at this location because it clogs the drain; however, we most usually had no liquid soap pre fair Wednesday/Thursday and during the fair.
  - When I see Fair Family washing babies and spitting toothpaste in the water fountains, it tells me we don't have adequate sanitation capabilities for those who camp in the 8.
  - Please, also consider making the handwashing stations at Upper River Loop easier to reach; it's quite deep and tall!
  - Inadequate sanitation! Long lines all the times at all toilet locations in Left Bank & New Area. More Honey Pots needed. Not good for public, vendors, or public perception. Also, why did hand wash sink move from one group of toilets to another & not be replaced??? I understand water use is an issue, but public health should be more important! The hand pump stations all run out of water, and hard to use & inadequate for sanitation.
  - Six acres were added - great! But there are fewer portapotty locations overall. Two sites were moved into the new area, one from Chela Mela : ( and the other from the playground. The meadow needs more than one portapotty location.

#### Sanitation - Other

- Every year, I make this same simple request, Toilet Crew, whether 6-packs or portables, PLEASE PUT MULTIPLE SIGNS UP INSIDE & OUTSIDE reminding people to close the lid after using! Our air quality is suffering mightily because so many fail to do so.
- It would be wonderful to have some sort of lighting at night in the restrooms near Ark Park. There are options out there and it would help a lot!!!!
- Please consider making the pit toilets more accessible for small people and children! The height of the buckets can be too trying to maneuver. : )
- This comment is in regards to the Main Stage toilets. We have a large group of food booths in Graceland and in general near Main Stage. Food Booths take 3-5 days generally of set up before Thursday noon rolls around. Having to walk the 200+ yards to the toilets near the Ritz is very inconvenient and time consuming. We work hard to create a loving & lovely & attractive environment & we would feel greatly respected if the bathrooms were opened from Monday forward.
- In general, a lot of toilets were out of tp this year.
- Before Fair opened to the public, the Honey Buckets were full, stinky, and without tp. I got tp from QM to put in the Honey Buckets by Main Camp.

I went to set up my tent in Community Village on Thursday night. The toilets between CV & Shady Grove were so stinky, the smell was even strong from that distance.

After the opening ceremony at Main Stage, I went to the toilets at Politics Park. The first one I tried had a box over the toilet. The one next to that was Martha Stewart. The top hinge was completely unhinged. I tried to re-affix it to no avail. The bottom hinge was also not functioning. So that made at least

two toilets out of order in a highly used area. I went to the Info booth across from Main Stage & asked the staff there to call for repair. Not sure what happened.

About 3pm, I went to the toilet near Hoarse Chorale. Again, stinky & overused. I went into the handicapped accessible toilet. There was no tp, feces on toilet seat & floor. I couldn't clean it up because there was no paper. When I was finished I put all the paper from the floor into the HoneyBucket and collected all the cups and took them outside. Didn't see a nearby recycling area so left cups by paper towel bin. Tried to wash my hands -- no soap, no towels. Thankfully, there was water. I asked the security folks at the gate by the HB to call someone to address the issue and was told Sanitation has their own schedule and wouldn't come until their next scheduled time. And, anyway, HB "are not us" so we have no control over them & their schedule.

Before the end of public hours, big HB pickup trailer was pulled into the New Area. Seemed bad timing; huge impact during public hours. Smaller truck and/or crew if REALLY needed between 11 and 7?

Also, there was no hand soap at the Shady Grove Six-packs on Friday night/Saturday morning. We are asked not to put bar soap there, but then no liquid provided. Soap is important, especially when we are conserving water.

Sorry, I have so much negative to say, but the toilets & sanitation is a critical issue for OCF. Children already are freaked out by pit toilets! Stinky, filthy toilets with no tp, soap, towels will not make for future patrons of OCF.

Please, please, let's do better in this area. Thank you for what you do already! Please put money into upgrading the public toilets, especially the ones between Community Village and Shady Grove! Thanks for pumping those toilets Saturday and Sunday mornings. Taller vent stacks with fans would greatly improve the air quality for everyone! Also lights that work would be great!

## SECURITY

- Way too few helping out with the Sweep. Not in line with the Guidelines. Gonna need to increase their budget if we can't cajole more into helping.
- Island Gate is now a very busy intersection. It was extremely dusty this year. We need that road watered down regularly please. We could also use a shade structure. How about a nicely designed official welcome center at that entrance?
- Some security posts were a little too relaxed during evening hours.
- Amazed at your security. No drunks, no fights, no uniforms, no weapons. The best thing of its kind we've ever seen.
- Guidelines need to be enforced!!!

## SEVENTH GENERATION

- After all the to-do about the Utilikilt man, I was absolutely blown away at the ball caps made in Bangladesh!! with kitschy sayings like "you're not the boss of me" printed on them for sale at an OCF booth. This kind of stuff is obtainable at Walmart for half the price!
- WORST OF ALL: the OCF HISTORY BOOTH was selling handkerchiefs with the map of the Fair on them along with the highly prized PEACH LOGO, and three inches from the Peach Logo was the tag MADE IN CHINA!!!!

## SIGNS & BANNERS

- Why aren't there street signs everywhere, pointing the way to this stage or that stage? There should be a sign at every intersection, bridge, etc. The maps are confusing for many people, myself included, and I spend most of my time feeling lost, when I'd rather be enjoying the Fair, getting to see the shows I want to see, at the correct stage. Please make signs. Thank you.
- We need a sign for "Lost Lane" Our business was terrible. Our lane hardly has any traffic when the rest of the Fair is absolutely packed wall to wall. This problem has been going on since the meadow opened but this

year is worse. Banner, or sign for our road. Traffic diverter to our area on both ends of the lane. Ours is the only lane that doesn't have a name. Most of the vendors share in this point of view.

- Need more signs showing where everything is. It took me one hour to find a stage.
- Liked seeing "Black Lives Matter" sign on the 8, especially in light of ongoing news events.
- the "New Path" sign at the Library should say "Upper River Loop." Also, Large fixed signs should face the way the viewer is facing, not North up.
- Need more signs for restrooms.

## SOUND & NOISE

- There used to be acoustic music after hours. Many groups are now using prerecorded music in their acts. I don't know where the line should be drawn, but it is un"fair" that a busking musician and their audience should endure a person walking by blasting their boombox or taking up the sound space of a field where people are relaxing or doing whatever.
- Only complaint was the amplified music that went on until the wee morning hours almost every night. Never had such a loud experience while trying to get some sleep. Horrible!
- Why so little music during the night? The fair used to have music all night but now we're lucky to find anything after 11:00. It's the weekend and it seems to me the people of Veneta can handle a couple of nights of distant noise once a year. From what I've been told, no one gave a damn in the early days and now those who were there are ready for bed at 11:00 and want to force the rest of us to bed with them. I do not say this as an ageist because I'm not young, but I do think folks have lost their perspective when it comes to this issue. And it's unfair to our youth.
- Crafts booth camping on Wooten Way, we need to be cheerful, helpful and Happy while we work during open hours, sleep is necessary to do this.
- Way too many amplified stages within ear shot of this area: Chela Mela. Horse Chorale, new area, puppet stage, Loud pre-recorded canned Disco!!! Music on Thursday night into the late night. All the loud electrified music crossing sound wave paths becoming very discord.

I got really good earplugs this year and it really helped.

In the early days the only amplified stage was Main stage. There needs to be a balance, it's becoming an electrified city in the woods. The village environment is enhanced with acoustic music.

Crafts booths are judged and scrutinized every day of the fair, why is the Music an exemption to quality control? Canned music is ok, but the crafts have to be handmade; it's not fair. The Music scene needs to be refined to higher quality. Thank you.

- I am extremely disappointed & upset that the Fair allowed amplified music Saturday night at Spirit Tower. Blue Moon & Chez Rays is enough to deal with in such close proximity to each other. Adding a third is absurd overkill!!! It's like listening to 3 radio stations at once. Not to mention Spirit Tower doesn't evoke "amped up music." We as craftspeople need to sleep to be able to conduct business during Fair hours. Saturday night was hell for booths. I vote no nighttime music at Spirit Tower.
- Less amplified music locations -- used to only be Main Stage, which was appropriate. Thank you
- Worked at Dragon Info every afternoon. Same group of professional drummers holds Dragon Plaza captive for approximately 2 straight hours. Hard to communicate on Tinkerbell during emergencies. They are just too loud, for too long. Prevents any other ambiance from doing plaza entertainment, too. :( Please, next year could they drum either further in parking lot, or softer, shorter? This is not drum plaza...
- Drumming: Sorry, it is not as much fun as it seems when it goes on forever! Major problem at Dragon Plaza entrance/exit times. Makes using the Tinkerbell almost impossible. Bad in emergencies such as lost child problem I had to deal with. Unpleasant after 30 minutes. Move away from fixed booths.
- The sound from Kesey Stage is getting louder every year, and consuming more solar energy each year. It's too loud.
- Disco cart must die! Guidelines clearly restrict amplified sound, but the so-called Disco Cart flaunts both the letter and spirit of this guideline. Close those Mother Fuckers Down! Please.

- I heard a little less canned music at night, thanks to the bums who took this on, much appreciated. The sound summit held before fair was quite informative, many of the family were there and I think they were able to talk about this issue and be heard and respected.
- Only complaint: allowing camps to play very loud, canned, techno music from 10pm-2am was AWFUL. I enjoy hearing Fair sounds at night & live music, but that LOUD, canned, techno stuff went on WAY TOO LONG. Also, music in camps draws lots of people into camps which in our case made it difficult to get to the portables or anywhere else due to the frantic techno dancing fans blocking the way. The portable stage was literally 10 feet from some of our tents.
- Last night at about 11:45, someone at Shady Grove stage turned up the sound way o way way louder than it's ever been during the day or at night & played for about an hour and a half. I'd had a lot of empathy for folks who've spoken of the misery of being blasted in their campsites at night, & smugly reminisced about my cozy concert of Shady Grove, Main Stage, Drum Tower, slamming potty doors, friends' snoring, intermittent crying babies & loud voices, but this was of an entirely other order. What is one to do, we all wondered, when comparing notes this morning? Stagger out in our nighties with a copy of the Guidelines? Wander the 8 in search of a shirt? We all just stayed in our tents & waited, unhappily, just like everyone else who responded to the sound summit survey has been doing for years.

#### **TEEN CREW**

- My new teen greatly enjoyed her safe freedom in working teen crew-great program!

#### **TRAFFIC**

##### **Traffic – Exodus**

- We also need more gators to get people out on Sunday evening. It is a huge stressful issue trying to get out. I went to Quartermaster & asked to be put on the list. Rebecca was VERY VERY helpful- She was on the phone but heard someone giving me wrong information about the Sunday evening load out so she got off the phone & put me on the list- I was the first person to sign up on the gator-train list. She said that the gators will come down from the top of the Ritz & go through neighborhoods & pick up people as they are ready. I am across from Main Stage so Rebecca thought I would be one of the first to be picked up. I wrote on the list that we would be ready @ 8:15 which we were. We were not picked up until after 10 pm. On our drive out I was talking to the driver (he was very nice as were his helpers) about the process Rebecca told me about because they came from the opposite way. The driver said Rebecca is not out here (driving people) & doesn't have a radio. He also said there are only 2 gators & the other one wasn't loading out yet- it was after 10 pm. We did pass the other one up by the Ritz who was just starting out- they stopped & talked to each other for a minute. Two gators aren't enough anymore even if they are following directions correctly. I know that it is not an exact process but the driver's need to listen to Rebecca & do things the way she says because she is in charge for a reason, she knows what she is doing- she also needs to have a radio so she can talk to them. It makes sense for the gators to come from the top of the Ritz because they can start earlier since the sweep has already gone by, if they start from the opposite way you have to wait for the sweep which takes longer.
- The energy this year felt great all around... until the very end.... yeah, the faire exodus this year was the worst I've ever witnessed, and, having camped at Entertainment for 23 + years..... it was bad. Not sure of the circumstances that caused the backlog, but our peeps were out in the parking lot for, like, 3 hours trying to get their cars up to Entertainment while we waited twiddling our thumbs, drinking champagne etc....but we finally made it back to the SF East Bay at 2 am. Is it possible to work out an alternative route to get cars to Entertainment? Send them around to the road and down Chickadee or something?
- I'm crew lead for FARTS and I'd love to see the highway 126 gate open on Monday for exit only. We had huge traffic snarls this year. It took some folks 2 hours to get from Outtasite out Aero road. Please feel free to pass this along to the best person, I'd love to discuss. Traffic was so bad this year that a few belligerent folks drove through the winery to exit. When winery told a fellow that he was not allowed to drive that road

he got angry and turned off his car and blocked the winery shuttle (on purpose). We need better solutions for Monday traffic

- On Monday morning, I re-entered the Fair to assist an elder to load his gear in elder camp. I was directed to Trotter's Field. Getting to Elder camp took 2 hours. Complete standstills for 30 minutes at a time. People getting angry and trying to cut into the long line. Took traffic a long time to respond but once they did it was a big help. I will check next year and if this cannot be fixed I will walk in and help the elder out.
- On Thurs. a fellow came by my booth and introduced himself as being part of a new committee something like "craft liaison" to direct us for new exiting routes because of the new section opening up. We are in Left Bank and have always exited thru crafts lot. He showed my neighbor and me a very confusing map which he stated was only a rough draft and they hadn't finalized the route yet. I couldn't believe the fair was changing a major traffic route and didn't have it finalized by fair opening and I conveyed my shock. The guy crossed his heart and gave me his word he would be back by end of fair with our exit route. We never saw him again. So on Mon. I exited thru the former crafts lot as I always had. My booth mates and neighbors who left before me all got caught up in a major traffic jam and it took an hour before it got sorted out and they were exited thru Chela Mela.
- We all know what a nightmare exiting on Mon has become. The fair needs to improve it's planning of traffic routes and have it communicated to booth people prior to fair opening. I do not understand why the gates on 126 are closed, seems like opening them would ease some of the congestion in the lots not to mention the fair interior.
- Monday traffic to use 126 with more attendants/crew. Scheduled load out in 8: such as booth 1-20 at 8am until 10am
- I think it would be very helpful to pay some traffic flaggers for 126, and let family exit out of ALL Exits on Monday. The cluster of traffic was horrible. Just my two cents.
- It took us 2 hours to exit on Monday. There was no direction from Traffic. Maple Gate was closed. If there had been a medical emergency this would have been a problem. Maple Gate (& any other exit) should have been open as it has been in the past. There should be clear directions for folks trying to exit.
- In the past, we have come back on Monday afternoon to drive into the 8 and pick up our stuff on Shady Lane. This year the traffic jam was awful (way, way worse than ever before!) and there was total mis-information being presented about traffic flows — and it definitely contributed to the traffic jam. If there is a traffic crew, perhaps some could work on Monday, with radios, to facilitate this
- Please improve the exit strategy for Monday's pull out. This was a disaster! Schedule by booth, camp or ? for exit times. Build an access road for large vehicles; schedule large vehicles for Tuesday exit only.
- Monday morning traffic on E. 13th often looked more like a parking line but in my neighborhood at least there were no ranting drivers, no hissy fits, no pointed fingers. Some stayed in their cars listening to music (KOCF???), some got out and talked with others, or got a quick bite of food. It was a real surprise to see the 'mellow' continue.
- It has come to the attention of OCF members that the exiting of vehicles onto Suttle rd., Monday after the Fair, may be creating a Safety Concern for the area.

Suttle Rd and the town of Elmira does not have the traffic control devices or the infrastructure to safely manage the number of vehicles leaving the area on Monday.

The main concern is that adding OCF traffic to that of the traffic leaving camps located on Suttle Rd could cause an issue with EMS or local police being able to access Any property along Suttle rd. There are many property entrances along Suttle Rd that only have access to the property from Suttle Rd.

OCF has an entrance/exit gate located on Highway 126. Highway 126 has shoulders on both sides of the road for disabled vehicles to move off the road, and regular cars the Ability to yield the right of way to EMS and Police. Highway 126 enters the town of Veneta which does have electronic traffic control devices and the improved infrastructure needed to manage the large number of vehicles that are leaving site on Monday. Additionally there are less property entrances located on Highway 126 between Veneta and the

OCF entrance and would affect the area much Less than continuing to use Suttle Rd for exiting OCF traffic on Monday.

Members would like OCF to look into changing the exit, on Monday after Fair, from Suttle Rd, to exiting onto Highway 126 due to safety concerns.

#### **Traffic -- Other**

- **Negatives:** Being stuck in the hot sun in long lines of cars was more grueling than in past years. In a number of situations.

Every day after the Wednesday when I got my wristband, I wanted to turn left and get to my disabled parking lot, but was made to go right and wind around in the temporary parking on the right, adding to the clutter of cars there, using up a lot of extra time and gas before I could eventually get to where I needed to be.

Leaving the disabled parking lot, I was no longer able to exit on Aero Road and go directly to Suttle Rd. as in past years. I had to exit on the Bus Rd. and join that long line snaking through the temporary parking lot, then looping around past the wristband booth, and finally getting back to Aero to leave. Sometimes that added 30 minutes to my exit time.

Coming back into the fair Monday morning to pick up camping and other gear from the broom booth, I was again directed into one long line snaking off in the opposite direction. The line was hardly moving at all and it stretched almost all the way to Maple Gate. I have no air conditioning. It was very hot.

It seems like there could be more lines coming in and out, or more lines they could divide into once inside to alleviate the need for sitting in long lines with motors running in the hot sun.

- The bus from Eugene should have their own road/entry -- too long of a wait behind all cars!
- Please have bus & car/vehicle traffic flow better. Most significant traffic problems since my first 1998 Fair. Must be a new situation gone wrong this year (?)
- The shifting of motorcycles into the cart central area was dangerous & created big problems at the Carts. Thanks for getting it straightened out Saturday and Sunday.
- Suggestion for improvement: More Accurate communication: We were literally told 3 different stories as to what was going on with lot before actually parking there Wed. morning. I was also told I had to show "craft credentials". When I asked what that was? I was told give my booth #. If the fair is really serious about "credentials", anyone can make up a booth #. Maybe showing your booth wristband would be better proof. Perhaps having a short, concise written policy that lot volunteers and campers alike can refer too would be beneficial to all. None of the lot volunteers seemed to know exactly what was going on.
- It took 2 hours to get from Ray's to our parking spot. There were only 2 people appearing to be selling/checking passes. It really put a wet blanket on our fair mood.

#### **VEGMANECS**

- Why can't we use straw (without seeds!) in our camps? This would greatly reduce the dust factor in the whole fair. You all could sell it to us to be sure there would be no seeds. It's an organic product.

#### **WATER**

- Watering the road by Main Stage would be less dust for everyone.

#### **KUDOS**

- Big thanks to crew services. I noticed their offerings more this year during the fair, especially morning coffee at the showers.
- Thanks for all the work that goes into the fair. I wish smoking wasn't allowed near drinking fountains. I actually wish it wasn't allowed in the fair at all. I love the new area though it needs more shade as does Chela Mela. Overall it's a pretty perfect event. Thanks
- Always a great time.



- Have to say this was one of the mellowest fairs I've experienced in some time. Perhaps I was more tired and spent more time in camp sleeping ... ;)
- Thanks to everyone!!
- This was a wonderful OCF and we had a great time. The organization is truly a model that is impressive.
- Thanks for all that you do to make the Fair as wonderful as it is.
- Really love pre-Fair beverages ~ thank you
- Thank you to those of you who have not lost your perspective or loss of playfulness! You help keep me coming back, year after year.
- Much love and respect,
- We love you, OCF! The "new space" is great.
- 2015 was an amazing fair!!! Gratitude to all the people who help to make it happen. This year's Fair really was a great one; it's an amazing gathering of souls.
- Thank you everyone!
- Yet another wonderful Fair. Charlie did a fantastic job on the weather!
- I ate at Main Camp and I love it! Healthy yummy Hospitality!
- I really appreciate the help in carrying my equipment, and everybody's friendliness. The stage managers were great! Thank you!
- The constant reminder to fill this out was helpful; saw it for the third time and documented with follow through.
- Otherwise, well done!
- Very nice, thank you!
- Once again, the Fair was absolutely fabulous all 3 days. The staff, the attendees, the ambiance, everything!
- Thank you! The Country Faire has been such an awesome and important part of my life forever (2001). I love you. Thanks for all the Learning and sriacha.
- Thanks for all you do!
- Amazed at your security. No drunks, no fights, no uniforms, no weapons. The best thing of its kind we've ever seen.
- Lots of trade, lots of love. Thank you. I didn't have much but came here with so much more. Fairy Village was very nice.
- Everything else was fantastic. Thank you!
- To my adopted family, I just wanted to say thank you for the honor of participating in the Fair this year. It truly was a dream come true - one I hope never to waken from. Everyone was so warm & welcoming... it was such a magical, blessed affair. For the endless hours that hundreds gift to all others -- thank you. I also felt honored to be part of your new addition like me a first year of what I hope are many more to come
- Thank you -- I had a great fair as usual!
- Dear Fair Management, Thank you for the many hours you all put in!
- Thanks for the wonderful Fair!
- What a wonderful fair again and as always I am pixilated every time I step onto the land. Coming through the gates and seeing love love love and yes yes yes and all the fanciful adornments that all the little worker bees have conjured up each year is the beginning of my delight. Thank you, thank you, thank you.
- Do not change a thing! This was only my second year and both this year and last year I attended with friends who have been attending for well over 30 years. Already I can tell that I will be attending every year until I am physically unable to do so.
- Congratulations on fixing the hand wash station by Shady Grove. This was the first year in many that there was no mud pit in front of it.
- Thank you for listening & it was a wonderful fair!!!
- What a fair! Lovely weather, no major drama, so many happy visitors, a very gentle vibe.

- Sunday morning I went to the 'remembrance' gathering at the junction. One of the people involved in my booth passed during the year. The gathering was sweet, very much appreciated by my booth, obviously appreciated by all in attendance. My deep gratitude to Howard and all the band members, it was a true family experience, I treasure it.
- Recycling crew, can I kiss you?? Such amazing work. They were at main stage cleaning it all up with great teamwork. When thanked they all deflected it to the rest of the crew and co-ords. Love them for that.
- Security crew, smiling security crew! You worked so well you were nearly invisible but we know you're there. Thank you for the work you do so well.
- Water crew, didn't realize until this year just how much goes into organizing all the deliveries, well done, especially in such a dry year. We did our best to keep the path dust down and your timely deliveries and smiles made it possible.
- Almost forgot, thanks to the cafe' mam crew, the line was usually short, I was afraid there was a misguided boycott going on until I realized how quickly orders were ready, how coordinated the crew was. I talked with a number of people who had gotten their coffee there, lots of thanks for the speed of service and good coffee. With a shorter line the traffic flowed more smoothly in the neighborhood. Yippee!!!!
- I only got to see part of the opening ceremony, beautiful and moving. Hope to be there for all of it next year.
- I know it has been said by many but for me, best fair so far! My thanks to our hard working crews, our amazing, really amazing staff, all those who do the magic in the 'off season', all those committees, all the scribes and facilitators and all those who work invisibly. ;~)
- I noticed far fewer 'pop-up import shops' along e. 13th, good work craft inventory! There are also some brave security crew members and bums who will gently take this on, thank you!

#### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED**

Hello Lovely Humans!

In my opinion, OCF is one of the coolest events happening on the planet. Yes, I am biased. However, I am also an event organizer and had visions, since I was a child of putting together a fair in my neighborhood. (Now the main event I helped birth and coordinate annually is "Love Our Local Fest" in Olympia, Washington).

I "happened upon" the fair back in the 90's when a friend brought a group of us from Seattle, WA and suggested we prepare for a "camping festival" of sorts. A new world was just introduced to me...like looking thru the keyhole of a really cool room you want to enter. I returned every year since then, regardless of where I had been prior and not only feel like I'm living inside the room, but want to support some of the inner workings of how the room is created, or how to support the creation of more cool rooms like this one.

I know that the Fair, is not simply a room...I'm writing this note because I am deeply humbled by the INCREDIBLE amount of inner workings, organization, coordination, logistics, Vision and people ~ that create the Fair each year.

It is my awe and inspiration that reaches out to y'all reading this.

I see it as vital to our human existence and possible survival that we continue to create events like OCF on the planet. Again, the purpose of my letter...

I would like to know if there are any possible apprentice type roles and/or roles that support the documentation of how Fair is created. My dear friend in QM and I spoke about the documentation aspect a couple years ago, and I'm still curious.

#### **CLOSING**

Can't wait for next year