Hello from the Craft Committee! Welcome to the 2023 Oregon Country Fair!

Every year there are many new challenges so patience and kindness will be especially needed. Stay safe, and keep others safe by continuing to be extra careful about sanitation and community health. Masks are still fashionable at OCF and can help you with potential dust problems as well. Find your ways to be informed and to participate.

Much information is on the <u>oregoncountryfair.net</u> site, including meeting links and documents and a new <u>page</u> just for Booth participants. Read the <u>Fair Family News</u> and stay tuned for specific ways you can contribute. You can join Board and committee meetings on zoom or youtube and find video of past Board meetings by using the search function for the youtube link. When you keep up with how the decisions are made, you can better engage as a member in making sure they are the best decisions to serve our organization. It takes all of us!

Read your <u>guidelines</u>, and make sure your booth participants do as well. Forward this letter to your family members and workers. See Registration at <u>boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org</u> for booth and payment questions. See Craft Inventory <u>craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org</u> for craft questions, and Quartermaster in Main Camp for site questions, including reporting bees and other hazards.

Each Info Booth during Fair has a complete and cross-referenced listing of all crafters, so send customer inquiries there during the event. You can join the Artisan Directory by using <u>this link</u>. The Peach Pit listings are separate, and the best way to make sure your listing is accurate is to have correct information in the Fair database. You can write to <u>this link</u> to get in the Peach Pit Artisan listing. It's possible that Peach Pit listings won't reflect last-minute changes in attendance. The online Artisan Directory links directly to an <u>interactive map</u> where visitors can stroll the Fair to find you if they know your location but have forgotten your contact info.

If you have any questions about craft policy, you can view a <u>document</u> that puts it all in one place on the .net site., is a compilation of guidelines and practices put together by a participatory working group. Craft Committee <u>meeting minutes</u> are posted on the .net site as well, as soon as they are approved by the committee. You are always welcome to attend. Find the zoom links on the website. Please join our Interested Artisans list by emailing the Craft Committee at <u>ocfcraftcommittee@live.com</u> We meet monthly except for in June and December.

More than ever, please be responsible for what you bring to Fair. Recycling is not able to take care of your excess. Pack it out, or better still, don't bring it. Also, have a working fire extinguisher and know how to use it! Fire safety is essential in these drought years, so don't take any chances.

Guideline Changes: Please read the changes for firewood and construction wood. Ash wood is being restricted to limit damage from the Emerald Ash Borer. If you use wood in your booth, make sure it is well-dried and of a species that will not introduce pathogens. If in doubt, check with the Site Manager at <u>sierra@oregoncountryfair.org</u>. You can always email the office at <u>office@oregoncountryfair.org</u> or <u>info@oregoncountryfair.org</u> and they can direct your questions. Thank you for your hard work to make OCF so special.

Your Craft Committee