

Hello from the Craft Committee! Welcome to the 2024 Oregon Country Fair! We are excited to gather with our community to celebrate in all our lovely Country Fair ways. Below you will find some information and contacts to help you stay informed, participate, and prepare.

This year brings some updates to the registration process which you will hear about from Registration crew, including changes to the pricing structure and the refund policy. A big change is the craft application and logo item application deadlines are now March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

OCF is a large organization; it helps to be informed. The annual <u>guidelines</u> always have the most up to date information for that year's fair; 2024 version will be out around March 15th. Read them and have all your booth participants do the same. Lots of information for crafters is available on the <u>oregoncountryfair.net</u> site, including meeting links, interesting documents and a <u>page for booth participants and reps</u>. The <u>Fair Family News</u> is a great way to stay connected. Anyone can join board and committee meetings on zoom or YouTube. Video of past board meetings can be found on <u>YouTube</u>. Keeping up with what is happening and sharing your voice helps the organization. It takes all of us to keep this magic going.

If you have any questions about craft policy, view the Craft Policy <u>document</u> on the .net site, it is a compilation of guidelines and practices put together by a participatory working group. Craft Committee <u>minutes</u> are posted on the .net site after they are approved. Everyone is welcome, find zoom links on the .net website. To get agendas and reminders about Craft Committee meetings join our interested artisans list by emailing the Craft Committee at <u>ocfcraftcommittee@oregoncountryfair.org</u>. We meet monthly except for July and December. **May 14**<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM there will be a crafter town hall to help get everyone informed and hear any questions and concerns before this year's fair.

During Fair each info booth has a complete listing of crafters; send customer inquiries there. You can join the Artisan Directory by using this link. Peach Pit listings are separate, the best way to make sure your listing is accurate is to have correct information in the Fair database. Peach Pit listings won't reflect last-minute changes, though info booths should have that information. The online Artisan Directory links directly to an interactive map where visitors can stroll the Fair to find you if they know your location but have forgotten your contact info.

AT&T has told OCF staff that they will not be providing a temporary cell tower during Fair. Please keep this in mind if you have AT&T and count on credit card sales. Make alternate plans for taking payment and as a customer consider reaching out and let them know how this choice impacts your business.

Booth and payment questions contact Registration crew: boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org

Craft application and jury questions contact Craft Inventory: <a href="mailto:craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org">craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org</a>

Booth construction questions: contact Construction Crew in main camp or call the OCF office.

Site questions, including reporting bees and other hazards: contact Quartermaster in main camp, or the Site Manager.

When on site keep these things in mind: Be responsible for what you bring, pack it out, or better don't bring it. No cutting of any vegetation, contact VegManEC in Main Camp for help and guidance. Have a working fire extinguisher, know how to use it! Keep us all safe, use good sanitation and health practices. Masks are fashionable at OCF and can help with the dust. Ash wood is restricted to limit damage from the Emerald Ash Borer. See the guidelines for more information. If you use wood, make sure it is well dried and of a species that will not introduce pathogens. If in doubt, check with the Site Manager alexis@oregoncountryfair.org.

Once again, read the <u>guidelines</u>, and make sure your booth participants do as well. Please forward this letter to your booth family so they can be informed.

office@oregoncountryfair.org or info@oregoncountryfair.org can direct your questions.

Thank you for making OCF special,

Your Craft Committee