

WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT SELLING A CRAFT AT THE OCF

Application Information

Please read and fill out the application completely before sending it in. Please make a copy of the completed application and this information sheet for yourself. Please do not call the office to find out the status of your application. **Please consider sending it by certified mail to be assured we have received your application.**

Applications must be received in our office by April 1, 2010, 5 p.m.

Sales Information

The Oregon Country Fair features hand-made, hand-crafted or significantly hand-altered items for sale by the artisan who makes the craft. Imported or manufactured items are inappropriate for the Oregon Country Fair. No pipes, bonges, or other tools to ingest illegal drugs, nor any other drug paraphernalia, may be displayed or sold on OCF property at any time.

New Crafters

Each year a few new applicants are approved through the jury process to sell their crafts at the Fair. Applicants with the highest jury scores for that year will be placed in one-year-only booths and required to share these booths with other approved craftspersons. For purposes of jurying a craft, a new craftsperson is defined as a craftsperson who has not been at any of the three previous years' Fairs selling their approved craft.

Sales space

Sales space is not guaranteed to all approved crafters; there is simply not enough booth space available to all the craftspeople who want to participate. Crafters who are approved by the jury but whose scores do not guarantee them placement in one-year-only booths, as well as any crafters who have been displaced from a booth at the Fair, are encouraged to do the following: Network with booth representatives to find available sales space; this can be done during the Fair or during the off-season. Contact Registration in the spring (boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org) to request that their names be placed on the a list of crafters looking for space (wait/share list). Booth representatives are encouraged to use this list to contact crafters if space becomes available in their booths. The wait-share list is published in the OCF newsletter, Fair Family News, for greater exposure. Place an individual ad in the Fair Family News stating their needs and requesting sales space. Ads are limited to 30 words maximum and cost \$5 per ad, per month. Please write to ffn@oregoncountryfair.org.

Strolling Crafters

There is sometimes a limited number of assignments available for new Strolling crafters who can sell their items from a cart. They are meant to provide the Fair with a continually changing atmosphere on the paths. Strolling crafters are expected to stroll.

Children's Crafts

Children age 18 and younger may sell unjuried articles (kid's crafts) in their registered booth only. All items must be hand-crafted, hand-made, home-grown, hand-gathered or significantly altered by the child selling the craft.

Booth Fees

Crafts persons pay a booth fee of \$380 for the weekend. This is shared among all crafters in a booth and is in addition to your \$5 application fee. If you have any more questions, please call 541-343-4298, ext. 387 or e-mail craftinventory@oregoncountryfair.org.

Going Digital

Voices have been raised over the last few years asking us to update our application process to the 21st century and go digital – so we have! For the first time, we're using digital images instead of slides for the jury show. (The jurors will still see projected images of your pictures; they'll just be projected in a different way.) We hope this process works for you, and we promise that we'll do whatever we can to improve it in coming years.

We decided to accept only CD's (with either jpeg or pdf files) and not e-mail attachments, because of our server limitations and the variability of file sizes. So along with the application form and fee, applicants will mail a CD (not a DVD) with three clearly labeled images of their craft. Directions and suggestions are included on the cover letter.

In the last few years, applicants with digital cameras needed help transforming their images to slides, and photo shops like Dot Dotson's in Eugene made that pretty easy. Now folks without digital cameras or computers or CD burners will need help. If you take (or send) regular photos or negatives to any photography shop, they can convert your pictures and put them on a disc.