

Have you Heard?

What's going on?

Hello Everyone,
I come to you this month with wonderful news! OSA now has a permanent location for the Holiday Show. The 33rd Annual Ocean State Artisans Holiday Show & Food Drive will be at



**TWIN RIVERS
EVENT CENTER
LINCOLN, RI**

(Applause Applause)

Creative Palette
March 2024

This new location has everything that the show committee had to scramble to make happen & more.





29,000 square foot , carpeted room
Great overhead lighting
Over 100 cameras w/ 24/7 surveillance & locked doors

Clean restrooms

TR Vendor WIFI- just for vendors w/ passcode

Plenty of free parking

Stage for Santa & Mrs Claus

Music /Announcement sound system

Morning continental breakfast in venue for purchase

Lunch/Drink concession in venue during show for vendors/customers

Help loading in & out of show

ADVANCE NOTICE

Plenty of time to plan the show into your season's schedule

In addition there is a hotel on premises (and nearby) for our out of state vendors or local vendors that want to stay close by. Michelle Leveille, our Marketing Liasion, is working on getting a discount for us. She is also working on several shuttle buses in the parking lot to get our customers close to the door and shuttles from the Warwick area just to take customers to the show.

At Twin Rivers they have many restaurants for our customers after they shop.

Fred & Steve's Steakhouse
Jerry Longos Mearballs & Martinis
Emerald Bay Food Hall
Wicked Good Bar & Grill
West Food Court--Jacky's Galaxie
Nathan's
Dunkin
Market Square Food Court--
Subway
Johnny Rockets
Sbarro
Dunkin
Shipyard Pub

And of course, I hear they have a few slot machines if you're into that sort of thing.

The following pages contain dos and dont's about how to apply for the show. I know it's only March. but the show will be here before you know it. Get your application in, take a big breath & start making product!!

The **ONLY WAY** to get into the show is to pre-register. Pre registration is live & we are expecting to fill up quickly.

Categories will be limited. So hurry before your category fills up.

OSA members have 1st consideration, but we also have had a lot of interest from other artisans. We will be giving them a chance after March 25th.

For security reasons we are not accepting electronic payments.

DO NOT fall for someone asking you to send money.

Beth Giguere, Claudia Sauve
Michelle Leveille & Lora Fidler

are the official contact persons for the show. We will not ask you to send/Venmo/Paypal or give us money. We are only accepting checks/money orders written out to OSA & sent to the OSA PO Box.



How Can I Help?

So, big sigh, we have the time & place.

Now we are working on pulling it all together & getting our advertising. We are working on sponsors. Our show has always heavily relied on sponsors. This year is no different. Sponsorship money goes to the advertising cost to promote the show. For their donation sponsors get their company logo on our advertising, a snowflake with their company name at the show & the good karma of helping a nonprofit give to local RI charities. The more sponsor money we get the wider our advertising goes.

That means more people coming to the show, more money & food donations & of course more customers for you to sell to. A win win!!

A CALL TO OUR MEMBERS:

If you know anyone who you think might be able to be a sponsor please contact Claudia Sauve by email--

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