



Arts & Craft's Faire FAQ's



- **How many years has this event been happening?** The Arts & Craft's Faire started in 1971 as a sidewalk sale and grew into the largest art event in the local area.
- **When did the Lions get involved?** The Lions and Leos have been a vendor providing food and event support for 20 years. In 2015, the event was transferred to the Seal Beach Lions Foundation which has extensive event management experience. The Lions have since grown the show with the addition of musical entertainment starting in 2016. We also added jurying to the process of artisan acceptance.
- **How do I become a vendor?** Registration begins in January for "new artisans". Please provide us with your name, type of art, phone number and email address, and we will add you to the notification email for next year's show. Your work will be juried so be sure to also include photographs. Previous year's participants receive priority "auto-renewal" presuming their quality of work is still high and that they have not broken any of the standards of this show. They will be auto-renewed by April.
- **Will cost of the show be the same?** Yes and no. We have no control of the costs based on the fee schedule for the City of Seal Beach. We plan on continuing the business license fee, park rental fee and all permitting fees in your annual entry. This registration does cover both Saturday and Sunday but does not include parking. Expect the fee to be in the \$240 - \$260 range for both days.
- **What experience does the Lions Club have regarding the Art Faire and events?** Besides being a vendor at the Faire for 20 years, the Lions produce some of the largest events in the city. Seal Beach Sun readers have named the Lion Fish Fry, Christmas Parade and the Arts & Crafts Faire the "BEST OF Gold & Silver" events in Seal Beach. Additionally, the club is fortunate to have a large number of members with arts and crafts experience.
- **Who is responsible for the Faire?** Lions Elizabeth Kelly and Mary Hollen are the Co-Chairs with support from Lion Scott Newton and other dedicated team leads for everything ranging from food, security, entertainment & sound, artisan's support and the information booth.
- **What are the event times?** Artists will be fully open on Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm, and again on Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm. Artisans who leave early on either day may not be invited back, and artisans must not pull their vehicles onto the walkways, driveways or park areas. Loading and unloading take place from Ocean Ave between 8th & 10th Streets on the South Side (closest to the ocean).
- **Where are the restrooms?** Underneath the pier are public restrooms which are open from 7 am to 10 pm and artisans will have restrooms located in the center of each park for their use.
- **What food is available?** The Seal Beach & VBA LEO clubs have a variety of options for lunch which is available for all of the artisans, Lions and the public. We will continue to enhance choices, such as adding salads and other main meal choices, to our usual hot dogs and bratwurst offerings. Menus are available at the information booth & the food Leo's area near the Lions Clock.
- **What other organizations are represented?** The Lions have continued with the tradition of having the Seal Beach Women's Club annual plant sale and the Seal Beach Animal Care Center (SBACC) bake sale at the Arts & Craft Faire.
- **Is there entertainment?** Yes, the Los Alamitos Unified School District (LAUSD) along with a coalition of home-schooled students will be performing through the weekend at the stage at the foot of the pier. That schedule is also available in the Sun newspaper guide and at the information booth.
- **Where is lost & found?** Please check with the Information booth, and if not there, please go to the 820 Ocean, Jack Haley Public Safety building next to the foot of the pier on the West side.
- **Where can I find out more about the Seal Beach Lions or Leos?** Please visit our website at sealbeachlions.org or talk to one of our volunteers at the information booth.
- **What is the Peace Poster Contest?** This is a component of Lions Club International and involves school children and a theme every year. Please visit the Peace Poster booth to learn more.