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FAQ Workshop Cancellations 2020

Why did the Cascadia Center for Arts and Crafts cancel Spring 2020 workshops?

Due to our Governors Orders and ongoing COVID-19 health concerns, we agreed to cancel the 2020 Spring workshop season because the health and safety of the Cascadia Center Community is our highest priority. Oregon's advisory restricting recreational and non-essential travel also informed our decision. Personal health concerns voiced by our instructor and student communities and mountain neighbors also supported our decision, especially concerns from those most at risk.

Is the Cascadia Center for Arts and Crafts going to be ok? How can I help?

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the CCAC relies heavily on revenue from our workshop season to balance our annual operating budget. We are currently projecting a \$30,000 budget gap in 2020 due to lost workshop revenue. Many of the expenses associated with bringing you the spring and summer seasons (like scheduling workshops, producing our catalog and preparing the facilities) are incurred up-front. One way to help is by making a special gift. With the continued generosity of the Cascadia Center community we can close this budget gap and prevent financial impacts to next year's operations. Gifts or donations can be sent to the CCAC through our web site www.CascadiaArt.org or sent to Cascadia Center, P.O. Box 64, Government Camp, Oregon 97028

Are Cascadia Center instructors going to be ok? CCAC instructors receive their income from tuition fees. The decision to cancel classes, unfortunately, also eliminates tuition income for our instructors. Through application, relief funds are available through the US CARES Act to support self-employed artists and instructors who have lost income due to COVID-19.

How long will it take to receive a donation letter for tax purposes?

We estimate it may take our team up to three weeks to process the receipt of any donations. Please be patient as our small team works to serve you.

Are the summer classes still being offered as scheduled?

At this time, the CCAC Board has determined that we will not maintain our 2020 summer classes as scheduled on the web site. We are doing this for several reasons.

First, Governor Brown has modified many pandemic regulations and has granted permission for counties to enter Phase 1 opening status. However, since this

can fluctuate and return to a more restrictive Order, we will be focusing on the 2021 schedule. The CCAC's new 'Operations Plan' will require modifying cleaning protocols, workstations, physical layouts, materials, etc., to comply with all new health and safety standards. We feel this will actually be a long-term benefit. We will monitor the advisories from our health services experts and will abide by any new regulations brought forth by our Governor and the Oregon Health Authority.

Second, our Mission is to serve our community by providing arts and crafts education, and opportunities for sharing the love we have for means of expression, allowing a forum to release our creativity, and to connect with those that share our passions. To do this, we need to balance our need to keep those we love safe, and still remain true to our Mission of being dedicated to making arts and crafts education available to our communities.

Will my cancelled workshop be offered again next year? Will it take place on the same dates?

We are working to reschedule as many of this year's workshops to next year's season. Dates are subject to change depending on instructor availability and fitting together the 2021 schedule as a whole.

I have more questions. Who should I contact?

Please contact the Cascadia Center for Arts and Crafts directly through the web site 'Contact us' tab or Program Director David Rogers via telephone at 503-622-5316.

With best regards,



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