

April 2020, 2020

Hello Everyone,

The world has changed due to Covid-19 and we have been watching closely to see where we are going in 2020. We have talked to the County offices, the Health Department and to the people in charge of the venues we use for ORF, NWPF, WMRF and OCF and have had to make some very tough decisions.

The Board of Directors of WRAES wants to share with our Guests, families, vendors, merchants, Cast and Crew and others that we have come up with a plan for the 2020 season. We have weighed our options, considered many things, most importantly the health and well being of our Faire Family and the future of WRAES. We have all worked very hard over the last 11 years and the Board of Directors will do everything in their power to see that we are successful as a community and a Faire Family in the future.

Our plan with all the information we have available at this time is this:

1. The Oregon Renaissance Faire www.OregonFaire.com in June is postponed and will be held in conjunction with the Oregon Celtic Festival on September 18, 19, 20, 2020.
 - a. The Renaissance Faire/Celtic Festival will be a unique combination of Renaissance Faire and Celtic Music Festival.
 - b. The event will be open to the public as planned for this weekend, Friday 2pm - 12 midnight, Saturday 10am - 12 midnight, Sunday 10am - 7pm.
 - c. We plan for ORF to return to its June weekends - the first two weekends of the month - in 2021. June 5-6, 12-13, 2021
2. The 2nd Northwest Pirate Festival www.NWPirateFestival.com will be postponed until **July 10-11, 2021.**
3. The 11th Season of the Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire www.WashingtonFaire.com is still being planned for the first three weekends in August 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 2020.
 - a) WRAES plans to increase the handwashing/hand sanitizing availability at WMRF per the Health Department guidelines and recommendations. Honeybucket will be helping with this to help keep everyone safe and healthy.
 - b) As we continue to plan WMRF 2020 WRAES will be monitoring closely the recommendations and ability to hold this event. If plans must change at any time in the future we will notify all parties involved as soon as possible.
4. The Oregon Celtic Festival www.ORCelticFest.com will continue as planned September 18-20, 2020 with the addition of the Oregon Renaissance Faire at that same time.
 - a) WRAES and the Production Team will do everything possible to blend these two events in a cohesive manner and create an exciting event with something for all.
 - b) WRAES will incorporate as many aspects of the Renaissance Faire as possible related to scheduling of performers and merchants.
 - c) See #1 above.
 - d) WRAES plans to move forward with the Oregon Celtic Festival in 2021 as an independent event in mid September as originally planned for 2020.

We want to thank each of you who are part of WRAES events. Each of you has brought your talent, love and dedication and we know that this is hard on everyone in many ways. The emotional, physical, financial, and social impact of these decisions is not taken lightly. We have agonized over this, consulted with state and local officials and have done our best to make wise choices. We wish, most of all, for the health of our Faire Family and are here to support you all in any way possible.

If you have questions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions: or email info@wraes.org and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We will triumph.... Together.

Respectfully,
Tracy, David and Nina
The WRAES Board of Directors
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