



## Message from our President

Wow what a winter. Just when we thought that, this winter wasn't so bad, March comes in like a lion.

Hopefully it will leave like a lamb.

Excellent Meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**BUY ART  
TAX  
FREE**



May 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Topic!

Beginning in March, we will continue to start the meetings with attending members introducing themselves with a brief description of their craft.

We now have 144 members and new people coming to the meeting every month. This will help members get familiar with each other's handcrafting expertise.

I am sure the majority of you

have heard, or at least been informed of the tax legislation in RI that exempts sales tax on art and artisan creations. Well if you are interested in finding out more on this subject, come to our May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will have the Executive Director of the RI State Council of the Arts Randall Rosenbaum will talk and answer questions on who will be eligible and how do we achieve a tax exemption certificate.

At the March meeting we will briefly talk about business insurance (BOP) and why it is important to have it. There will be information on an inexpensive policy that is available for crafters and how can we get it.

Thanks all for now. See you at the March meeting.

All the Best - Sue

## Welcome New Members

Welcome to Ocean State Artisans, we are so happy to have you on board!

Heather Braga of Tidal Treasures, \

To our New Members (and anyone who hasn't done so yet): Make sure to attend our, check our Facebook group page for member updates. EMAIL an artist Bio and great .JPGs of your work to Melonie Massa: melonie-massa@gmail.com She will be updating our PUBLIC Facebook page (Make to "Like" Ocean State Artisans on Facebook!) with Artist Spotlights this coming year. Our website is a great place to find past issues of 'Craft Beat' & other resources! [www.OceanStateArtisans.com](http://www.OceanStateArtisans.com)

March Meeting



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### November Craft Show:

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Thanksgiving weekend show at  
CCRI can be directed to  
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## 2019 Festival Season

One of the most challenging things we Makers have on our "To Do" list this time of year is deciding WHICH 2019 Shows to invest in. New Festivals & Fairs are created every year by organizers. It can be a risky business for us, choosing to invest in events that will showcase our Art best (and bring in the most bang for our buck!). Sometimes we may feel we should change our title to "Professional Gambler"!

That being said, one thing we can do is be aware of what IS out there for us to pick & choose from. That's where belonging to Ocean State Artisans can help! **Debbie Rathbun**, our amazing OSA VP, will take your Show recommendations and share them with our Members. Please email her with Applications, Links, Websites, etc of Shows that were good for you in the past & ones that you plan on doing this year. Everyone has a different style & target market, so Members will take that into consideration when receiving these recommendations. But it's a start! Especially for those Ocean State Artisans who are JUST getting their feet wet in the Show/Festival universe this coming season. May it be a rousing success and make you happy to be doing what we are doing. I know I just LOVE Festivals!! Can't wait!

-Melonie, Editor OSA Craft Beat

EMAIL SHOW LEADS TO: [GelCrafts1@Cox.net](mailto:GelCrafts1@Cox.net)

## Membership Dues:

Annual membership dues are due BY June  
30th. **Single \$30 Partner \$40.**

Please make checks payable to Ocean State  
Artisans. If you are mailing your check,  
please send to: **OSA, c/o Paul DiCarlo, 55 Island  
Drive, Coventry, RI 02816.**

Our Next Meeting will be

**Wed March 13th  
2019**

Can't make it?

We meet every second  
Wednesday of the Month.

September thru June.

East Greenwich United Methodist Church  
1558 South County Trail (RT 2) E.G., RI

