

OCF Artist Cooperative Proposal

Cerin And Corwyn Ponce and their mom Sandra Brown have been running the Kids Craft Booth since 2001. The boys wanted to sell some crafts they were making and didn't want to bend the rules so they took their idea to the board and the Kids Craft Booth was born. They have enjoyed crafting and helping, and now for the last several years have been running the booth with their mom. Cerin is now 24 and Cory is 22. They have both been to every fair that they have been alive. Now that they are "older" Fair family they would like to move on. They both live in Santa Cruz, California and go to many different festivals. On their travels they have connected with many up and coming artists and have been involved in live painting and art shows at events like: Symbiosis, Emissions, Snow Globe, Lunacy Festival, Rain Dance Festival and others. With these experiences under their belts they thought about the new changing dynamic of the Crafts Lot and are excited to bring to the Fair an Artists Cooperative Booth in the new space. Their aim is an unique one: to bring visionary art to the fair that will change and evolve every year, and will feature live painting, something that is missing at the OCF. Many of the artists involved are or were once fair youths themselves, as you will see in the several artist profiles that accompany this proposal. Some of the key points they would like to present is a vast array of talent and a broad type of art and different mediums. To always keep the rotation going so it never gets stagnant or repetitive and to bring a new style of art for all to see during the fair.

The vision for the booth is different also. Master carver Adam Di Benedetto and former Garden Crew member will build an amazing booth. You can see some of the structures he has built in the artist profile section. His three dimensional dream catcher hangs over the youth stage during Fair. This would attract fair-goers to that area and give the Crafts Lot expansion a distinctive look. He has a passion for mathematical symmetry that our resident Care Taker has, and has worked with Andy on several projects. Once they were introduced to each other it was off to the races!

Cerin and Cory both have worked with the Crafts jurying committee for the Kids Craft Booth and know the process to make it a success. They are eager to get this proposal into planning if an artist cooperative booth is accepted and are super stoked to make an impact on the art scene and the OCF. The best part is that these folks are young and eager to bring talent and new art for a possitive youth scene to the new Crafts Lot.

The following are some artist profiles of the type of artists that they envision bringing to the Fair. Thank You for your consideration!

Tommy Ponce (Greenthumb/Garden Crew Coordinator) and Cerin Ponce

Booth Rep profile: Cerin Ponce Contact email: shwumps@gmail.com

Cerin was born and raised on the old fair site in Crow. He loves the Fair and is eager to step out of the Kids Crafter Booth and be the booth rep. He is a responsible 24 year old and currently lives in Santa Cruz California were he attends college. Cerin too has his creative side and is a great leather worker and loves archery and road biking. He works at the Limelight cafe and has held down steady jobs in the past. He is very excited about this opportunity.



Kevin Lowry



Cerin Ponce



Corwyn Ponce



Rachel Mandala



Taylor Clarke



Adam Dibenedetto

