



# 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mandarin Art Festival

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Jacksonville, Florida 32223

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Dear Artist Exhibitors:

Like everyone, we have been closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19. After watching the number of cases multiply, and knowing that the only way to stop its spread and protect our community's health is to avoid public gatherings, combined with the most recent recommendation from the CDC regarding large events and an increasing number of local and state restrictions, **we are, unfortunately, forced to cancel the upcoming 52nd Annual Mandarin Art Festival.**

While being a difficult decision, we take this step with all seriousness and acknowledge this is a financial challenge for all involved.

**In an effort to accommodate our exhibitors, we are offering a full refund of both booth fees and jury fees, upon request. You may also request to have those fees credited to next year's Festival.** As this may take a little time to coordinate, please be patient as we process your requests accurately and issue either checks or credit card refunds based upon your original payment method.

As the Mandarin Art Festival is the sole fundraising event for the Mandarin Community Club, its non-profit host, **as a third option, you may choose to convert all or a portion of the fees paid to a tax-deductible contribution.** Any donation amount would be welcomed and much appreciated, and will help us to weather this storm. An acknowledgement receipt will be issued for tax purposes, should you choose to support the Festival and Club in this way.

**We ask that you reply to this message to inform us of how you wish your fees to be handled, from among the three options outlined above.**

We are deeply indebted to our artist exhibitors, our vendors, our sponsors, our volunteers, and all of our supporters who have been with us through this and other years. Your commitment is critical to the long-standing success of this event. We hope you will join us in future years as we continue to offer the Mandarin Art Festival to our exhibitors and our patrons!

We wish you health and resilience in the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely,

*Susie Scott*

President, Mandarin Community Club Inc.  
Supervising Chair, 52nd Annual Mandarin Art Festival

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