

Dear Committee Members,

I have been involved with the Oregon Cultural trust on many levels and am fully committed to this program.

When I moved to Oregon in 2014, I began by matching my charitable donations to the Oregon Cultural trust. As a practicing Artist it was very motivating and gratifying to be able to support the Arts in this way.

Last year I got more involved and made a successful application for funds to stage a Fiber Fest in Roseburg, a first for Douglas County and a huge success and was enjoyed by vendors, educators and visitors alike.

On the strength of this I then volunteered my time to sit on the Douglas County Cultural Coalition and have very much enjoyed working with others in Douglas County to promote the Arts.

I fully support the extension of the sunset for tax credit contributions to Trust for Cultural Development Account for ten years.

The funding that the Oregon Cultural trust provide is so important to everyone in Oregon. It touches all age groups, reaching the length and breadth of the State. It supports and stimulates a diverse range of activities which in turn installs pride and self-worth to all who are involved.

Events that are supported by the Oregon Cultural Trust can be the starting point for so many individuals to pick up an idea, skill or enthusiasm that can shape their lives.

I love that Oregon has found a way to support the Arts throughout Oregon and feel that the work that the Trust does is an invaluable resource.

Yours Sincerely  
Clare Matthews