



**OHIO FAIR  
MANAGERS ASSOCIATION**  
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## **OFMA CONVENTION #98 JANUARY 12-15, 2023 Tips**

- Parking:** The Hyatt and Sonesta are offering Discounted Valet Parking with your lodging
- ⇒ Chestnut Street Parking Deck is behind the Sonesta, Connected, 44 E Chestnut St, Columbus
  - ⇒ Convention Center Underground 50 East Nationwide Blvd. (between the Drury and the Hyatt)
  - ⇒ Oversize Vehicles **East Surface Lot** 80 East Nationwide Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43215

### **On Site Registration and Credentials Pickup:**

- ⇒ To pickup your pre-registered packet the Registration Desk is located on the 1st Floor near the Hyatt Lobby in the Nationwide Foyer.
- ⇒ If you need to swap a name badge with someone from your fair who can not attend, that is allowed, see the desk to type a new badge. If you need additional badges on site registration for \$70 each. The registration team can do that as well.

**Hotel Tax Exemptions:** Each County Fair, Independent Fair and any Non-Profit with a 501-C3 exemption status has the ability to waive Columbus Bed tax and Ohio Sales Tax on taxes of over 18% if the Non-Profit is paying via check or Credit Card. These forms must be presented at time of Check in, These forms are on the [ohiofairs.org](http://ohiofairs.org) web page under the **Convention Tab**.

**First Timers Reception** for those “NEW ATTENDEES” is Thursday January 12th, Fairfield Room, 2nd Floor 4:45. Please return the form by January 2 to [ofmaform@att.net](mailto:ofmaform@att.net).

**Saturday Evening Extravaganza** The advanced ability to check out and bid up to the auctioneer calling the item “SOLD” that evening is up and running. For those of you bringing those cherished gifts from your local county for Live or Silent attached is the form and here is the link

<https://www.bwfinaldrive.com/auctions/20759-Ohio-Fairs-Annual-Extravaganza-Auction?page=1&search=&sort=&lotsTotal=5&pageSize=25&playSoundEnabled=true>

**Memorial Notice of Board Directors who've passed on** to be announced Sunday at the Annual Meeting: the form is attached and can be dropped off at the OFMA Office Nationwide rooms 1st floor or e-mailed to [ofmaform@att.net](mailto:ofmaform@att.net) by January 2.

### **Restaurants Reservations:**

- ⇒ The Cities Food Establishments are opening back up, we suggest planning now and making reservations rather than wait till arrival. *Here is a helpful Link:* <https://www.experiencecolumbus.com/restaurants/>.
- ⇒ The Hyatt has the Big Bar open for meals in the afternoons and evening, the 2nd Floor restaurant breakfast and lunch till 2pm.
- ⇒ The Food Court in the meeting space 1st floor has a nice assortment of food vendors and plenty of seating, here is the Link: <https://columbusconventions.com/foodfun/south-cafe-marketplace/>

**Meals=** Queen Lunch, ODA Breakfast Meeting, Communications and Hall of Fame Awards

- ⇒ These can be ordered until January 2 via and e-mail to [ofmaform@att.net](mailto:ofmaform@att.net)

**Guest Activities:** Tickets remain for the Bourbon Tasting Friday and for the Wine and Paint Saturday, E-mail [ofmaform@att.net](mailto:ofmaform@att.net) to order.

**WOWS:** Tradeshow is Sold Out 134 space, 73 County and Independent Fair Queens Registered for the 2023 Ohio Fairs' Queen program