

Finding a notary during COVID

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If you have documents you need notarized, but have been unable or hesitant to do so because of COVID-19, you will now be able to get documents notarized without leaving the safety of your home.

Remote Online Notarization (RON) is here. The Oregon Legislature recently passed HB 4212A, which was signed into law by the governor June 30, 2020. The bill legalizes RON through July 2021.

Before Oregon commissioned

notaries can perform RON, they will need to take an extra training course then fill out an application and submit it to the secretary of state. Once the secretary sends an acknowledgement to the notary, they can begin RON.

If you've worked with a notary before, call them and see if they are able to do remote notarizations.

How will RON work?

RON is the process by which documents are notarized in a digital format. Using this technology, notarizations can be done from the comfort and safety of each party's home or office,

without being physically in the same space.

While the notary must be in Oregon, the customer may be anywhere in the world while the notarization takes place.

Is it safe and secure? Yes.

Special RON platforms are required to provide a particular mix of secure technology features that, together, meet or exceed the standards contained in Oregon laws and regulations. These include:

- multifactor identity verification, called Knowledge Based Authentication (KBA);
- secure document upload and

transmission;

- secure, recorded video conferencing;
 - digital signing and stamping
- Each notary will choose an online platform (or platforms) they will use for RON. These include platforms like SafeDocs, DocVerify and NotaryCam.

RON is not just video conferencing. Notaries and consumers may not use standalone video conferencing applications, such as GoToMeeting, Zoom, Facetime and others, to legally complete a RON notarization.

These applications do not meet the technical standards in

Oregon law and regulation.

You will need access to a computer and internet to get a document notarized remotely. The document will need to be scanned into the computer.

Verification of the signer will be handled by the platform; the signer will need to show identification and answer knowledge-based questions.

The signer will then upload their document onto the platform and the notary will guide them through the rest of the process.

Per Oregon law, the most a notary may charge a signer per notary act via RON is \$25.

It pays to repurpose

Ruth Wendover is one of those really wonderful people who live in our Valley. Every year she gradually puts money aside so she can donate \$1,000 prize money to the Upcycle Art and Furniture Contest winners, which is a contest she started that encourages "thinking outside the box". Ruth believes that with a little creativity, you can take everyday "junk" likely destined for the landfill and turn it into furniture and art decor for your home.

I've never see the inside of Ruth's home but have heard description of some of her Upcycle success stories, and I imagine it's a pretty neat space to dwell in. I love the idea of thinking about our "junk/trash" as a resource, so I get excited when on the last day of Farmers' Market, people start showing up with their amazing and thoughtful

art and furniture creations. Here's the details...maybe you'll get inspired this year too!

The Southern Oregon Guild and Cave Junction Farmers' Market present: The 5th annual Upcycle Art and Furniture Contest. Repurpose that old "junk" and found items into artwork or furniture. If it's furniture it must be sturdy. Not naturally an artist? Don't worry, judging is based on creativity and not fine craftsmanship. Bring your creation to the last Farmers' market this year, Friday Oct. 9, at 3:30 pm.

Farmers' Market is located this year at 24100 Redwood Highway, across from the Kerbyville museum. You don't need to sign up beforehand to enter, but you do want to show up on time so that you are present when the judging takes place. Feel

free to stay and sell your creation afterwards!

1st prize: \$500

2nd prize: \$300

3rd prize: \$200

By popular request we've also added a new category for kids! This year \$100 prizes will be given to the top three entrants ages 8-12, and two \$50 prizes to the 7 and under age group!

I encourage you to start looking at those "found objects" through different lenses and rescue those items destined for your trash pile, that are just begging to be part of an Upcycle Art masterpiece. And as Ruth likes to say, "Make something cool, and have fun!"

(Alisa Ocean, CJ Farmers' Market)

Jetting off into retirement

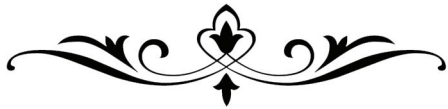


(Photo by Laura Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Kathy Jett has closed up shop. During the forced COVID-19 closure she decided to call it a day and retire from the Tangle Tamer Hair Salon. While she will be missed very much by all, salon owner Denise Krska will still be available.

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