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SENIOR SAMPLER NEWSLETTER

JULY THRU DECEMBER 2026

775-324-2003

SENIOR SAMPLER CRAFTERS ARE THE BEST!

Dear Crafters,

We have closed another great year in the Senior Sampler. Many new crafters have joined us and sales have been excellent. Our fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31 and we look forward to another successful year of sales in the Senior Sampler. It's always fun to see the merchandise you bring and the new craft ideas!

Please read this newsletter as it contains some changes in how we will deal with our crafters and the merchandise provided for sale in the Senior Sampler.

QUALIFICATIONS - Senior Sampler staff accepts new merchandise from crafters on scheduled Monday dates (see page 4), and **you must sign in between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.** New crafters may be enrolled, by appointment, on any inventory day, with the exception of October through December.

Crafters must meet the following criteria:

- **Handcrafting** - each item offered for sale **MUST BE** at least 50% embellished and/or 50% hand made.
- Be at least 60 years old and reside in Nevada;
- Complete the necessary paperwork, including a Consignment Agreement and a W-9 tax form;
- Make appointments ahead of time to place merchandise in the store; and
- **If unable to keep an appointment, you must call the office to cancel or leave a voicemail.**

QUALITY, QUALITY, QUALITY – The quality of the merchandise offered for sale in the Senior Sampler is of the utmost importance. We want the community to know that articles in the shop are top-notch. Our Quality Control Committee is tasked with ensuring that all merchandise meets our standards. Members of the committee have the final say about accepting merchandise into shop inventory. If an item is deemed unacceptable during intake, you will be told why. On occasion we find problems during the tagging and display process with items that must be returned to the crafter. You will be notified of this occurrence and asked to retrieve the merchandise.

INCOMING INVENTORY - Signing up to bring in inventory is easy. Just call the Senior Sampler at 775-324-2003 or stop by the shop between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. We make appointments for a maximum of 34 crafters on each inventory Monday and we accept no more than four (4) new crafters on any such Monday. If the date you want is already filled, we will help you sign up for another date. Most months will have three Monday inventory days, Mondays which fall on a holiday will be exceptions (see calendar, page 4). **You may sign up for only one inventory day in each month.** We have

many crafters that would like the opportunity to bring in their merchandise, but our calendar fills up quickly. We want everyone to have an opportunity to sell their crafts in the Senior Sampler and believe this is a fair policy.

QUANTITIES – We accept up to a total of 30 items for display in the Senior Sampler. We accept only 5 or 10 similar items: for example, only 5 quilts, 5 Afghans or 5 blankets, 10 towels, 10 writing instruments, etc., with the following exceptions:

- Only 5 hats or scarf/hat sets;
- Only 5 glassware/pottery items per crafter, whether sets or single items. **No stemware** due to the potential breakage while displaying such items;
- Up to 20 greeting cards in sets or singles; with up to 10 additional cards that are holiday specific. (See page 4 for details). **We will only accept cards from existing crafters who have an established history prior to December 1, 2025, of submitting those items for sale;** and
- Numbers may be limited due to size, space constraints in the store and/or special display needs.

***Note** We accept 10 pieces of jewelry, counting a single piece as one item and a set as one, i.e., a necklace and earrings set is considered one item, a bracelet is one item and a set of earrings would be one item, making a total of three items.

SPECIAL ALLOWANCE FOR HOLIDAYS -

If you have 30 handcrafted items for sale in the Senior Sampler, you may submit 10 additional holiday-specific items, other than cards, for most major holidays, provided there is adequate display space in the store. For example, if you already have 30 items in the Sampler, you can submit 10 more items that are specific to Easter, Mother's Day, or other holidays mentioned in the Incoming Inventory Calendar (page 4). If, on your in-take day, you have less than 30 items in the shop, we will accept holiday items to equal your 30 plus 10 extra for the holiday. As always, holiday merchandise will be removed from the Sampler, processed and a notice sent to you requesting that you pick up your merchandise as soon as possible following the holiday.

PRICING AND PAYMENT – Each crafter is responsible for setting the price of their merchandise. To lower a price, a crafter must come into the shop on

a day we are taking new inventory (see calendar on page 4) and request that the price be changed. **We will adjust prices only one time prior to items being returned to you.** We will accept items that are priced between \$1 to \$75, in whole dollar increments. Higher priced items rarely sell in the Senior Sampler.

Our cut-off date for payment of sold merchandise is on the 16th of each month and, generally, The 1701 Group will disburse payment for sold merchandise by the end of each month. Payments of less than \$25 will be issued twice a year, in June and December. We request that you please deposit checks as soon as possible. **Checks issued to the crafter that are uncashed after one hundred eighty (180) days will be voided and not replaced.**

♦♦The Senior Sampler will not reimburse crafters for merchandise that is lost or broken while in the shop.

HOW LONG ARE ITEMS KEPT? –

Merchandise shall remain in the shop for a minimum of 90 days, **except for Holiday Specific Items.** Merchandise that has been in the shop for at least 90 days shall be removed on the last Tuesday of each month. Those items which have been in the shop for the minimum 90-day period and returned to the crafter shall not be submitted for a second time until at least 90 days have passed since the items were returned to the Crafter. Merchandise may be in the shop for only two 90-day periods.

♦♦Unsold seasonal and holiday merchandise will be returned according to the schedule on page 4 or at the end of the season or holiday, whichever occurs first.

♦♦If desired, crafters may remove an item from the Senior Sampler by purchasing that item prior to the time when it would normally be returned to the crafter.

RETURN OF UNSOLD MERCHANDISE –

After merchandise has been displayed in the shop for a minimum of 90 days, all unsold items will be returned to the crafter. You will be notified by postcard that you have merchandise to pick up at the Senior Sampler shop. Please pick up your item(s) during business hours, within 45 days of receipt of the postcard. Merchandise not claimed within 45 days will be donated to the Thrift Shop unless other arrangements have been made by contacting the Senior Sampler upon receipt of the postcard. Ninety (90) days after items are returned to you, you may resubmit the same items for a second and final time.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY – In case of inclement weather, the building may be closed for the day(s). Safety is our first consideration. When in

doubt, call **The 1701 Group's main phone number at 775-329-1584** to determine if the building is open.

ITEMS WE DO NOT ACCEPT IN THE SENIOR SAMPLER — There are a number of items that we do not accept in the Senior Sampler because they may be fragile, pose a risk to a child, or simply are not suitable for our store. When in doubt, check with a member of the Quality Control Committee. The following are examples of items we do not accept:

- Anything with fragrance or odor.
- Objects deemed unsafe for children, e.g., pieces not securely affixed to merchandise – not glued and sewn on buttons, eyes, etc.
- Coverings for toilet paper, air fresheners, etc.
- Gift baskets
- Steppingstones or other excessively heavy objects
- Fragile merchandise that is unsafe in the shop
- Glassware objects that are glued together
- Items with a risk of copyright/patent infringement
- Plastic needlepoint canvas art pieces
- Vegetable and microwave bags
- Merchandise with loose glitter
- Cosmetics/soap of any kind
- Display racks
- Out of season merchandise
- Iron-on or glued appliques unless reinforced with stitching
- No items with food (including rice, beans, etc. that act as weight/stabilizers for an item)
- There may be others at the discretion of the Quality Control Committee

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CRAFTERS - As a Senior Sampler crafter, you are responsible for the following:

- Making an appointment to bring in your merchandise and **calling if you need to cancel (775-324-2003)**. We track who does not show up without canceling ("no show") and reserve the right to drop a crafter for repeated "no shows" after first providing a warning notice.
- Notifying the Senior Sampler of changes to your contact information.
- Executing a new Consignment Agreement when requested.
- Securely connecting all pieces in a set for display, e.g., sets of placemats, gloves, jewelry sets and earrings, hat and scarf combos, etc.
- Ensuring that merchandise is properly finished. Items deemed not properly finished, will not be accepted, and if accepted in error, will be returned to you.
- Identifying your craft materials, as applicable, e.g. Is the merchandise washable? Is it alder or oak? Are earring posts made of nickel or stainless steel?
- Large items will be accepted at the discretion of the Senior Sampler.
- Setting prices of merchandise at one dollar (\$1.00) minimum and in one dollar (\$1.00) increments with a maximum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- Providing a means of transporting heavy and/or unwieldy items. The carts in the building are not for the use of the crafters.
- Entering through back door of the building, to access the inventory work area and signing in.
- Verifying that the building is open in case of inclement weather.

SENIOR SAMPLER INCOMING INVENTORY CALENDAR
JULY THRU DECEMBER 2026
775-324-2003

JULY	
6	Incoming inventory
13	No incoming inventory
20	Incoming inventory <i>**Last day for summer apparel & accessories**</i>
27	Incoming inventory
AUGUST	
3	Incoming inventory
10	No incoming inventory
17	Incoming inventory
24	Incoming inventory
31	Incoming inventory <i>**First day for Halloween items**</i>
SEPTEMBER	
7	No Incoming inventory <i>**Labor Day**</i>
14	No incoming inventory
21	Incoming inventory <i>**First day for Thanksgiving items**</i>
28	Incoming inventory <i>**First day for winter apparel & accessories**</i>
OCTOBER	
5	Incoming inventory
12	No incoming inventory
19	Incoming inventory <i>**Last day for Halloween and first day for Christmas items**</i>
26	Incoming inventory
NOVEMBER	
2	Incoming inventory <i>**Last day for Thanksgiving and first day for New Year's items**</i>
9	No incoming inventory
16	Incoming inventory
23	Incoming inventory
30	Incoming inventory
DECEMBER	

7	Incoming inventory
14	No incoming inventory
21	No Incoming inventory <i>**Closed for Christmas Holiday**</i>
28	No Incoming Inventory <i>**Closed for Christmas Holiday**</i>

RETURN SCHEDULE

ITEMS THAT COME IN DURING MONTH OF	WILL BE PULLED FROM INVENTORY ON
July	October 27
August	November 24
September	December 29
October	January 26
November	February 23
December	March 30