

Greenville Arts Council 2007-2008 Year-End Report

Since 1983, the Greenville Arts Council has supported Washington County and the City of Greenville by providing cultural activities, educational experiences and special programs for citizens of all ages. This has been the first full year since the blending of the Greenville Arts Council and E.E. Bass Foundation boards. We have experienced tremendous growth and have embraced our new role in the E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center. We have recommitted ourselves to our mission of promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region and stimulating and encouraging cultural activities, arts appreciation, arts education and the creative works of artists. We have focused our outreach to the citizens of Washington County into three areas, The Greenville Arts Council Gallery, Arts in Education and Community Programs. The following is a list of our accomplishments for this year in each of these areas:

Greenville Arts Council Gallery

- Presented seven exhibitions in our first full year in the new gallery at E.E. Bass
- High volume of sales of artwork generating revenue for area artists as well as for the Arts Council
- Extended partnership opportunities including the Bobby Henry Pool Restoration Project (City of Greenville, CAAD at MSU)
- Offered extensive exhibition-related hands-on art-making experiences in the art studio for students visiting the gallery
- Procurement of American Masters of the Mississippi Gulf Coast exhibition to show in the gallery from November 7-December 19

Education

- Trigg Elementary named Model Whole School by the Mississippi Arts Commission
- Renewed level of commitment for the Greenville Arts Partnership from Greenville Public School District
- Conducted monthly meetings with principals and arts coordinators from the elementary schools in the GPSD and provided monthly newsletters to all teachers in the district
- Expanded our professional development offerings to include specific sessions for district art and music teachers, and our first summer institute for teachers with Kennedy Center teaching artist Marcia Daft
- Coordinated partnership activities including Carousel science field trips and Carousel Trail to Feeling Well programs, student performances of Delta Center Stage and Delta Children's Museum plays and other programs, facilitated Delta Symphony Association concerts for school children

Community Programs

- Offered our second year of multi-arts summer camp for students ages 5-12
- Created a ceramics studio complete with five pottery wheels, a slab roller, a new kiln, and pottery molds through a grant from the King's Daughters and Sons Circle No. 2
- Hosted arts classes for all ages in the art studio ranging from Preschool Music, Teen Actors Studio, Child and Adult pottery classes with CEU credit offered, to Special Education students from T. L. Weston
- Celebrated the 24th annual Greenville Honors Its Own Award ceremony honoring Greenvillians who have contributed to the arts

E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center

- Secured nearly \$1 million in grant funds and matching donations and pledges for the construction of the original high school portion of the facility
- Completely renovated the Jake and Freda Stein Auditorium
- Upgraded the catering kitchen equipment with commercial appliances donated by Viking Range Corporation
- Working with Delta Children's Museum and Junior Women's Club to increase access to the Carousel through broadened P. R. and additional programming