



Fishers Arts Council



Annual Report 2007



A MESSAGE FROM FISHERS ARTS COUNCIL PRESIDENT

-terry ballantini

Dear Friend:

Passion. Webster describes passion as an "intense emotion compelling action". We can have passion for our community, our children, our church, even our hobbies. When I think of passion, art comes to my mind.

It's my privilege to present to you the Fishers Arts Council Annual report for 2007. As you examine the broad strokes of our mission over the past year, I think you'll see the passion that the members of the Council have. We've been possessed with this passion for creating an awareness of arts and culture in our community called Fishers.

We began 2007 with the insight that this was our first real year. We were formally recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit 501(c)3 in April. Even though we had applied for this status in 2006, the back log at the IRS due to Hurricane Katrina kept it from being approved timely.

Next on our agenda was the not so simple task of announcing who we were as a group and what the Town of Fishers Councilors had in mind when they called for our organizations creation. We came up with a first of it's kind Street Art project called CaBOOST the Arts. This project allowed us to place a stamp of existence in our local community. Look around Fishers...you can still see these large fiberglass cabooses brightly painted. Which is your favorite?

Here is the good news. We ended the year with a surplus in our accounts based on the efforts of the CaBOOST the Arts project along with Arts Day in Fishers, as so dedicated by our Town Council. Arts Day presented us with the ability to create Art in the Park, an arts fair with over 35+ artists displaying their goods. The evening ended with An Affair of the Arts, a silent auction hosted by Angela Buchman, WISH-TV personality.

So what did we do with our surplus of good will? We passed it along according to our mission. Fishers Music Society and the Ambassador House both received grants from the Council allowing them to sustain their efforts in broadening our communities senses.

I hope you'll find the time to read the report. It's not Shakespeare but it'll give you insight to who the Fishers Arts Council is and how we are making a difference in Fishers.

Sincerely,

Terry Ballantini





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IN 2007, FISHERS ARTS COUNCIL TOOK STRIDES TOWARD REACHING THE COMMUNITY OF FISHERS. THE SCOPE OF OUR MISSION EXTENDS TO ALL RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND BUSINESSES.

Our goal for the Fishers Art Council is to:

- 1) Stimulate increased participation in, and access to, the arts, emphasizing music, the visual arts, dance, literature and cultural events by and for the Fishers community;
- 2) Advance community support for arts programs and local understanding of the benefits of the arts to community life;
- 3) Recommending and/or securing private funding sources and projects for the town of Fishers; and Increase the capacity of the Fishers community, community organizations and citizens to use the arts to affect positive community change and image.

We seek those that are local artisans, volunteers and individuals and/or companies that wish to make a donation, lend a hand and make a difference. Suggestions are also greatly welcomed.

Our web site is your connection for the Arts in Fishers.

Our Anticipated Results through grants, sponsorships, services, and initiatives, FAC expects:

- the creation, sustenance, and expansion of a community arts programs in Fishers;
- increased capacity of local, and/or regional arts organizations and community- based nonprofits to provide arts programs for Fishers citizens;
- promotion of the arts, including design and public arts, in local decision-making, and increased understanding and support of establishing cultural traditions;
- increased exchange among regional community arts organizations, including artists partners, on issues and best practices in arts administration and programming for the Fishers community; and
- strengthen partnerships between the arts and other Town-related entities, such as the Hamilton Southeastern School District, Conner Prairie, The Hamilton East Public Library, the Fishers Freedom Festival, the Fishers Chamber of Commerce, The Fishers Parks Department, The Historic Ambassador House, Renaissance Faire, Fishers Music Society and the Hamilton County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, extending access to new audiences and expanding opportunities for arts organizations to serve the community.



CaBOOST the Arts



Our first arts initiative for the Fishers Arts Council was called CaBOOST the ARTS. It was a campaign to increase interest in and foster an appreciation for the visual arts in Fishers. Our goal was to showcase local Fishers artists and their creative work while providing an opportunity for local businesses to hop aboard and show support by becoming Sponsors. CaBOOST the ARTS featured ten fiberglass caboose statues uniquely designed by the artists. Through-out the summer of 2007, the finished cabooses adorned the sidewalk in front of the Fishers Train Station for all to see. Visitors attending the Summer Concert Series at Town Hall, patrons that rode the Indiana State Fair Train and visitors of the Fishers Farmers Market all witnessed the splendor of the designs and artwork. We even had visitors from New York contacting us about seeing the work!



For September 15, 2007, the Town of Fishers officially declared it "Fishers Arts Day". On this day, the Fishers Arts Council, along with the Fishers Chamber of Commerce, held "Art in the Park" at the Fishers Town Hall grounds. Starting at 8:00 am and going until 3:00 pm, approx. 40 visual fine artists of all media types showcased their work. The event had entertainment during the day by the Russian Ballet Company of Indianapolis and refreshments provided by the Fishers Seratoma Club and Maggie Moos Ice Cream. Over 3,500 visitors strolled down the lanes visiting the artists and learning more about art.



Art in the Park





An Affair of the Arts



The evening event entitled "An Affair of the Arts" was held inside of the town hall - the Thomas E. Weaver Municipal building. This huge gala cocktail and hor's d' oeuvres reception celebrated all events in 2007 that has lead up to this day. WISH-TV Channel 8 personality Angela Buchman emceed the event. A very large Silent Auction was held with over 250 items allowed patrons to bid for jewelry, trips, spa treatments, autographed memorabilia and more with the proceeds benefiting the arts in Fishers. All that attended went outside under the stars to participate in a Live Auction of the five gold sponsored Cabooses. The gala was well attended by over 200 residents of the town. The Arts Council was able to receive over \$11,000 in donations for the night.





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consolidated statements of financial position



2007 Budget

INCOME

	Projected
CaBOOST the ARTS	\$ 43,000.00
Grants (outside of CaBOOST)	\$ 20,000.00
Annual Corporate Memberships	
K.E. Thompson	\$ 1,000.00
Community Hospitals Foundation	\$ 2,500.00
RW Armstrong	\$ 500.00
National City Bank	\$ 500.00
A&F Engineering	\$ 500.00
FEBA	\$ 500.00
Duke Energy	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ 6,500.00
Additional Corporate Memberships	\$ 9,000.00
Annual Individual Membership:	\$ 500.00
FAC Board Contributions	\$ 1,500.00
Gross Income	\$ 80,500.00

EXPENSES

	Projected
CaBOOST the ARTS	\$ 29,107.00
Town of Fishers (repayment of loan)	\$ 10,000.00
Operations	\$ 300.00
Accounts Payable	\$ 60.00
Gross Expenses	\$ 39,467.00
Net Funds	\$ 41,033.00

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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax		OMB No. 1545-0047
Form 990-EZ		2007
Under penalty of perjury, the preparer certifies that the preparer has read and prepared this return in accordance with the instructions to this form.		Open to Public Inspection
<p>Part I Organization information</p> <p>1. Organization name <u>Elkhart Area Council</u></p> <p>2. Address <u>One Municipal Square</u></p> <p>3. City <u>Elkhart</u> State <u>IN</u> Zip <u>46532</u></p> <p>4. Phone number <u>765-433-1100</u></p> <p>5. Employer identification number (EIN) <u>36-1692955</u></p> <p>6. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>7. Organization status <u>1311</u></p> <p>8. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>9. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>10. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>11. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>12. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>13. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>14. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>15. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>16. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>17. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>18. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>19. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>20. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>21. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>22. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>23. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>24. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>25. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>26. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>27. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>28. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>29. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>30. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>31. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>32. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>33. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>34. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>35. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>36. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>37. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>38. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>39. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>40. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>41. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>42. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>43. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>44. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>45. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>46. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>47. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>48. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>49. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>50. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>51. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>52. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>53. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>54. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>55. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>56. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>57. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>58. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>59. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>60. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>61. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>62. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>63. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>64. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>65. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>66. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>67. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>68. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>69. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>70. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>71. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>72. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>73. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>74. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>75. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>76. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>77. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>78. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>79. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>80. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>81. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>82. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>83. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>84. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>85. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>86. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>87. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>88. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>89. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>90. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>91. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>92. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>93. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>94. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>95. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>96. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>97. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>98. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>99. Organization type <u>1311</u></p> <p>100. Organization type <u>1311</u></p>		

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A detailed, more complete statement is available upon request.



The Fishers Arts Council Board Members for 2007...

The day-to-day operations are supervised by an Executive Board. Committee members are elected each year to serve on the Board of Directors, initiating present and future endeavors for the organization.

Executive Board -

President - terry ballantini
Vice President & Treasurer - bradforth fields
Secretary - cathy huiras
President Emeritus - walt bagot

Councilors -

arlene barker
emily farris
donna franklin
ed harris
nick ludlow
nancy thomas
kim mcdonald
megan malayter
carrie billman
paula scism
alyssa scotten

Town of Fishers Liaisons -

eileen pritchard
marc steczyk
sarah rittman



This acknowledges those distinguished individuals and business who have cumulatively contributed to the Fishers Arts Council this year. This list reflects contributions or pledges from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

Lockhart Hummer
Reynolds Farm Equipment
Riverview Heart & Vascular Center
Community Bank
Town of Fishers
Meyer Najem
HSE Utilities
Forum Credit Union
Church, Church, Hittle, Antrim
Andy Mohr Automotive - Fishers
K.E. Thompson
RW Armstrong
Community Hospitals Foundation
Duke Energy
FEBA
A & F Engineering
Fishers Chamber of Commerce
Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation
Robert Ryan
Sheila Jackson
Terri Clifton
Vandra Pentecost Linder
William Ray

Telliss, LLC
Richfield Corporation
Walt Bagot
Terry Ballantini
Bradforth Fields
Do it Best Centers—Fishers
Driscoll Photography
Goldberg Photography
Frame it All - Fishers
Karrie Hibbard
Katherine Garnes
Laura Panozzo
Laurie Orth
Leah Burris
Mary Gillim
Nancy J. Thomas
Pat Hinkley
Republic Development - Saxony
Scott Shoemaker
Stephanie Upchurch
Tuscan Mosaics
Donna Franklin



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