



FISHERS ARTS COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



This is my second annual report as Executive Director of Fishers Arts Council. We've changed a lot since I joined as a board member in April 2018, and I couldn't be more proud of how far we've come in a little over five years.

As I re-read last year's report, we've made progress on items I was concerned about: taking care of our volunteers and our artists. This year with a great idea from Doug Dusseau, Laura Villanyi and Chris Hayes took our board and volunteers on educational adventures to the Eiteljorg Museum and Marc Adams School of Woodworking. This December, we invited our volunteers and our families to our holiday potluck and enjoyed games and togetherness. And, after many years of deliberation, we re-instituted our Artist membership. These additions are so important and aid us in taking care of those who take care of us.

Partnerships that I mentioned last year turned into paid opportunities for artists in the form of our Sesquicentennial Banners with Fishers Parks. A new Professional Services Agreement with the City of Fishers brought us into a paid leadership role with the Fishers Creative Council. The construction of the new Art & Municipal Complex brought us together with Shannon and Alli of the Indianapolis Art Center - and things are looking bright for 2024.

Another item I'm so incredibly proud of is our board. Each person has taken responsibility for something: a new event, writing articles, finding talent, helping with grants, social media, hospitality, and so much more. Having all board members actively participating and being engaged puts me beyond words. I don't recall a time over the last five years when every single person had something special to call their own and took charge. We've come so far.

We've forged new relationships with artists, artist groups, sponsors, students, and community partners. It's going to take a lot of work to maintain and nurture these relationships, and it's something I'm looking forward to in the new year. As long as I have a dedicated team of incredible board members ready to take charge, we're on the right path.

Time for a Fishers Focus in 2024!

Les Reinhardt



ART FAIRS




2023 said Goodbye to Art on the Prairie due to schedule conflicts, but Hello to Fishers District and the creation of Winter Art Markets at Sun King Brewery in Fishers. We added musicians to Car + Art, introduced Juneteenth Jubilee to Conner Prairie, had a gloriously beautiful day at Harvest Fest where we collectively raised \$4,500 for area non-profits, and have been asked for new events at Fishers District in 2024.

Car + Art: 27 artists, 2 musicians, 1 Spark activity

Harvest Fest: 49 artists, 11 local authors, 3 bands, 1 Spark activity, 8 nonprofits

Winter Art Markets: 18 artists (8 per event), paid opportunity for 5 high school drummers



SPARK! OF CREATIVITY

Spark! of Creativity was present at our art fairs as single offerings, but it did not make a solo appearance in class form for 2023.

We continue to get calls about what art classes we are offering. We hope to increase offerings in 2024 at our art fairs, but classes don't seem to be in our future.

GALLERY

A solid year in the Hamilton County Community Foundation saw new partnerships and exhibits, the re-introduction of artists from our past, and exciting new relationships. We are discovering more about what exhibits work best and how to expand opportunities to groups around us.


Once again we set new records for attendance at Second Fridays:

senior Showcase: 213 guests

Summer Shine: 120 guests

Juried Exhibit: 125 guests

Art Sales increased again for 2023 - one may say 135% over 2022, but if we remove a very large sale (\$4,900) we increased at least 35% in 2023.






VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers this year were once again a smaller, dedicated group. We used the VolunteerFishers website again, but found many volunteers dropping or leaving early from events. This caused some difficulty and artist frustration with the load-out of Harvest Fest.

While field trip experiences have helped us maintain the volunteers we have, more time needs to be spent on bringing in new volunteers and keeping them engaged.



PARTNERS

Fishers Arts Council continued to partner with the Future Black Leaders club of Fishers High School to create another incredible Juneteenth Jubilee in a brand new setting.


New partnerships were forged at Fishers District and potential ones are sprouting with HSE Schools.

RESPONSE

Requests this year were from nonprofit organizations, businesses, art schools, and individuals - all seeking connections either with Fishers Arts Council or others, by requesting our help to facilitate those connections.

Fishers Arts Council has called itself “Your hub for all things art in the city of Fishers” - and we were asked walk the walk. Through our network of visual and performing artists and partners, we helped artists book commissions and paid gigs, art students find classes, assisted with grant writing, created connections that lead to projects, and linked artists with additional gallery opportunities outside of our walls.

By serving as a true “hub of all things art” we have been increasing the reach of our mission to “support, advocate and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities” and really bring a Fishers Focus to the arts.






SUPPORTING MEMBERS

FRIENDS OF FAC

Catherine Snider
Tom Rich

Shari Knox
Les Reinhardt
Joanne Roeder



FAMILY

Karen Christensen
Sally Eppert
Brad & Trudy Johnson

INDIVIDUAL

Anita Strauss
Carol Adams
Penny Roberson
Cynthia Rose
Olivia Rodriguez

IN-KIND SUPPORT

Peachin, Schwartz and Weingardt
Towne Post Network
Daniel's Vineyard

EVENT SPONSORS

TITLE SPONSOR

Jiffy Lube of Indiana
STAR Bank
Sun King Brewing

COMMUNICATIONS SPONSOR

Nickel Plate Arts (Noblesville
Creates)

ARTS CHAMPIONS

Walmart
Penrod Society
MashCraft Fishers
Four Day Ray
Propeller Marketing
Medium Cool Pictures
Schoolhouse 7 Cafe



Financial Snapshot
Last Updated: 1/10/24

BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

	Acct. #	Balance
General Checking	9756	\$ 39,457.80
Unrestricted		\$ 35,188.80
Restricted		\$ 4,269.00

OPERATING BUDGET PROGRESS:

1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
PROJECTED REVENUE:		
Earned Income	\$ 2,000	\$ 8,532
Board Contributions	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,000
Grant Funding	\$ 3,704	\$ 7,285
Annual Fund Contributions	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,597
Harvest Fest (September)	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,361
Car + Art (June)	\$ 720	\$ 498
Interest Income	\$ 5	\$ 3
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 16,179	\$ 26,276
PROJECTED EXPENSES:		
<u>Personnel</u>		
Contracted Personnel	\$ (7,407)	\$ (7,965)
<u>Advertising/PR</u>		
Website Maintenance & Upkeep	\$ (500)	\$ (120)
General FAC Advertising	\$ (250)	\$ (597)
NPA Membership	\$ (250)	\$ (250)
OneZone Table Share	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Program Expenses</u>		
Art Gallery Programming	\$ (2,920)	\$ (3,587)
Event Programming	\$ -	\$ (250)
Juried Exhibit	\$ (300)	\$ (496)
Scholarships	\$ -	\$ -
<u>General Expenses</u>		
FAC Insurance Premiums	\$ (1,102)	\$ (1,114)
Postage/Mailing	\$ (50)	\$ (29)
Federal Tax Return Filing (990 & 1099s)	\$ -	\$ -
Bi-Annual Business Report (State)	\$ (30)	\$ -
Other/Contingency	\$ (500)	\$ (587)
Name Tags	\$ (75)	\$ (49)
Recruitment	\$ (500)	\$ (500)
<u>General Expenses</u>		
Network for Good	\$ -	\$ -
Zoom	\$ (132)	\$ (108)
Printer Ink/Paper	\$ (300)	\$ (75)
Quickbooks (Software/Consult)	\$ (650)	\$ (537)
Total Operating Expenses	\$ (14,966)	\$ (16,264)
NET INCOME	\$ 1,213	\$ 10,012

ACTIVE GRANT AWARDS / RESTRICTED FUNDS ACTIVITY:

Granting Agency	Amount	Cumulative	Remaining
G. Scotten Talent Center 2009	\$ 4,019.00	\$ -	\$ 4,019.00
FA+CC Musicians Grant 2023	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (7,500)	\$ -
Parks Banner Art Project Artist Funds	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000)	\$ -
Star Bank/Senior Showcase Scholarships	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000)	\$ -
Senior Showcase Additional Sponsors	\$ 1,275.00	\$ (1,275)	\$ -
Jordan D. Snider Award Fund 2023-2024	\$ 500.00	\$ (250)	\$ 250.00
Jiffy Lube/Juried Exhibit Awards	\$ 3,850.00	\$ (3,850)	\$ -
IAC AOS FY 24 (\$7576)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Walmart: Harvest Fest	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000)	\$ -
Penrod 2023: Spark! of Creativity	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000)	\$ -

IN-KIND SUPPORT ACTIVITY:

Donor	In-Kind Support
PSW 2022 Cumulative	\$ 1,000.00
Towne Post Network	\$ 750.00
Daniel's Vineyard	\$ 1,440.00
SunKing Beer	\$ 1,560.00
TOTAL IN-KIND SUPPORT	\$ 4,750.00