

How important are the arts? Everyone recognizes the value of Chambers of Commerce, Better Business Bureaus, or Economic Development Councils. The purpose seems obvious. They promote business which bring in jobs, encourages business support of the community, and opens doors to encourage local business owners to work together.

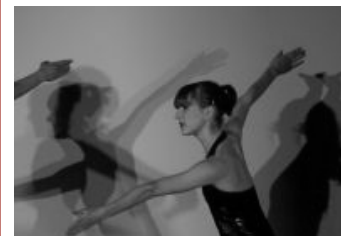
The Yoknapatawpha Arts Council is your Chamber of Commerce for the arts. The official arts agency for Oxford and Lafayette County with one full time staff member, a twelve member Board of Directors, and volunteers working to transform the creative works of artists, performers, musicians, and writers into programs that create jobs, attract tourists, and enriches our community. How effective is the arts council? In 2009 the arts council presented over 315 days of art programs ranging from high school productions, free educational programs, professional art exhibits in the gallery of the Powerhouse, live theatre productions, concerts, and independent film screenings.

Our mission, to foster the arts, has us working both to create opportunities for artists and the community. It is the support of members which made possible new programs including a free dance lesson for all ages, free arts classes, and a writer's series that featured national recognized authors. In addition, on going programs received national attention as the Powerhouse Gallery Series was recognized by the Elizabeth Firestone Graham foundation for documenting local visual artists and the literary magazine Kitty Snacks has been selected by an instructor at Michigan Technical University as a textbook. The Arts Council's continued renovation of the Powerhouse provides opportunities for amateur and professional artist to perform, exhibit, and present their works.

The Arts Council doesn't produce art. We foster and assist artists and arts groups in the community to provide opportunities that enrich our community and showcase the range of talent present in our Lafayette County. This is a small community. Every membership is vital to making the ever growing series of programs possible. I invite you to join us for a full year of art; I invite you to be the arts in Oxford.

Sincerely,

Wayne Andrews, Director
 Yoknapatawpha Arts Council



Please count us as members!

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
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 MC/VISA #: _____
 Exp date: _____
 Signature: _____

Membership Level:

- Student/Teacher \$20
- Individual \$35
- Family \$50
- Sponsor \$150 - \$299
- Partner \$300 - \$499
- Sustainer \$500-\$999
- Benefactor \$1,000

Powerhouse Fund

- I would like to make an additional donation to support the continued renovation of the Powerhouse Community Arts Center
 Amount : ___ \$5 ___ \$10 Other: ___

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Powerhouse Renovations Continue

The Arts Council continued to renovate the Powerhouse Community Arts Center to provide access to the arts for all members of the community. This past year through member support, a grant from the LOFT foundation, and gifts from artists Walter & Vivian Neill a community darkroom was opened to the public. One of the first programs featured in the darkroom was a free event which introduced members of the Boys & Girls club to photography sponsored by the Student Art Association of the University of Mississippi.

TAYLORPALOOZA
2010
 Saturday,
May 8th, 2010

YAC Annual Membership Picnic!
Plein Air
Taylor, Mississippi
5pm to 8pm

Music by
The Cakewalkers
AND
Jake Fussell & Jamison Hollister

Food and fun provided
for the whole family!

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