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OZARK ARTS COUNCIL AND NORTH ARKANSAS PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH EDUCATION CALLS COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL, ENRICHMENT AND THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS IN THE ARTS

HARRISON, AR (June 22, 2009). –The Ozark Arts Council is holding a meeting to discuss the future of arts education programming. Members of the community with education, experience or interest in the arts, arts education, youth with special needs or learning disabilities, individuals with chronic illness, or senior health are invited to participate in a community discussion. The meeting will take place at the Lyric Theater in downtown Harrison, Arkansas on **Monday, July 13, 2009 at 5 p.m.**

The purpose of the meeting is to connect with individuals interested in building a healthy community through art programs. The Ozark Arts Council is partnering with North Arkansas Partnership for Health and Education to connect with individuals who have valuable experiences and knowledge to assist in developing arts programming. Information about the types of programs needed as well as options for future programs will be discussed.

The Ozark Arts Council and North Arkansas Partnership for Health Education are partnering to provide quality of life. Arts programs can improve community cohesiveness, improve and maintain health for our seniors and those with chronic illness, encourage academic achievement for youth, increase opportunities for at risk youth and the underserved. Studies show that bringing arts into the community is helpful in developing skills needed to succeed in life. Arts education programs develop creative problem-solving and cooperation. Successful programs are designed to build self-esteem, self-discipline, and group problem solving skills.

For school age youth, arts education programs can strengthen understanding of core subjects, making them more meaningful and fun. Youth arts education after school and summer programs can reinforce learning and help youth to retain information learned during regular school hours.

If you are interested in building a strong, healthy community through arts education programming, please consider attending the July 13th meeting. For more information about the meeting or upcoming workshops and events, visit the website at www.ozarkartscouncil.org, call 870.391.3504, or email ozarkartscouncil@gmail.com. The Ozark Arts Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching lives by promoting the arts in Harrison and North Arkansas.

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