

**Emergency Art Summit Part Deux,
Connecting The Dots: Value, Venue & Vision
to be held at ARTworks
2127 Boundary Street
(Kmart Plaza next to Omni Fitness Center)
March 16 @ 7pm**

The Arts Council of Beaufort County believes that it is important to bring the community together to create a vision for the Arts in Beaufort. We are committed to an open and transparent process that includes everyone in our community to join in the conversation. To aid in this process the ACBC has created a new web page for everyone interested in the data that has been collected to this point. You can find that information at www.beaufortcountyarts.com/

The theme for part Deux will be “Connecting the Dots: Value, Venue and Vision.” In this meeting we will talk about the value of the arts in the community and how we define the arts by breaking them into different categories. We will then look at where each arts organization, artist and interested party fits into the world of visual art, performing art, art education, community art, public art and all the other types of art experiences that exist in our universe.

Richard Florida suggests that one of the first things we can do to support the growth of the Creative Community is to connect the dots. By identifying the places that are already doing creative things and creating ways to connect those creative hot spots through cross promotion, signage, public transportation, etc, we can build a stronger Creative Economy which will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

At this meeting we will form small work groups, produce input for the lists of art resources that exist in our community, identify where the art is being presented and create an overview of the annual art and culture calendar cycle. Some of the activities will happen simultaneously and others will be in a town hall format of brainstorming ideas for participation in the arts as we prepare for our next meeting, which will address audience development.

We will also create teams to further discuss the Big Ideas created in our last meeting. While it is always important to move forward we must continue to articulate and define the ideas that have been developed by the group and place them in context with the vision we create through this process.

The meeting will begin @ 7pm sharp.

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AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

(brief intro from each person in attendance)

WHO ART? WHAT ART?

In this session the group will identify as many art groups/organizations as possible by genre or art form and list the programs offered by each

WHERE ART?

This session will use maps and post it notes to identify all potential and existing art venues in our community. This should include empty buildings, open spaces, established venues, satellite galleries, art classrooms and all potential opportunities to present Art

WHEN ART?

Here we will look at the calendar and start compiling a master calendar of all art events, festivals, classes, workshops, happenings, etc this will show us where the programming is the most dense and where we have opportunities to expand programming

WHAT IS MISSING?

We need look at what art we do have and where this art takes place. Art exists in many places that we don't even think about so we need to look at the map and include as many of those venues as we can identify. Once we have looked at 'what art and where art' we can start to look for places where we need additional programming, what is missing from our art landscape.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The next part of the process will be to decide how far we want to go with the planning process. I hope that this group, aided by others, will move forward to do what is called a Cultural Assessment, which would lead to a comprehensive Art and Culture plan for our community. This process would involve more meetings and more time but the results will mean a brighter future for the art scene in Beaufort and a better quality of life for all who choose to live here.