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The Sampson County Arts Council has been reorganized and is now making a concentrated effort to serve the county in a more positive way. As a county-wide arts organization, the Council plans to position itself as a general advocate for cultural events and programs for the arts. Plans are being developed to embrace the entire cultural community including (but not limited to) history, architecture, landscape design, recreation, parks, and more. "Quality of Life" items and emphasis on the encouragement and development of programs and ideas to improve the quality of life of all Sampson citizens will be stressed. A major component of the council's new mission will be arts education and cultural enrichment programs with plans for children. These activities are critical for a healthy and developing community. Some of the successful programs sponsored by the Arts Council have been the Fall Festival Crafts Show, the 2nd Annual Juried Art show, the Court Square Crafts Affair, the All-County Band, the Theatre for the Young, and support for other arts adventures. Sponsorship of these programs is possible by a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council and the Grassroots Arts Funds and local funding.

Currently serving on the Board of Directors are the following: Hazel Colwell, Lillie Grantham, George Jackson, Katrina Jackson, Tom Langdon, Margaret Malpass, Julia Miller, Janice Morgan, Norma Moore, Jane Nelson, Joann Parker, Sue Rauss, and Violet Working. The officers for the Sampson County Arts Council are: President, Norma Moore; Vice President, Margaret Malpass; Secretary, Joann Parker; and Treasurer, Hazel Colwell. For additional information about the council, please contact Norma Moore at 592-6669 or 533-3142, or any member of the board. The council will be returning to the calendar year for the annual membership period, beginning January 1988, with a concentrated membership solicitation drive the last of 1987. You will be hearing more about this in the next newsletter.

The Sampson County Arts Council is very proud to have the opportunity to use a room in the Victor R. Small Cultural Arts Center as an office and headquarters. An Open House will be held as soon as possible to share our progress with everyone.

The purpose of this newsletter will be to provide information, the key to coordination and cooperation within the agencies and systems currently working and developing arts programs. An arts calendar will be contained in each newsletter and will eventually prevent scheduling conflicts and problems. The Board of Directors for the Sampson County Arts Council should be comprised of 15 members. Nominations for the Board will be considered at the annual meeting in conjunction with the 1988 membership drive.

The 1988 Membership Drive will officially began in November but anyone interested can join now. Contributions are always welcome; both financial and physical, time and talents are vital to our success. Individual membership dues are \$12.00. Other information about patron and donor memberships will be available in November. Please make your check payable to the Sampson County Arts Council. Our mailing address is Post Office Box 841, Clinton, NC 28328.



The Sampson Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to enriching the cultural lives of Sampson County residents. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law and support our mission of nurturing and promoting the arts.