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Notes from the Board

Dear friends,

I'm happy to report to you that things are buzzing along at your Durango Arts Center! The DAC staff and board of directors-Allison Andersen, Amy Buchanan, Connie Imig, Rochelle Mann, Maureen May, Diane Panelli, Dennis Pierce, Cynthia Roebuck, Stephanie Smith, Janice Weeks, Diane Wildfang and I-are working steadily on many fronts:

- Strategic planning
- Creation of interesting, relevant programming
- Fundraising, grant writing and sponsorships
- Building use and contracts
- Collaboration with area arts organizations
- And more!



DAC board members prepare for their bi-monthly meeting.

Wasn't 20/20 *Vision* a great exhibit? It was wonderful to see the works of artists who have such a long, rich history with the Arts Center. I hope you came to see the *Open Doors & Open Studios* exhibit (and took advantage of the Open Studios tour) in September and *The Sacred* in October (a collaboration with the Sacred Arts Festival hosted at St. Mark's). The gallery finishes the year with an *African Market* and the traditional *Holiday Art Olé*, a great place to do your holiday shopping! By the time you read this, the DAC exhibits committee will have finalized the schedule for the Barbara Conrad Gallery for 2010. You will be in store for some beautiful, interesting (and, perhaps, challenging) exhibits in the new year.

DPAC is back at the DAC! In addition to the great programming for kids you've come to expect from DPAC- Applause!, Kids Take the Stage, there's a new program for children beginning this fall called F.A.T. Fridays (Friday Arts and Theater, in conjunction with DAC Kids) that takes advantage of 9R schools' early-release program. Students will have a variety of visual and performing arts options from which to choose. Fill your kids' Friday afternoons with fun and with creative, expressive activities!

Durango needs its Arts Center (as dozens, if not hundreds, of you have told me), and now, more than ever, we need you! Why not renew your membership or send a special gift today? We're very grateful for your continued support.

Happy fall! I hope to see you soon at the Durango Arts Center.

C. Scott Hagler
Interim Executive Director



Congratulations! The Durango Arts Center's DAC Kids' Arts After-School Program, formerly known as Arts Force, continues its eighteenth year offering visual and performing arts classes taught by local teaching artists in all seven district 9R elementary schools in Durango.

Look on the next page for more opportunities for kids at the DAC.

DAC to the Future

"DAC to the Future," a fundraising event, takes place at the Durango Arts Center on Thursday, October 15. We will be hosting 100 guests at a light breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and another 100 guests for a light lunch from noon to 1 p.m. This free one-hour event follows a well-designed formula intended to inspire guests to contribute to the Arts Center. The DAC's board of directors will also share their vision and strategy for the DAC. If you are interested in attending and have not received an invitation, e-mail allison.andersen@kornferry.com.

Thanks to the table captains, who are the most essential element in ensuring the success of the event: Allison Andersen, Amy Buchanan, Mary Lyn Ballantine, Bob and Nancy Conrad, Ann Flatten, Michele Hegenwald, Karen Hwang, Connie Imig, Ruth Katzin, Linda Mack, Rochelle Mann, Maureen May, Polly Morgenstern, Diane Panelli, Dennis Pierce, Cynthia Roebuck, Stephanie Smith, Carol Salomon and Janice Weeks, and to the many sponsors, donors and participants who will be giving so generously to this event.

A Call to Volunteer

Peruse any article about non-profits, and there are many on the Internet, and you will find that one of the characteristics of the organization is that it has a small paid staff and depends on volunteers to perform the bulk of the work. The DAC was created by volunteers, and from its inception depended on volunteers to get the job done! By volunteering you become an important part of the organization and can help fulfill the vision of **your** community's Arts Center. Things don't "just happen" here — it takes "volunteer power" to make them work.

We always welcome new volunteers, and we invite you to join an already great team. Can you give 3 ½ hours once a week, once a month or once in a while to staff the front desk, the Gallery Shop or the gallery? Because of the increasing popularity of the Art in the Schools program, the docents need more members. The exhibits committee invites you to assist with gallery installations and maintenance, and an extra hand or two is always welcome to bartend at receptions. The interior and exterior of the building could use a little TLC: refurbishing the trim on the outside woodwork, washing windows and other sprucing up. There are opportunities to help with the kids' visual and performing arts. Your participation on the membership or volunteer committee is always appreciated as is your participation in assisting with special events.

Volunteer job descriptions and monthly opportunities are on the DAC's web site under DAC Needs You/Volunteers/Volunteer Opportunities. Call Jeannie at 259-2606 to offer your services.

Thanks to all of you who work behind the scenes and on the front lines. Your support is so very vital! Remember to mark your calendar for the annual Volunteer Gala and *Holiday Art Olé* preview night on Thursday, November 19 from 4 to 6 p.m., when we honor you for your hard work and dedication.



Volunteer Tricia Bayless tidies up the bulletin board in the DAC lobby.