



*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens
can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Mead

Dear friend of the arts,

**Board
of
Directors**

Thank you so much for your support of our efforts to make a small change in our local Shenandoah County world. Your contribution to our campaign to restore the old Edinburg School and turn it into an arts center is much appreciated. Unfortunately, we have had to concede that the time for this change has not come.

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We needed to raise \$1 million by August to qualify for \$1.5 million from the county. So far we have raised just \$300,000 in cash and pledges. The board of directors of the Shenandoah Arts Center Foundation (SACF) agreed that raising \$700,000 before the deadline was not feasible. After much deliberation and with deep regret, we decided to suspend our operations and begin the task of returning gifts to those who have supported the project.

Do know that we are ever grateful to you for sharing our dream of a Shenandoah County Arts Center. We sincerely hope that our community will support such a rewarding resource some time in the near future. We also thank the ShenTel Foundation and the County Board of Supervisors for their pledges and support.

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Now, we need to know how you would like us to handle your contribution. We can return the gift to you or you may direct us to donate it to a local non-profit 501(c) (3) of your choice (minus a very small percentage for fundraising and related costs).

On the enclosed form, you'll find a list of local arts organizations you may want to honor with your contribution, in keeping with the spirit of your original donation. A brief description of each is on the reverse side of this letter. You'll also find a space on the form to designate another 501 (c) (3) choice and give all of the appropriate contact information. We will forward your memorial designation, if any, along with your gift.

We suggest you consult your tax advisor with any questions you may have on implications of the return or transfer of your original gift. Also, on the reverse of the form, you will find a precise definition of what kind of organizations qualify to receive your redesignated donation.

Please return the enclosed form by August 15. If we do not hear from you by then, we will forward your contribution to a non-profit of our choosing. If you have any questions please call 540-984-2020 or e-mail info@shenandoahartscenterfoundation.org

Thanks again for your support and we sincerely hope you will continue to work to make Shenandoah County an ever better place to live.

With appreciation,
The Board of Directors
Shenandoah Arts Center Foundation

Shenandoah County Arts Organizations

The Art Group Gallery

www.theartgroup.org

This is a nonprofit cooperative of artists whose goal is to promote the art and artists in the Shenandoah Valley in a fun and relaxed community atmosphere. The Group maintains a gallery on Main Street in Mt. Jackson showcasing local artists. They also have regular evening musical performances and conduct arts classes for the public.

Masterworks Chorus

www.masterworkschorus.com

A regional choral society of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, the Masterworks Chorus was organized to provide an outlet for local talent and to offer the community performances that cover a wide range of choral literature. Their educational, inspirational and entertaining concerts are held throughout the Valley. The chorus is open to all qualified singers.

Shenandoah Valley Music Festival

www.musicfest.org

Now in its 46th year, the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival was created to foster knowledge and appreciation of a range of fine music through professional performances of the highest quality. The summer concerts, ranging from classical to folk to jazz, are held in an open-air pavillion at Orkney Springs with lawn seating where music lovers enjoy picnics and relaxing under the stars.

Theater Shenandoah

www.theatershenandoah.com

Organized in 1990, Theater Shenandoah, a non-profit community group, has performed in many venues around the area and is actively raising funds to update the Old Opera House/Town Hall in Edinburg to have a permanent home. Their efforts would provide the county with a much needed facility for stage productions. During a typical season, they perform a musical, drama, and comedy.

VECCA (Valley Educational Center for the Creatives Arts) www.veccaarts.org

VECCA is dedicated to bringing the arts and the community together through educational and cultural programs. Professional instructors and talented area artists share their skills with the public in classes held at the Old Edinburg School. VECCA is a partner in The 7 East Art Gallery in Woodstock where local artists exhibit. The group's mission is to inspire and encourage creativity.