



## Perrysburg Area Arts Council

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For immediate release: Perrysburg Area Arts Council to host Community Forum May 19

The Perrysburg Area Arts Council (PAAC) Board of Trustees has announced it will host a community forum on Wednesday, May 19, from 7 to 9pm, at Way Public Library in Perrysburg. The purpose of the forum, which is free and open to the public, is to gain input about community expectations of cultural arts programming in the Perrysburg area.

Last month, PAAC announced to Perrysburg City Council and Perrysburg Township Trustees that it has initiated a new strategic planning process.

“Perrysburg Arts’ Strategic Plan will take it from 2010 through 2015, readying for 2016 - when Perrysburg celebrates its 200th anniversary,” said PAAC President Diana Hersch, who will conduct the forum. The community will be asked to participate in a survey, which will help inform the PAAC Strategic Plan and shape future arts programming. Surveys will be available at the forums and online after May 15 at [www.perrysburgarts.org](http://www.perrysburgarts.org)

Community input to strategic planning will ensure that future PAAC initiatives will be as successful as those already implemented. PAAC hopes to gather information from area arts organizations, business leaders, elected officials, arts patrons and Perrysburg area residents as it develops the plan.

Last year, PAAC celebrated 20 years of quality programming including an unprecedented Art Along the River exhibit, enhanced musical performances, scholarships and expanded children’s art classes.

In 2010, the Arts Council hired Executive Director Valerie French, who, together with Assistant Director Jennifer Solon, has scheduled an impressive summer and fall event lineup, which includes the addition of a July 10 Midsummer ArtFest, and an annual awards ceremony to recognize those who support arts in the community.

PAAC is conserving its resources while stretching its boundaries by aligning with Imagination Station (formerly COSI) in downtown Toledo to bring Creation Station art-of-science activities to First Fridays in downtown Perrysburg. PAAC also has partnered with area restaurants to offer artists exhibits within their establishments, providing the artists with greater exposure and patrons with enriched dining experiences.

The Perrysburg Area Arts Council was founded in 1989 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of cultural arts. It is funded through the Ohio Arts Council, the City of Perrysburg, Perrysburg Township, corporate sponsors, other community-minded businesses, and through its membership.

For details on how to become a PAAC member, cultural arts partner, or for other information, call 419-873-ARTS (2787) or visit [www.perrysburgarts.org](http://www.perrysburgarts.org)

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