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Dear 2008 Arts in Bartlett members and friends:

We are pleased to report another full year, our 6th, of building community through the arts. Your support has it possible for us to offer the following programs during 2008:

- The Bartlett International Chorus, which performs at no cost at community events, whose repertoire includes songs in other languages such as Chinese. It was the only non-Asian group invited to perform at the May 31, 2008, Grand Concert at Schaumburg Prairie Arts Center for the Arts. Its appearance with the Bartlett High School choir at the 2008 spring concert earned a standing ovation. The chorus is invited back for the high school's December winter concert. The Chorus also performed twice for the Bartlett History Museum's Lincoln Memorial President's program in September.
- An "After Hours" Film Series at the Bartlett Public Library, showing principally documentaries and foreign films.
- Children art activities at Bartlett Farmer's Market, National Night Out, and other community events such as Hanover Township/Victory Centre's "Just for the Health of It!" Community Health & Wellness Expo.
- Expansion of the 6th annual Art Fair to a more comprehensive Festival of the Arts, with more entertainment and adding storytelling, theater, and culinary events/wine tastings to the events. A portion of the expenses are supported by business sponsorships and the Village of Bartlett.
- Bartlett's only Art Gallery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Village Hall, developing new exhibits every 2 months, accompanied by artist receptions with refreshments. Some of the most successful in 2008 were a display of students from art classes at Hanover Township Senior, two one-person shows, Bartlett historic buildings photo exhibit with the Bartlett Historical Society, a three-person show of Victory Centre resident artists and two members-only exhibits, one at Hanover Park Park District Gallery.
- Expanding programming to the senior population with drumming circles, regular Hawaiian dance classes, and weekly art classes led by qualified outside instructors and promoted through the media as free and open to area senior citizens.
- Sending leadership to workshops about grant writing and board development and becoming part of the Local Arts Network, a support group for Illinois arts councils.
- Maintaining an office and a website, made possible by an operations grant from the Illinois Arts Council

- Paying a small stipend to a high school intern, made possible by a Youth Employment grant from the Illinois Arts Council..
- Giving a \$1,000 scholarship to a U-46 high school senior who plans to have a career in the arts

**New in 2009:** Participating in The Big Read, in partnership with the Bartlett Public Library and other community groups to encourage community-wide reading and discussion of the classic Jack London novel, "Call of the Wild," with a sled dog Buck as the main character. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

Activities will take place from February 1, 2009, through March 15, 2009.. Arts in Bartlett has pledged \$500 in matching money required by the NEA to show public support and to be used in some of our planned stand-alone events not funded by the NEA grant to the library. These planned events include photo portraits of local community leaders reading the book, a Buck look-alike contest, a Buck drawing contest for children, book discussions, book giveaways, an International Chorus concert with music from the era of the Yukon Gold Rush, and a blog to read and discuss the book online.

**Much of our extra programming is supported by memberships in Arts in Bartlett.**

Members are first to get information on activities and programs during the year. For selected events, programs and classes with a fee, Arts in Bartlett members will receive discounts or attend at no charge. Also, if an event has a limited number of participants, members enjoy priority status

The highest level of support from families or individuals is **Sustaining Member**. We urge you to step up and show you believe in enhancing the quality of life in our community by supporting the activities of a dynamic arts council. **Civic Members** get the extra benefit of having their organization's events and programs announced in the Arts in Bartlett newsletter and emails. We also welcome planning joint programs and events with our civic partners. **Corporate members** receive many benefits, including a company profile or ad in our newsletter if desired, first choices of sponsorships for the Arts Festival, a free ad in the Festival program, and other possibilities such as art exhibits or music for special events in your business.

Please see your personalized renewal form, make any corrections needed and fill in blanks. If you have an email, please put it down as we do the majority of our communications through email. We look forward to receiving your commitment to building community through the arts.

ARTS IN BARTLETT 2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City/State/Zip**

**Home Phone:**

**Work Phone:**

**E-mail:**

**Individual Membership**                      **\$15.00**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Membership**                      **\$25.00**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
For all members of your immediate family

**Student Membership**                      **\$10.00**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Full time students through college

**Senior Citizen Membership**                      **\$10.00**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Individuals 62 years young or more

**Civic Organization Membership**  
Other non profit organizations                      **\$50.00**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Corporate Membership**  
Private sector businesses                      **\$150.00**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sustaining Membership**                      **100.00**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The highest level of individual or family support

**Additional Donation**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Any amount is very much appreciated.

**TOTAL**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make your check payable to Arts in Bartlett.***  
*Mail to Arts in Bartlett, PO Box 8393, Bartlett, IL 60103.*

*All memberships and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed.*

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