The Arts Council of Martin County

ANNUAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2015-SEPTEMBER 2016

Inspiring participation in and a passion for the arts in our community since 1980!

The Leadership Team

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Thomas Winter, *Chairperson*
- Hank Gonzalez, *Vice Chair*
- Deborah Owens, *Vice Chair*
- Nicki Schoonover, *Secretary*
- Neil Capozzi, *Treasurer*
- Lisa P Young, *Past Chairman*

DIRECTORS

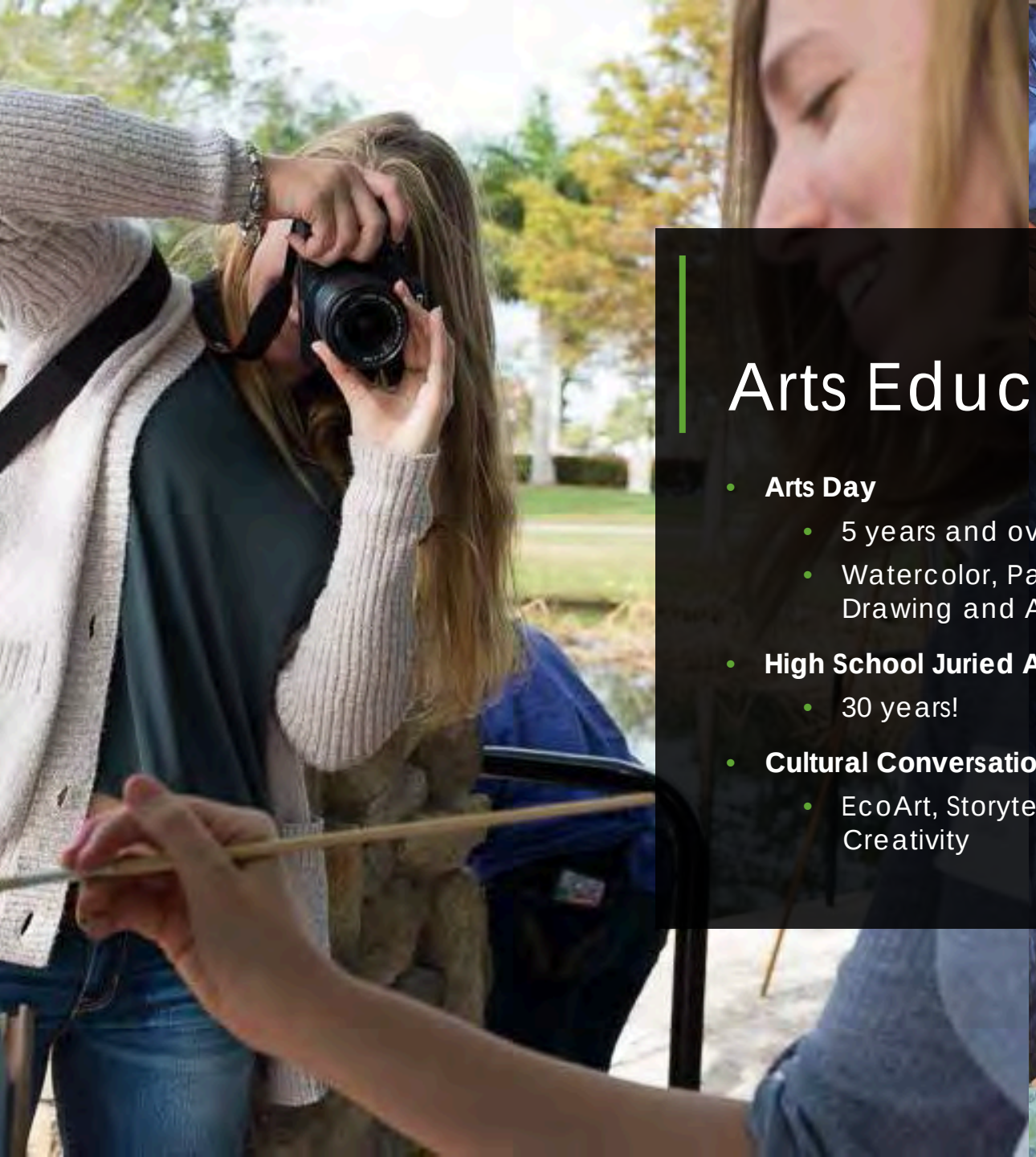
- Lynne Barletta
- Tim Kimes
- Sheila Kurtz
- Mary Ann Loomis
- Maria Miele
- Jacqueline Millstone
- Elliot Paul

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

- Commissioner Eula Clarke, City of Stuart
- Commissioner Doug Smith, Martin County
- Christia Li Roberts, Martin County School Board

STAFF

- Nancy K. Turrell, Executive Director
- Karen L. Barnes, Office & Finance Manager
- Laura Daniel, Marketing & Fund Development Manager
- Jennifer Hearn, Arts Programs Manager
- Elise Raffa, Communications Coordinator



Arts Education

- **Arts Day**
  - 5 years and over 350 students!
  - Watercolor, Pastels, Photography, Drawing and Acrylics
- **High School Juried Art Show**
  - 30 years!
- **Cultural Conversations @ School**
  - EcoArt, Storytelling, Ceramics and Creativity

Court House Cultural Center

- 3200+ Visitors
- 50+ Volunteers: Docents & Gallery Committee
- 2015-16 Season:
  - All Florida Juried Show
  - Masters & Mentors
  - Earth to Table
  - MSC HSJAS
  - Artful Color

MartinArts: *Engaging & Growing the Audience*

- MartinArtsMagazine
  - Growing & Expanding! Over 10,000 distributed.
- MartinArts.org
  - Top Pages: ArtsFest, Calendar and Calls to Artists
  - Visitors: Over 27,000 - nearly 30% growth
- MartinArtsMonthly (e-news)
  - Growing Email List! Over 3,200 – up over 40%
- MartinArtsCurrents
  - Arts & Cultural Calendar Highlights
- Social Media
  - Facebook – Page Likes Increased 25%
    - Top Total Reach > 4,800
  - Blog, Twitter, too…

ArtsFest 2016

A weekend full of the

- Visual Arts
- Literary Arts
- Culinary Arts
- Performing Arts

Fall In Love… at the mARTies

- Over 200 guests applauded and celebrated the arts in October 2015.
- Special Thank You to our Sponsors for a wonderful night:
  - The Terrio Group
  - Crary Buchanan Law Offices
  - Karen Barnes
  - Members of the Encore Society

Cultural Conversations

- Supported by Wilmington Trust
- Introduced: Coffee with the Conductor in partnership with the ACO
- Hosted a remarkable season of guests:
  - Peter Lawson-Johnston, grandson of Solomon Guggenheim
  - Peter Cummings, arts and music patron
  - Lucy Keshavarz, eco-artist
  - Plus student programs with support from the NEA including eco-art, story telling, creativity and ceramics

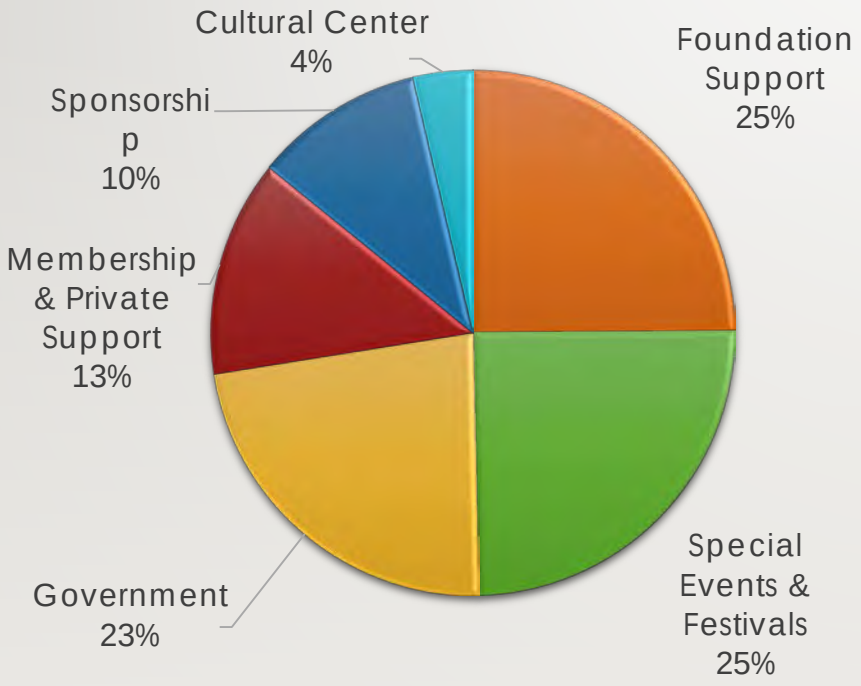
New Initiatives & Events

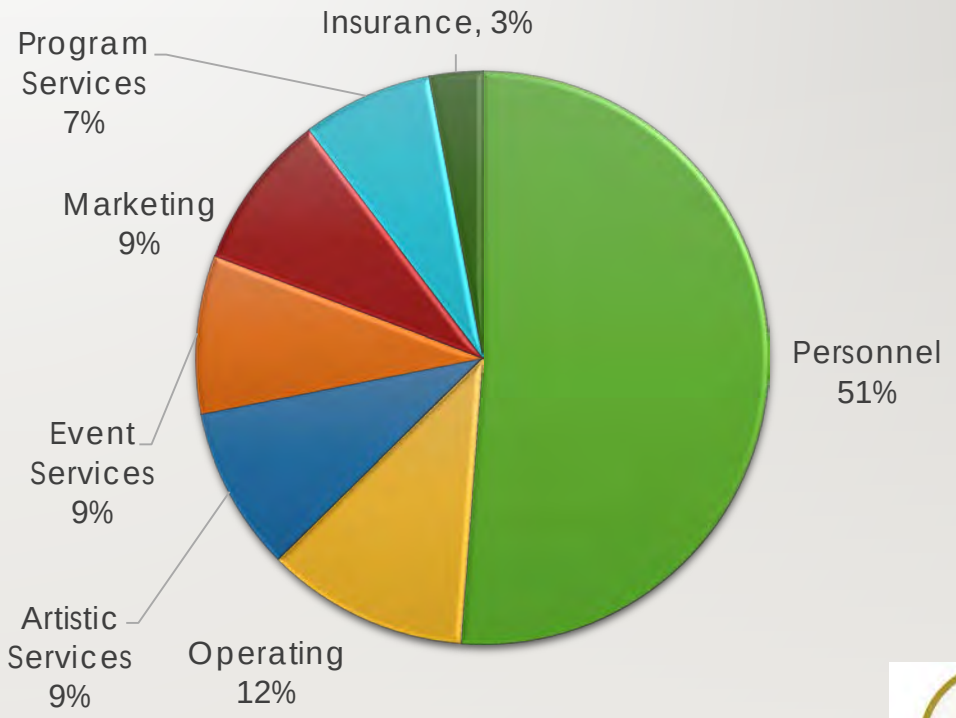
- Sunset Concerts, sponsored by the Marie & J. Calvin Jureit Foundation
- Havana Nights, hosted by the David S. Millstone Arts Foundation
- MartinArtsMonth, collaboration with the County Office of Tourism, City of Stuart and cultural venues

Members, Sponsors and more! Thank you…

- New Encore Society – debuted with 4 charter members!
- Welcome 65 NEW Members to roster of 275!
- New Membership Benefits starting October 1
- Sponsors Grew to $57,000, up 30%

Arts Council Financial Information





The Arts Foundation for Martin County

- Created to support the programs and services of the Arts Council and the arts community.
- Ronald L Corbin Scholarship Fund
  - 4-year scholarship ($2000) was awarded to Lucia Izzolo during the May 2016 year-end concert of OPUS.
- In partnership with the Council created the “Arts Council of Martin County Endowment Fund” at the Community Foundation for Martin Counties in the amount of $50,000, thanks to the FOREVER ARTS challenge campaign.

Women Supporting the Arts

- Since 2004, more than $257,000 in grants have been awarded to artists and arts-related programs by Women Supporting the Arts (WSA).
- In FY 2016, $28,000 including $2,500 for a future public art project.

A glance at the year ahead…

- mARTies: October 25
- Havana Nights: January 14
- ArtsFest 2017: February 11 & 12
  - *Partnership with the Lyric for Nestor Torres @ ArtsFest plus, March 31 performance on the Lyric Stage with local jazz students*
- Sunset Concerts: 2nd Tuesday (Oct-May)
- Cultural Conversations
  - *Coffee with the Conductor (Jan-Apr)*
- Court House Cultural Center
  - *All Florida, All Media Juried (Sept. 23)*
  - *A Retrospective: 30 Years of High School Artists (Nov. 18)*
  - *Stitched: Embracing the Quilt as Fine Art (Jan. 20)*
  - *connect:disconnect (Mar. 3)*
  - *Marvin S. Cone High School Juried Art Show (Apr. 20)*
  - *Artful Color (June 9)*

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Planning for the Future

- The year 2020 is our 40th Anniversary.
- The board of directors and staff have started a multi-year planning process to be ready to tackle our next 40 years.
  - New Programming: Engaging our Youth and our Diverse Community
  - New Artists Spaces & Opportunities
  - Building Greater Financial Resources and Support

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