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New Downtown Archbold Community Arts Center

Archbold, OH (August 8, 2023) – Black Swamp Arts Council (BSAC) is thrilled to announce a new chapter in its mission to promote and celebrate the arts in northwest Ohio. The Edward and Mildred Roth family have generously donated the historic building at 210 N. Defiance Street, in downtown Archbold, to create a permanent community arts center. The Roths' visionary gift will allow BSAC to expand its presence and impact on the artistic development and cultural engagement in the region. The forthcoming Black Swamp Arts Center will provide a creative space where the community comes together to explore, learn, and celebrate the arts.

Diane Tinsman, Board President of the Black Swamp Arts Council, expressed her elation. "We are excited, and deeply honored and grateful, to the Roth family for entrusting us with this transformational gift. They have had a lifelong engagement with the arts, and believe art should be an integral part of our lives. The Black Swamp Arts Center will become a vibrant hub, fostering artistic expression, nurturing talent, and creating a sense of community connection and pride. It will enrich the cultural landscape of Archbold and the surrounding area."

Black Swamp Arts Council has been a prominent force in promoting the arts and providing creative opportunities in the four county area for over two decades. The creation of the arts center will further enhance the Council's mission and expand its outreach, serve more individuals, and provide a dedicated location for people to discover additional arts offerings. BSAC envisions a dynamic floor plan that will house gallery space, offer a wide range of classes and workshops, host art parties and private art events, and accommodate after school art clubs.

The arts council is developing plans to renovate and outfit the building, ensuring that it becomes a quality facility that is welcoming to all members of the community. From visual arts and crafts to music, theater, and literary arts, the new facility will offer opportunities for budding artists and crafters, seasoned professionals, and enthusiasts alike to come together in the spirit of creativity and collaboration. Further details on the Black Swamp Arts Center project, including timelines, programs, and ways to contribute, will be released in the coming months. BSAC encourages individuals, businesses, and organizations passionate about the arts to join them in this visionary endeavor.

Black Swamp Arts Council is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 with the mission to promote the visual, performing and literary arts in our area and make them accessible to everyone. For more information, visit www.blackswamparts.com and Facebook.

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