



Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist when you grow up.

~ Pablo Picasso

Students engaged in arts learning have higher GPAs and lower dropout rates. Standardized test scores are higher as well.



A high concentration of the arts leads to higher civic engagements and a more connected community.



Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.

~ Albert Einstein



The HeART of the Community

The Black Swamp Arts Center will provide a creative space where the community comes together to explore, learn, and celebrate the arts. It will be a vibrant hub, fostering artistic expression, nurturing talent, and creating a sense of community connection and pride. The center will enrich the cultural landscape of Archbold and the surrounding area.



From visual arts and crafts to music, theater, and literary arts, the new facility will offer opportunities for all members of the community, of all ability levels, to come together in the spirit of creativity and collaboration.

Our anticipated opening date is September 28, 2024!

A Leader in Arts Programming in NW Ohio Since 1999

Black Swamp Arts Council was born out of the vision to offer a wide range of arts opportunities, and make them accessible to everyone. For 25 years, we've been the foremost provider of, and advocate for, arts programming in rural NW Ohio.

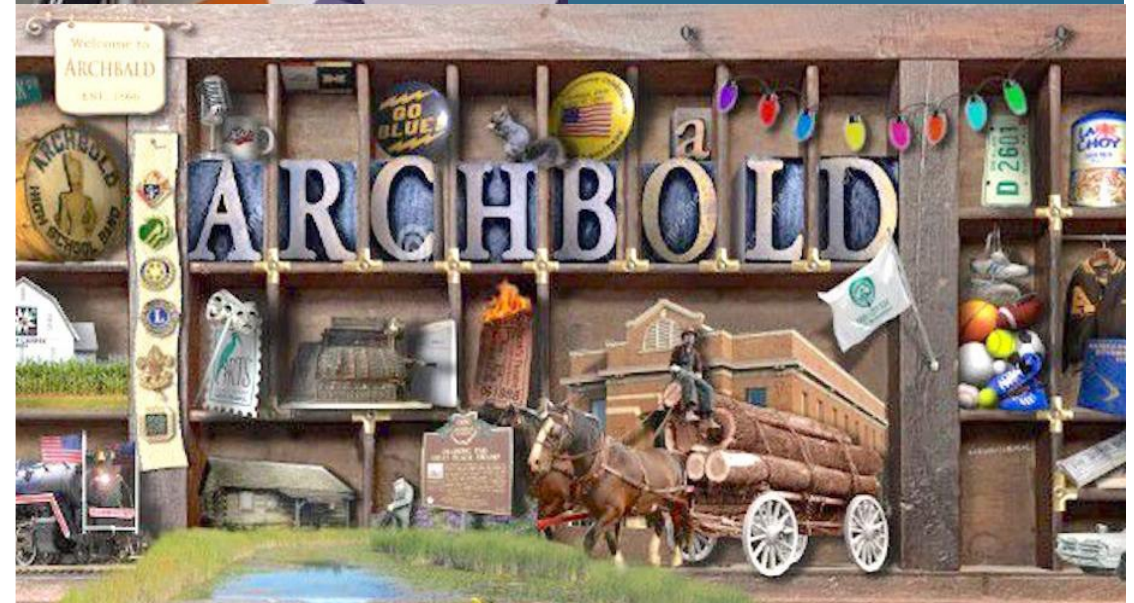
In August, 2023, the Edward and Mildred Roth family gifted an historic building to become a permanent community arts center. The 2,500 sq. ft. space will allow us to expand our mission, serve more individuals, and provide a dedicated facility for people to discover engaging arts offerings. The center will draw people to downtown Archbold for classes, exhibits, and other creative events. A vibrant arts and culture scene enhances economic development and quality of life, particularly in underserved rural areas.

The building requires significant renovations to provide a functional, multipurpose, accessible arts space where area residents can explore and engage their artistry. Highlights of the facility include gallery, classroom and performance spaces, a kiln, ADA facilities, and room to host private arts functions. We invite you to support the new Black Swamp Arts Center – Archbold's heART of creativity!

Giving Levels and Budget

• Collector	\$50,000+	• Curator	\$20,000 - \$49,999
• Patron	\$10,000 - \$19,999	• Enthusiast	\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999
• Partner	\$ 1,000 - \$ 4,999	• Friend	\$ 500 - \$ 999

• Building Repairs	\$ 45,000
• General Contractor	\$ 40,000
• Cosmetic Updates	\$ 35,000
• Electrical/Plumbing/ADA Restroom	\$ 30,000
• Cabinets/Kitchen	\$ 25,000
• Security/Point of Sale/IT	\$ 10,000
• Furniture	\$ 5,000
• Kiln and clay supplies	\$ 5,000
• General Supplies	\$ 5,000
• Utilities and initial year of operations	\$ 50,000
• Total Capital Campaign Request	\$250,000



Black Swamp Arts Council is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1999, with the mission to promote the visual, performing and literary arts in our area and make them accessible to everyone.