

# PRESS RELEASE: CLARK CULTURAL ART CENTER (CART) 2020 COMMUNITY MEETING ON THE FUTURE OF ART IN CLARK COUNTY

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An open Community Meeting on next steps and the future of art in Clark County

Neillsville, Wisconsin – January 14, 2020.

An open Community Arts Meeting will be held at the Clark County Art Center (CART) - 201 E. 4th Street, Neillsville, WI on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. This free and open event will be held in the Main Art Gallery at CART and will feature an open panel discussion with board members.

The purpose of the meeting will be to develop the next plan of action for representing Arts in Clark County with community input on needs and objectives through questions and discussion with participants. Topics discussed will include classes to be offered, music events, theatrical performances, Art Exhibits, Kids' Art Camps, Culinary Classes, Mural Artworks and more. Information on community volunteer opportunities on committees, board members positions, and grant and public relations work will also be shared. Information will be shared and questions welcomed on any topics ranging from CART's Mission Statement and the Vision of the organization to how our communities can best express arts in Clark County.

Questions can be submitted before the event by email to [lindahgrants@gmail.com](mailto:lindahgrants@gmail.com). For email - please use "Re: Arts Future" in the subject line. Questions can also be submitted in writing at the door. The discussion will be moderated in order for all voices to be heard.

The initial CART community meeting was held January 18, 2015 when the community named the Art Center “Clark Cultural Art Center” (CART) and provided input on how CART could best serve the county in promoting the arts. CART became a fully operating Non-profit organization shortly thereafter. Current board members are Dr. Sarah Holets, Linda Garrett-Holets, Barb Petkovsek, Tom Bechtel, Shawn Ganther, Lorna Vazquez, Christine Keller, Jan Drinsinger, Ryan Tews, Ned Carlson, and Jennifer Weiler.

The Clark Cultural Art Center has been contributing arts in our community since 2015. Let’s take a look of previous art events; 2015-2019 March for Art Kids Art Exhibit from 5k-12th Grade in partnership with Clark County School District- Art Teachers, Dinner Theater Shows in partnership with Neillsville Area Players, Christmas Historic Tour of Homes in partnership with The Neillsville Historic Preservation Commission, Art Exhibits and Art Educational Classes during Neillsville Seasonal Carnivals in partnership with Neillsville Area Chamber of Commerce, Neillsville Heritage Days Art Exhibits and Art Educational Events in partnership with the City of Neillsville, Culinary cooking classes for Adults and Cooking basics 5k-8th Grade in partnership with local businesses, The “Tars Sands Art Project” in partnership with the Sierra Club-John Muir Chapter, The House of Mercy benefit and other fundraisers for local Non-Profits (that follow our “Do Good” motto). CART’s continuous Art, Music, Theatrical, Body Movement and Culinary classes, as well as the Art Exhibits and our Annual Fundraiser the “Ugly Sweater 1-2 mile Fun Walk/Run” a colorful way to exhibit the artistic healthy way of life in partnership with local business, WCCN, and Memorial Medical Center/Marshfield Clinic, and with so many other art educational classes, events, and art exhibits, we could go on and on.

Please come to this meeting and help with creating the Future of Arts in Clark County Wisconsin. The Board of Directors of CART would graciously like to Thank all of the volunteers, the personal sponsors, local businesses, Neillsville City and the Listerman Foundation for the

selfless contributions in preserving the arts in our Clark County Wisconsin.