

Who We Are

The Avery Arts Council was founded in May 1977 as a non-profit arts organization to promote cultural arts in Avery County. For 30 years, the Council has brought meaningful programs to the local schools and community, and today strives to be the arts and cultural center of Avery County.



AAC is governed by a volunteer board of directors and employs one executive director. Funding for the Council is provided by individual and business membership contributions, annual fundraising events, and grants. AAC is grateful for support from the North Carolina Arts Council Grassroots Grant Program.



www.ncarts.org

Cheese House Gallery Information

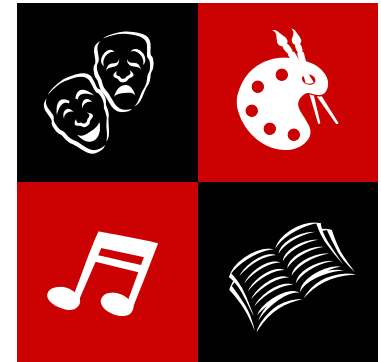
Located at 630 Shawneehaw Avenue (Hwy 184) in Banner Elk, the *Cheese House Gallery* is operated by the Avery Arts Council.

(Scheduled to open May 2008)

Following are some of the policies of the *Cheese House Gallery*. **Please contact the ACAC office for a complete set of Policies & Guidelines.**

- All work must be original/handmade (not made from kits)
- Participating artists must live in Avery County or one of the adjoining counties for some portion of the year, and must be a current member of the Avery Arts Council.
- All exhibited works will be contracted for a specified period of time
- 75% of the proceeds from any sale will go to the artist, with 25% going to AAC to cover operational expenses
- It is requested that exhibiting artists volunteer in the Gallery sometime while his/her work is on display
- The Avery Arts Council is responsible for the final selection of all works exhibited at the Cheese House

*Avery County
Arts Council*



...for love of the Arts!

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What We Do

Youth Programs

Every year, hundreds of Avery County youth benefit from programs and performances sponsored by the Avery County Arts Council (ACAC). The Council offers financial and administrative assistance to local schools and youth organizations for:

- **Artists-In-Residence**, providing Avery County students with hands-on instruction by professional artists in a variety of fields
- **School Performances**, by local and regional professional artists
- **Scholarships**, for college-bound Avery County students



Community Events and Programs

Annual events, such as The Riverwalk Arts Festival (formerly On-the-Square) and the Mountain Palette Arts Gala, serve as showcases for local artists as well as fundraisers for ACAC. We also organize a variety of concerts and programs to celebrate traditional Appalachian culture.

As a service to the community ACAC offers Grassroots grants to local schools, organizations and artists for their arts programs. We also participate in a variety of community events such as the Avery County Agriculture & Horticulture Fair and the Global Community Week at Lees-McRae College.

ACAC strives to be a resource for local artists. Workshops and seminars are planned to help artists improve and share their work. Artists also receive notification of regional calls-for-art.



MISSION: To enrich the people of Avery County through meaningful arts and cultural experiences.

Member Benefits

- Discounts on ACAC events/programs
- 10% discount on in-store purchases at Cheap Joe's Art Stuff (Cheap Joe's label only)
- 10% discount on all purchases from Crossnore Weavers Gallery
- Reduced rates for Riverwalk Arts & Crafts Festival vendor booths
- Subscription to the *Update*, ACAC's quarterly newsletter
- A link to your business on the ACAC website (Business level & above)

(See reverse for Cheese House Gallery information)

Get Involved

Want help to AAC accomplish its goals? Support the arts in Avery County by:



- Becoming an AAC member
- Volunteering your time
- Contributing works of art for special exhibits/AAC fundraisers
- Sponsoring a specific program/event
- Providing a student scholarship for an art/music camp



Membership Form

Name (Individual or Business)

Mailing Address

Phone (day) (evening)

E-mail

Membership Levels (Memberships are for one year)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (individual/business) | \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curator (individual/business) | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor (individual/business) | \$1000 and above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | \$ _____ |

Please check all that apply:

- I would like to learn about volunteer opportunities
- I am an artist
Please indicate medium you work in, instrument you play, or other area of work _____
- Please add me to your e-mail distribution list to receive information about exhibit/performance opportunities and other arts-related news

Signature

Please return this form to the ACAC office with your check made payable to:

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