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Geauga Arts Council Seeking Board Members

The Geauga Council for Arts & Culture is now accepting applications from those who may be interested in serving on its Board. Several seats are open. Mrs. Anne Prusha, President, stressed that it is not at all necessary to be an artist to serve on its Board. "We are in need of Board members with a variety of areas of expertise; legal, fiscal, fund raising, public relations, computer skills, business acumen or contacts in the community," said Prusha. The Board is comprised of a balance of artists, supporters and funders. "If you believe in the value of the arts for our community, then you are a potential candidate." said Prusha. Letters must be received by Friday, November 4, 2011.

The Board meets monthly at Heinen's café on the second Thursday of each month. Each Board member is asked to become involved in at least one of the annual activities and more if you wish. The first program in the year is Ovation!, an Academy Award type awards program for students in the Spring musicals usually held early May. In June, they host Stop! Shop! or Swap! where they create an opportunity for folks to trade in art work for something new and different. In August they have a booth at the Chardon Art in the Park. Also in August is the Juried Art Show at the Geauga West Library in Chesterland.

In September, this year they sponsored a free concert at at Munson Township Park. In October they "Celebrate Seniors in the Arts," a program that is held during the day and is geared primarily toward senior citizens. In December, they invite Bill Hixson to come and speak about his 36 years decorating the White House as well as hold an auction of original hand crafted holiday ornaments created by local artists.

Art in the Mart is an on-going program that puts original art in high traffic areas in the community. Current sites include the Geauga Y, UH Geauga Medical Center, and Kent State Geauga. "We currently have more ideas than we have people to carry them out," said Prusha. "If you have an idea that you would like to see implemented, we are open to suggestion."

There is also an attempt to make sure that all geographic areas of the County are represented.

If you are interested and if you have a skill or talent to contribute, all that you need to do is to write a one page letter describing your interests and skills and explaining why you would like to serve on the Board of the Geauga Council for Arts & Culture. Send your application by November 4, to presidentgcac@gmail.com, or mail it to P.O. Box 104, Chardon, 44024. For additional information about the Council, go to www.geaugaartscouncil.org or call 440-537-3344. Be sure to include your phone number and e-mail address so that you can be contacted for an interview.