

Creative Communities: Crafting a Culture for the Arts

February 29, 2008 – Rocky Mount Imperial Centre

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The workshop will examine the role of arts in local economic development and provide community leaders and citizens with ideas for developing and nurturing a local arts culture. The workshop is designed to answer the following questions:

- What is the value in developing the arts in the community?
 - Why should a town support the arts?
 - What can towns do to support and grow a culture of the arts?
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9:00 – Registration

9:15 – Welcome

9:30 – Arts and Economic Development: the whys and hows
Becky Anderson: Handmade in America

12:00 – Break /collect box lunches

12:15 – Objects Found: artists in your community
Panel discussion with local artists – moderated by Becky Anderson

Art: *Robert Ebendorf*
Music: *Adam Sebti*
Film: *Martha Daniel and Caroline Paxton*
Textiles: *TBA*

1:15 – Generating Markets for Artists: a town's role
Judy Jennette: Mayor of Washington

2:00 – Parallel Sessions: creating opportunities

Session I

Developing Physical Space
Imperial Centre – Peter Varney
Turnage Theatre – Robert Chumbley
Space and the Artist – Timothy Lazure

Session II

Supporting and Promoting the Arts
Pocosin Arts – Feather Phillips
Emerge Gallery and Art Center – Holly Garriott
Gorsline Museum – Frank Dooley (FoR ENC)

3:00 – Next Steps: resources to support the arts
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3:30 – Close