

Greetings Friends of the Arts,

I am honored to serve as the Executive Director of this outstanding Arts organization. Many dedicated people have devoted time and effort to making the Center become a reality. I am privileged to follow in their footsteps and hope that 2021 will enable us to take greater strides toward making all the facilities and programming of the Center a reality. As you note, there are many fund-raising efforts underway, but I wanted you to know we are planning new programming for the upcoming year. First will be the initiation of our new podcast – ArtSmash. We will begin shortly. Additionally we are planning a creative writer’s workshop and master class with noted author Judy Kelly. Her first novel, *That Ever Died So Young*, was a finalist for the Somerset Literary and Contemporary Fiction award. In addition, we are applying for grants and seeking sponsorships for music, dance and musical theatre performances and master classes during the summer. We will certainly keep you posted on these exciting events. If you would like to more about any of these projects or provide a sponsorship, please contact me at the Center

In the meantime, if there is ever anything I can do for you - speak to your organization, discuss the arts - or help in anyway, please let me know. I invite you to visit us at the office at 2830 Churchville Road, Churchville. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself. We would love to meet you and talk about all the outstanding programs and projects happening at the Center.

Remember -- Stay Artistic!

Bob Willenbrink,

*“Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire and motivate”*