

ELGIN ARTS ASSOCIATION
Suggested Goals for 2009

Increase the “visibility” of the Elgin Arts Association in the community.

Work with city and county officials to garner more support for the arts.

EAA Arts Mentor Program - Volunteer artists would spend time with a promising art student or an "at-risk" student to help encourage their creativity.

Work with the school districts to provide presentations to art classes.

EAA establish a scholarship fund, with one scholarship awarded to a graduating high school student and one awarded to an adult wishing to continue their education in the arts. First scholarships to be awarded in 2010.

An EAA "official" quarterly newsletter – electronic & print versions

Discounts at art supply stores for EAA members.

A collaborative BEST (Bastrop, Elgin, Smithville, Taylor) Art Show, gallery trail, or studio trail.

Establish a non-profit gallery/arts center in historic downtown district

Broaden membership base – possibly add a “student” category of membership

Create affordable exhibit opportunities for artists at community events like Hogeye and Western Days

Redevelop website to draw interest of potential members

Sponsor another WOW (Weekend of Workshops)

Studio tours

Develop a fundraising strategy

Create an Annual Elgin Arts Association Art Show/Exhibit, with Artist Reception

Continue Support of Elgin Art Walk