

**ELGIN ARTS ASSOCIATION  
ARTS CENTER TASK FORCE NEEDED!**

One of the most frequently mentioned goals mentioned for the Elgin Arts Association is the establishment of a community arts center. A community arts center would feature ever-changing limited time art exhibits, with potential for different artists in each. Some examples include an exhibit of kiln-fired works (pottery, fused glass, etc.); an exhibit of artwork reflecting life in a small town; an exhibit of high-school student art; a photography exhibit, and more. Some artists may choose to submit works for exhibit only; others may have some works for sale. The arts center could host classes and workshops for all ages; educational tours; events such as plays/skits by a drama club; possibly a locally made movie showing; mini-concerts by local musicians; in other words, events that are supportive and inclusive of all forms of art. Desire for an arts center has been expressed not only by EAA members, but by other members of the community as well.

In order to accomplish this goal, we need to create an *Arts Center Task Force*. The objective of this task force will be to develop a plan for the establishment of the arts center. Some of the duties required to develop this plan include but may not be limited to:

1. Identifying potential locations
2. Researching the monthly expenses (rent, utilities, etc) associated with each location
3. Developing a monthly budget for expenses
4. Researching the availability and requirements for grants, endowments, etc.
5. Work with members of the fundraising committee to develop a plan to raise funds necessary for grants that require matching funds.
6. Determine the level of support available from city/county officials
7. Assess the overall viability of the project.

As you may know, property was donated to the Lost Pines Artisans Alliance for an arts center in the community of Smithville. The Taylor Art Guild has gallery space for their use; the Bastrop Fine Arts Guild has gallery space for their use... With the number of artists in our community, ***IT'S OUR TURN!***