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Dear Friends of the Arts,

In 1993, the BOTTLE WORKS was founded as an organization devoted to celebrating cultural diversity of the peoples of this region through their Arts. The organization purchased an industrial building, formerly known as the Tulip Bottling Company, owned by Jacob and Renee Goldhaber, and thus the organization and name BOTTLE WORKS was born. The building was remodeled into vibrant art center.

Then in 2001, the BOTTLE WORKS looked to expand and shepherded another 18,000 sq. ft. industrial building next door. The new facility ART WORKS in Johnstown! brought another dimension with studios, huge exhibit spaces and a Gallery Shoppe, showcasing the correlation of economic development and the arts. The two facilities that were once two separate non-profits merged for long-term sustainability in January 2014 and are now known as the BOTTLE WORKS – Arts on 3rd Ave.

The mission of the newly merged organization is to provide opportunities for artists and audiences to promote and celebrate the arts through exhibits, education and participation. Our Vision is to present the BOTTLE WORKS campus-consisting of the two contiguous, complimentary facilities-as a unique destination on the local, regional and national scale, located within an historic tourist corridor where artists can exhibit, create, teach and sell, and visitors can explore and learn.



BOTTLE WORKS is growing from a small community asset to supporting and promoting the arts and artists on a regional scale. Our current exhibit features the work of Indiana University of Pennsylvania students. The juried portion of the exhibit was curated by Adam Welch of Pittsburgh. The upcoming exhibit *Molten Beauty* is based in photography. This exhibit joins more traditional prints with photo montages and works on silk hanging freely in space. Celia Pearson's *Molten Beauty: The Soul of an American Galvanizing Plant* tells a layered story: about an artist's experience of a 125-year-old workplace in Johnstown, Pennsylvania; about beauty in unexpected places; about the persistent human desire to create and to do meaningful work; about the spark of life everywhere around us. The exhibit is dedicated to the memory and legacy of longtime owner and Johnstown native, Jack Sheehan.

The BOTTLE WORKS has several signature events and fundraisers throughout the year, but our longest and most notable event is our Artists' Hall of Fame. This October 31, 2015 the BOTTLE WORKS' will celebrate its 14th Annual Artists' Hall of Fame. The Artists' Hall of Fame is a special evening which showcases and honors individuals who have climbed the ladder of artistic excellence or had a positive impact on the arts. Last year, close to 300 people attended the event in which we honored Ed and Rosemary Pawlowski.

BOTTLE WORKS seeks to honor individual(s) possessing some or all of the following standards:

- Who is native or resident of this region
- Who has achieved artistic excellence in his/her field of visual, performing or literary arts
- Whose contribution is of enduring value (on a regional, national or international scale)
- Who leaves a legacy or continuation through education or financial help to those following in their fields of endeavor
- Who has a positive impact through their lives, actions and writings
- Possess leadership qualities that can serve as an inspiration to young people entering arts fields
- Demonstrates the diversity of artistic accomplishments that comprise the rich cultural tapestry of the region

Past honorees have been: Don Aliquo, Band of Brothers – Brad and Laura Gordon, Mike Bodolosky, Glen Brougher, Peter Calaboyias, Carmel C. Coco, Frank Cunsolo, CTC Foundation, Sister Maria Josephine D'Archangelo, Rodney Eatman, Jeanne Gleason, Harriett Goff, Istvan Jaray, Claudia Jones, Ron Madison, Carla Prucnal, Jim Richey, Sally Stewart, Winnie and Kathy Voytko, Donna Maria Zapolla, Barbara Zivkovich, Rosemary and Ed Pawlowski.

BOTTLE WORKS' open nomination period is now open until Monday, June 1 at 5 p.m. Nominations can be mailed or emailed to Angela Rizzo, arizzo@bottleworks.org. The nominations should include and explain the nominee's artistic discipline whether that be sculpture, design, photography, performing arts, literary or an arts patron, background information on the individual(s) and explain some of their greatest accomplishments in relation to the arts. Included in the nomination can be support letters, samples of their work (photographs, link to website(s) or article(s)), and if possible a resume.

Nominees will then be chosen and notified in June, 2015 with the dinner and awards October 31, 2015 at Sunnehanna Country Club. Any questions should be directed to Angela Rizzo, Executive Director, (814) 535-2020 or arizzo@bottleworks.org. More information on the BOTTLE WORKS can be found at www.bottleworks.org.

Thank you for your support of the arts!

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