

The Monroe Arts Council

The Monroe Arts Council was created in 1995 by concerned county residents as a vehicle to supplement the ever-increasing cuts to local school district Arts education. The Council is a nonprofit that offers public membership.

The work of the Council and its groups is mostly funded by the generous donations of local citizens and event proceeds. Various projects have also received grant funding from state government and local foundations. Donations enable the Monroe Arts Council in the support and establishment of a variety of programming.

The Monroe Arts Council continues to promote and develop the talents and heritage of local residents, while at the same time broadening our exposure to art experiences through a variety of opportunities offered to students and local residents.

The Monroe Artists host an annual arts show and exhibit as well as operate the Creative Expressions Gift Shop. The shop is home to a wide variety of artisan wares and artwork for sale. In addition, the center hosts classes and programming and the annual Chocolate Extravaganza fundraiser.

The Center is also home to Monroe County's tourism and convention and visitors bureau office. Located within blocks of Ohio's 27<sup>th</sup> Scenic Byway, the Appalachian Byway of Ohio, the Center is also home to tourism marketing materials for guests and residents. Learn more at go.osu.edu/abo.

Under the Monroe Arts Council non-profit "umbrella" are a variety of arts and community-based organizations:

- The Monroe Arts Center & Creative Expressions Gift Shop (The Center also serves at The Monroe County Convention & Visitors Bureau) *Located at 118 S. Paul St., Woodsfield, OH;*
- The Monroe Theatre *Located at N. Main St., Woodsfield, OH;*
- Buchanan Chapel Located on SR 78 West of Woodsfield, OH;
- Monroe Tourism Guild;

- Monroe Singers;
- Monroe Artists;
- Monroe Writers; and
- MC Players

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Find The Monroe Theatre on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/TheMonroeTheatre</u>.

Find Monroe Tourism information at https://monroecountyohio.com/visitors/tourism/index.php

Find the Appalachian Byway of Ohio at <u>www.go.osu.edu/abo</u>.