

## ACTIONS TO DATE

Lakeland Art Association, Inc. in search of a center  
ArtsREACH grant application  
Lakeland Art Center becomes homeless  
Coalition of community partners formed  
Warsaw Performance Art Club in search of a home  
Lakeland Art Center finds smaller quarters  
ArtsREACH grant received  
Coalition meetings held  
Discussions on possible sites for a Center  
Discussions on convention/civic/cultural/arts center  
County wide survey  
Warsaw Ballroom Dance Assn. seeking a home  
Saemann Foundation's EAGLES building proposed  
Historical Society seeking additional space  
Survey results focuses on renovated downtown building  
Three walkthrough's of the EAGLES building  
Community Theatre looking for a home  
Preliminary building inspection by Bob Kline promising  
Scearce-Rudisel submits architectural study plan  
Hampton Voelz agree to provide pro bono legal counsel  
Grant applications for the architectural study  
Board members sought to oversee the proposed Center

## FUNDING

### PHASE I - the community study and survey September 1999 - August 2000

National Endowment for the Arts - ArtsREACH  
Kosciusko County Foundation  
In kind office space by Eugenia Fulkerson

### PHASE II - the architectural study July 2000 - September 2000 (proposed)

Indiana Arts Commission  
Technical Assistance Program (TAC)  
Kosciusko County Foundation  
Saemann Foundation  
Scearce-Rudisel in kind contribution

### PHASE III - purchase and code compliance sprinklers, elevator, windows, etc. October 2000 - ??? (proposed)

Grants  
Corporate contributions  
Individual benefactors  
In kind contributions

### PHASE IV - restoration, renovation, adjustment ???? - ??? (proposed)

fund raising campaign

### PHASE V - occupancy with paid administrator and supervisory board ???? - ??? (proposed)

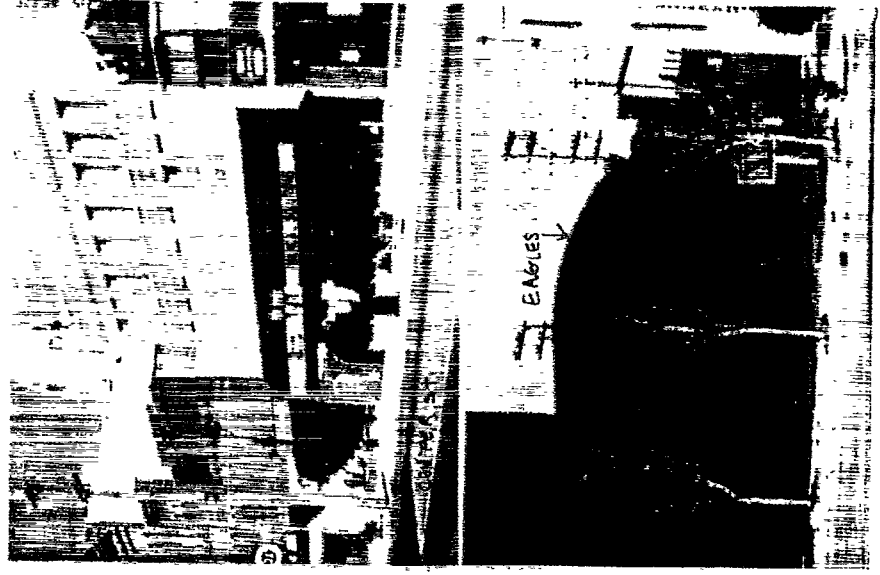
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# proposed CENTER for

## ARTS & CULTURE in Kosciusko County



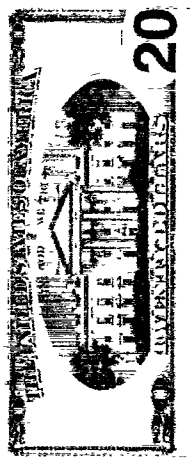
proposed EAGLES building renovation  
115 E. Center Street  
Warsaw, IN 46580



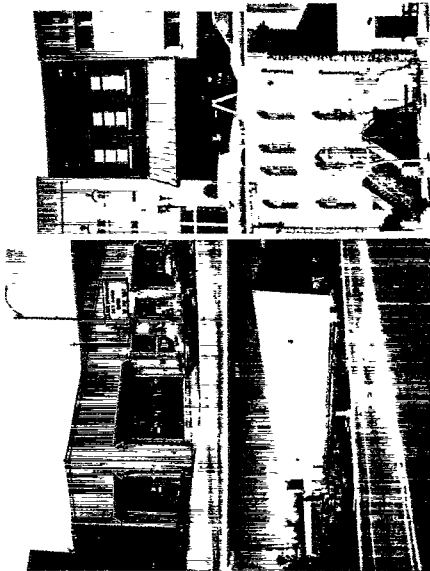
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## THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO THESE COINS PEOPLE AND A HOME

Except for the two small quarters



## Homeless, and two small quarters



Top left: Lakeland Art Center, until May 1999  
 Bottom left: Torn down in March 2000 - homeless  
 Top right: LAC current beautiful but small quarters  
 Bottom right: Kosciusko County Historical Society small quarters at the Jail Museum

## FEATURES OF THE EAGLES BUILDING

- originally built in 1881
- in the historic district of downtown Warsaw
- one block from County Courthouse
- alley entrance a parking lot away from the Jail Museum
- burned in 1929
- sold to EAGLES in 1930
- sold to F.I. Saemann in 1991
- 24,000 square feet
- four floors

- basement - storage / art classrooms / café
- main floor - visual arts gallery / reception area / genealogy library / historical artifacts display / offices
- second floor - ballroom / auditorium with stage / reception area / meeting rooms / prop storage / snack bar / kitchen
- third floor - meeting rooms / classrooms
- possible historic restoration funds
- revitalize downtown
- central location for visual and performing arts and cultural activities of our county
- attraction for visitors

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## THE TWO SIDES OF THE COIN: THE PEOPLE AND THE PLACE

The people who have been working together are members of the following organizations who felt a common need: An appropriate and adequate home. Lakeland Art Association, Inc.

- Kosciusko County Historical Society
- Community Theatre
- Warsaw Ballroom Dance Association
- Warsaw Performance Arts Club

This is not intended to be an exclusive group. Any other organization interested in joining the effort is welcome.

## FLIP THE COIN OVER ONE MORE TIME

In a well established home, love, joy, and activity abound. Not always so visible is the hard working parent who oversees the coordination of the activities, and another hard working parent who provides the wisdom, work and wealth that make it all possible.

Another group of people is essential to assume the roles of mother and father of a viable, dynamic, and effectively functioning home. That is an adequate board.

Board members are currently being sought who have a heart for culture and the arts in Kosciusko County. Members will assume the responsibility to provide financial direction and choose the leadership to oversee the Center.

Express your interest to one of the following:

- ArtsREACH 268-2787 Office
- Linda Dilling 267-3758 KLA 2000
- David Jones 268-9078 KLA 2000
- Jo Faulkner 267-5110 KLA 2000
- Sally Hogan 269-2136 Historical Society
- Michelle Boxell 267-2164 Congressman Tim Roemer's assistant

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theater stage in the center

the facility for the more "cultural" type events.

I am principal of Triton Elementary which includes Etma Green. Good Luck. Think it is a fine idea. Field trips for students & classes.

This is exciting! I feel its important to have a nucleus that will continue to stress arts & culture in our society. There's nothing (terribly) wrong with sports but, we all need a "healthy dose" of arts and culture to help be a "productive citizen". In the past I served on Zimmer's affiliate Artist's committee. Thank you

Survey much too long.

The arts community will only grow, improve & increase the Kosciusko Co. quality of life if there is a place to house exhibitions, performances, etc. Without community support, there will always be a struggle to keep arts groups going & growing. Capacity of the auditorium should be different than what is available in area high school auditoriums.

Do not believe a VPAC is needed or wanted.

A V-PAC will benefit the top 15-20% of the social-economic strata. Why not work for a countywide park system that even the bottom 15-20% of the socially deprived could enjoy. Sounds like a self-interest type of project.

Fairgrounds might be a good location -- in conjunction with county buildings.

This sounds like a nice idea.

Thanks

This would be such an asset to the community.

Work with the educational institutes in your area. Build a seating capacity that is larger than anything else in the area. Be generous! Don't limit yourselves! Don't leave out seeking donor "substantial" from Ft. Wayne who have residences at Lake Wawasee ( Dr. Parent (sp. etc.). Name may also include substantially large donors name. Is there some land available for a building site near Grace College or north side of US Highway 30? east of Warsaw? Used in conjunction with Oakwood programs?

Interested in serving on board or committee.

Being downtown would concern me because of parking and many times being close to hotels help when used for conventions. It would be hard to serve on any committee at this time, but I believe this is a very worthwhile project. Our community could draw number of trades shows and conventions that could help support

It seems the current facility has a difficult time maintaining, this would be nice, but we're not large enough to keep it going as it should be.

Gift shop/store for supplies and a place to purchase local artists' works. I strongly believe Kosciusko

County has a definite need for an art/culture center. I lived in Mansfield, Ohio, for 3 years, and frequently utilized the arts center--taking pottery & calligraphy classes for myself. They also had several parent/child sessions which my family participated in. Working at the Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw, I often am asked from possible "relocators" about the arts in our area--it is vital to many to know that we have an organization her in our county. Warsaw (our county) has grown so much recently, it is hard to refer them to Ft. Wayne or South Bend. I would utilize the center if more was available or if I understood more about the options offered. Finally, I think it would be beneficial if more publicity/ad's about classes were circulated. The center is "fairly" new in our area. It takes a while for the public to understand what you have to offer. Possibly distributing flyers to schools so that children can bring the information home in their bookbags? Maybe you have already heard these suggestions? I would be interested in helping, as, I feel it is an assets to our community.

Good idea, but NOT at taxpayer expense. If there is a true need for such a facility user fees will support it. If the projected income is not adequate, there is no need to go further. If it can be supported, it should be built by local contractors who are competitive in the bidding process.

We would be happy to publicize(air) your efforts, goals, etc., news releases on WRSW, either as PSA's or news stories.

Keep the name simple and dignified. I'm glad to see this possibility is being investigated.

Wonderful idea. I believe this could draw people from N. Manchester, South Whitley, & Columbia City also.

I see no benefit to this center

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trabajos. (so that others from other [countries] can get together and show their works)	It sounds like performing arts are not as equally represented --. It depends on the emphasis. It sounds like it would focus on fine arts - art, sculpture, etc. - not performances. I still believe the WHS needs a performing arts facility. I hope this doesn't take money away that might help fund this. Call me selfish, but would performing arts -- theater be an emphasis or would it be similar to the Lakeland Art Center.	What about buying Rodeheaver Auditorium for the Center and add on offices there and gallery and store. I'm thinking it needs to be easily seen wherever it is.
This is really needed in our community! We would support outside concerts, etc. - Indianapolis Symphony, Ballet, Shakespeare, etc.	I do not support the NEA	This is a <u>wonderful ideal</u> . Promotes the Arts to young children. -- Volunteer -- depending on time commitment
Could be placed on the fairgrounds and used for a variety of events. Personal opinion: Would very much like to see a facility that could facilitate many community functions	I would be interested in participating in all kinds of fine arts programs. I believe this would fill a void in our community desperately. Please keep this project separated from religion.	Local Piano Teacher name should be short and easy to remember
While it would be a terrific asset to the community, are we a large enough community to support such a facility along with the Wagon Wheel, Round Barn, etc.	Could this be in conjunction with Warsaw H. S. and on their site?	Excellent Program -- keep up the good work (filled out at the LCCA concert)
not needed	Keep it simple	Have you checked with the college to see what their plans are for performance space (theater, music, gallery) to replace Rodeheaver
I think adding a V-PAC would be beneficial and successful	located at WCHS and be dual purpose. Work with WCHS board of trustees for theater productions @ WCHS	I might not be able to make a substantial contributions, but I would be willing to support it
This is a good idea	sounds like fun	I'm too old to start helping now
I love it	This sounds like a great idea. Please put me on your mailing list.	- this has a lot of growth possibility
I wouldn't mind being a hostess. It would be a nice experience. Use it for getting to know more about people around us. Good idea!	Company events, shows, all the things that other civic centers have	good to see some progress in this area
our county needs more of these cultural experiences	We have other places for different organization to meet. Its about time something be strictly for focusing on the arts.	great idea!
GO FOR IT!	Should be coordinated with Grace College building plans so as to avoid needless structure duplication	Volunteer
If this were to happen, I personally would like it		
I just moved here and I think it would be neat to have a visual and performing arts center. I would definitely be interested.		

visual and Performing Arts Center taken from the survey to study the need for and feasibility of an Arts Center in Kosciusko County in the fall of 1999.

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retirement functions.

Workshops in various crafts, photography, computer/digital photography; dark room facility

Conventions and business seminars

Business meetings, public speakers, etc. to help raise revenue for the VPAC

Conferences, lectures, meetings

Concerts, Wedding receptions-- this is a bit new in our community. This should be a place where children can learn about the Arts, since the school doesn't have time to really focus on this. We also have a huge number of home school children in this county.

School plays, assemblies

High school productions. College productions.

Local school performances if no good facility available at the school.

Area scholarship pageants.

Trade shows, seminars. Could the old movie theater be used for this?

Definitely rooms for miscellaneous meetings!

Conventions, Flea Market, Trade Shows, Garden & Home Show, all-purpose revenue generator for sustaining funds

Model railroad club.

showing of classic or artistic films

could also be used for: Satellite studio for TV Station out of South Bend or Fort Wayne for Kosciusko News Bureau

conventions

Private meetings, seminars, etc. (this could generate extra income for V-PAC.)

Senior Citizen Center.

Use the arts as fundraising for special charities.

A place to introduce children as young as 4 to the arts with plays and art workshops

for them. I love the arts and I think its important for the whole family to be included.

cat & dog shows, home shows

conferences and conventions

Graduation ceremonies. County-wide religious crusades.

Craft shows. Special events.

Any area business with needs for meeting space.

County Charity Events

para un buen porvenir (for a better future)

Day Care, Antique Stores, restaurant

Area Businesses with need for meeting space

Tri Kappa Sorority

Conventions, meetings

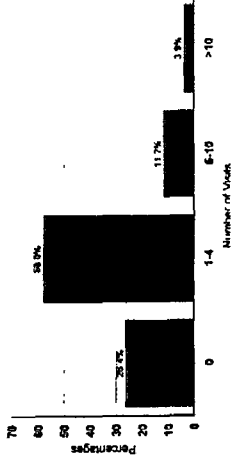


**KOSCIUSKO COUNTYWIDE ARTS SURVEY**  
**Results of All Countywide Arts Surveys With Percentages**  
**Total Surveys Completed: 488**

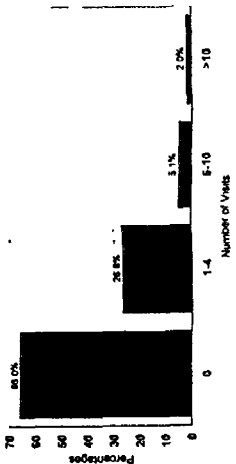
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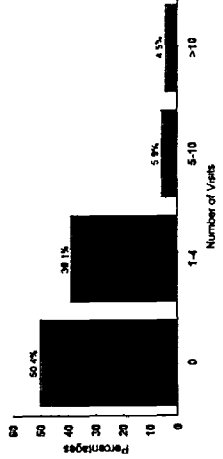
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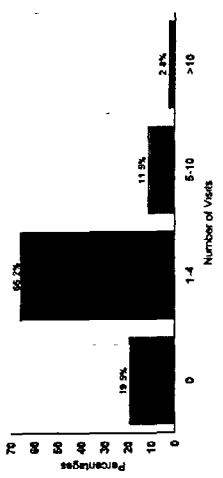
3. Participate in visual art exhibits.



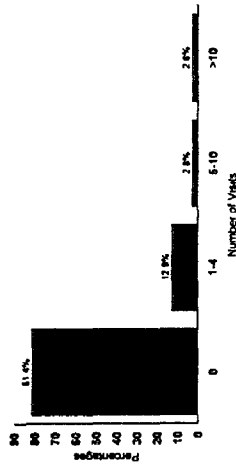
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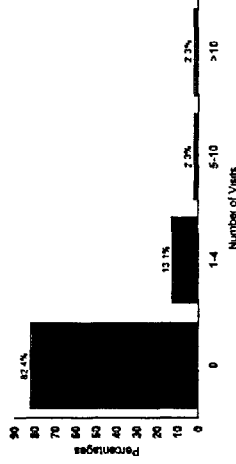
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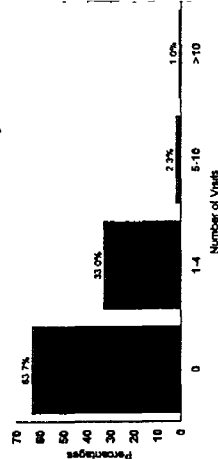
7. Participate in local theater performance rehearsals.



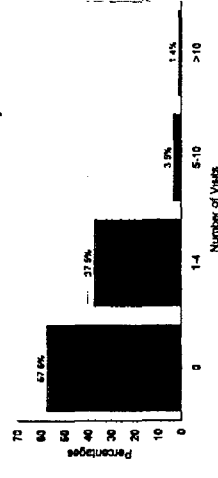
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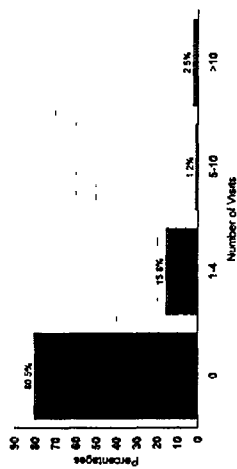
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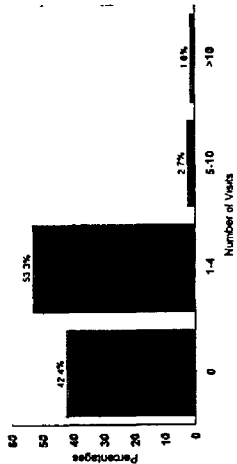
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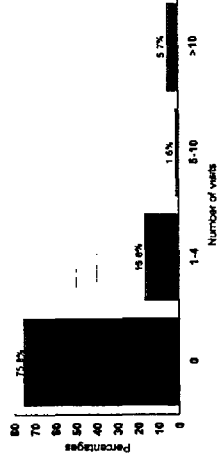
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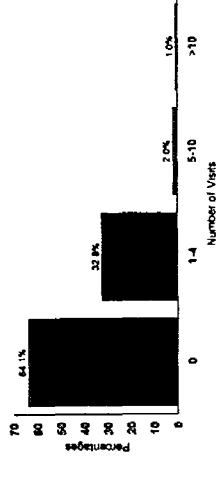
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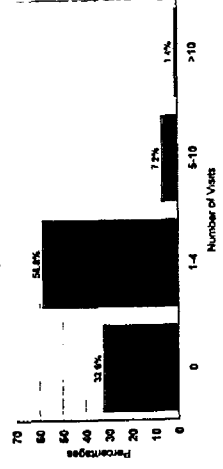
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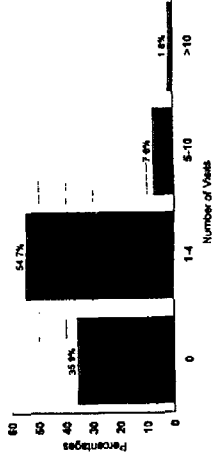
15. Attend a piano recital by county students taught by piano teachers in this county.



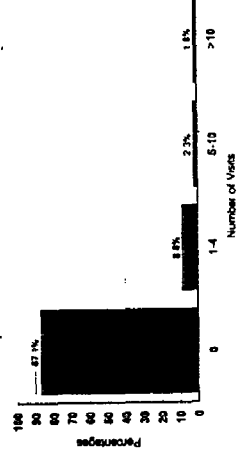
17. Attend an orchestral or ensemble performance by local musicians.



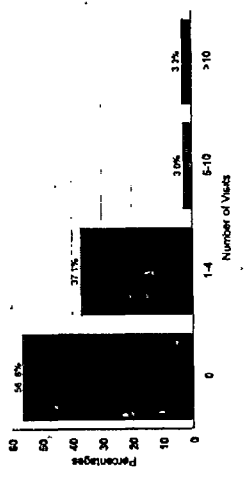
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19. Participate in orchestral or ensemble practices.



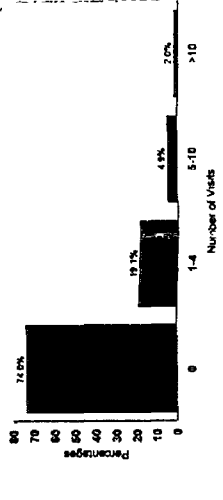
20. Attend workshops in the Fine Arts



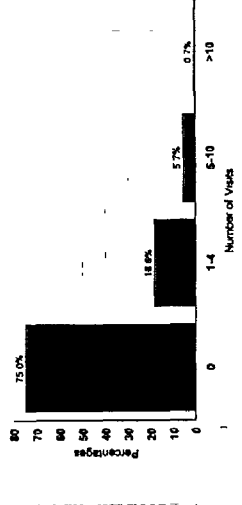
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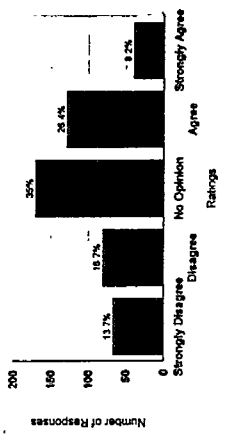


22. Participate in judged/juried shows.

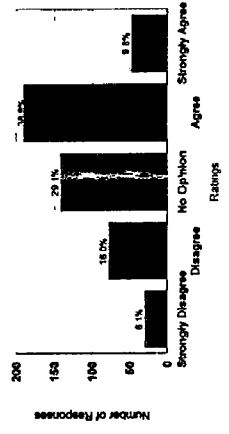


# Artsreach Survey GRAND TOTALS

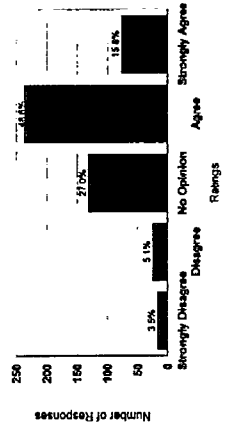
2. A county Arts Center should be funded primarily by county government.



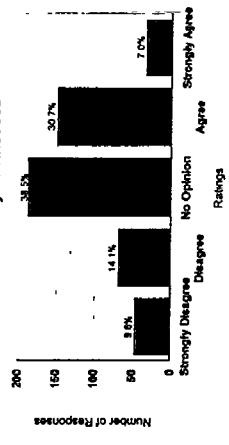
3. The VPAC should be primarily funded by those who use it.



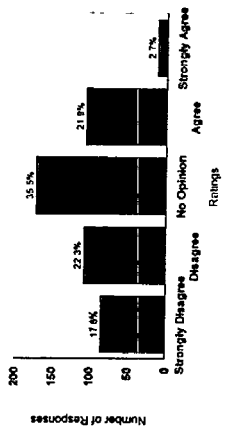
4. The VPAC should be funded primarily by grants and endowments.



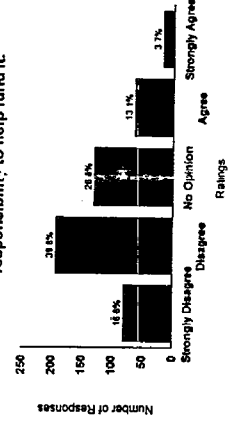
5. The VPAC should be funded primarily by large county businesses.



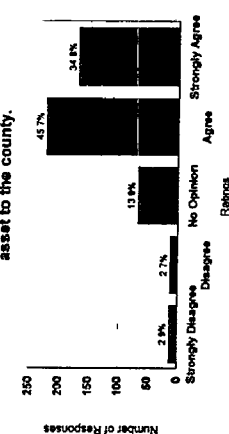
7. As means allowed, I would make a substantial financial contribution to an Arts Center.



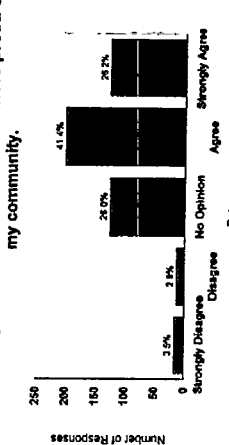
8. Even if I use the Center, I do not feel it my responsibility to help fund it.



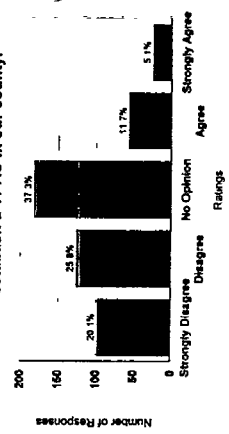
9. Even if I didn't use the Center, I feel it would be an asset to the county.



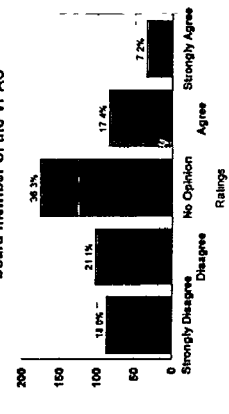
10. Having a VPAC would make me more proud of my community.



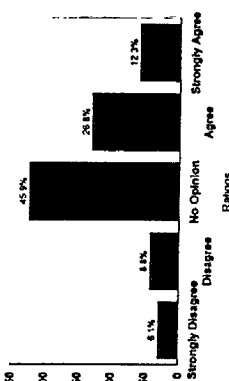
12. I would like to work on a committee to help establish a VPAC in our county.



13. I would like to host, docent, volunteer, or be a board member of the VPAC.



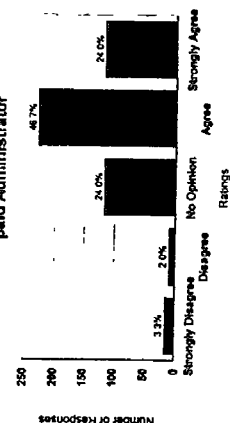
15. The VPAC should be in renovated buildings.



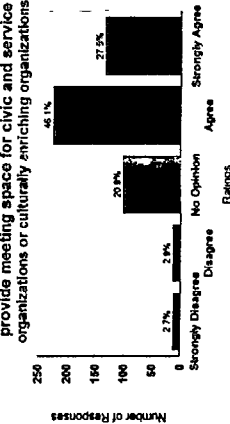
16. The VPAC should be located in Syracuse.



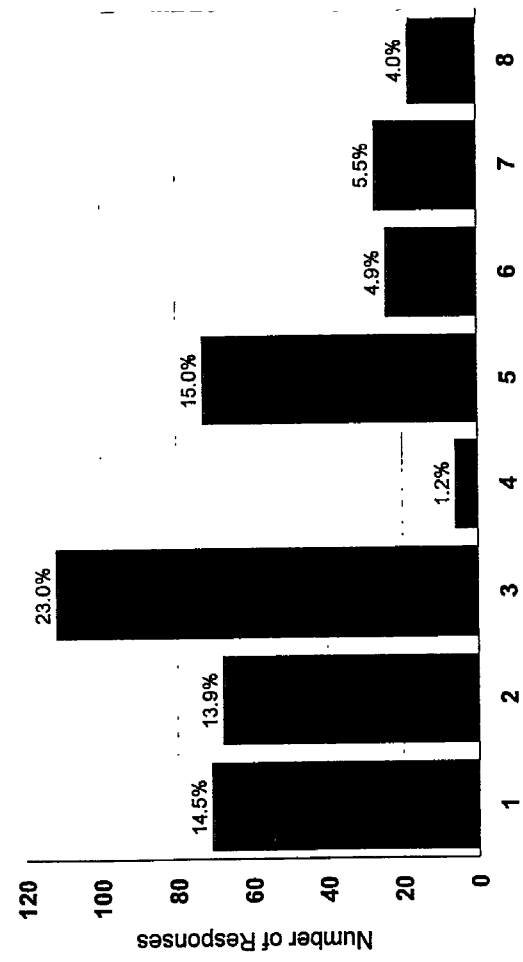
18. The VPAC should include at least one full-time paid Administrator.



19. The VPAC should also be a Civic Center and provide meeting space for civic and service organizations or culturally enriching organizations.



1. Visual & Performing Arts Center for ROS LLC.
2. Center for Visual & Performing Arts
3. Kos. Co. Civic & Arts Center
4. The People's Place
5. Kos. Arts Center
6. Arts & Culture Center
7. Center for Arts & Culture
8. Other (Listed on next page)



Possible Names of Center



# KOSCIUSKO COUNTYWIDE ARTS SURVEY

Return to ArtsREACH by December 15, 1999

I live in or closest to :

(check only one)

- |                                    |                                      |                                   |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warsaw    | <input type="checkbox"/> Syracuse    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentone  | <input type="checkbox"/> North Webster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pierceton | <input type="checkbox"/> Etna Green  | <input type="checkbox"/> Milford  | <input type="checkbox"/> Winona Lake   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leesburg  | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Claypool | <input type="checkbox"/> Sidney        |

**If a Visual and Performing Arts Center were to be established in Kosciusko County I would most likely visit it on the average this many times per year, for the following reasons:** (circle one category in each row)

Reason	Times per year			
1. View art exhibits of artists within the county (exhibits changed monthly).	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
2. View art exhibits of artists outside the county (exhibits changed monthly).	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
3. Participate in visual art exhibits.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
4. Take art classes in oils, watercolors, drawing, calligraphy, sculpture, photography, etc.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
5. Attend a theatrical performance by a local theatrical group.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
6. Attend a theatrical performance by a group brought in from outside the county.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
7. Participate in local theater performance rehearsals.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
8. Participate in a theatrical performance.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
9. Attend a dance recital from a dance school in Kosciusko county.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
10. Attend a dance performance by a group brought in from outside the county.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
11. Take voice lessons	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
12. Participate in a choral or solo performance.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
13. Attend a choral or solo performance.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
14. Take piano, violin, or other instrument individual or group lessons.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
15. Attend a piano recital by county students taught by piano teachers in this county.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
16. Attend a piano recital by an artist from outside the county.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
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20. Attend workshops in the Fine Arts.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
21. Attend regular meetings of established local art organizations.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
22. Participate in judged/juried shows.	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10
<b>23. I have been inside the Lakeland Art Center since its establishment in 1993.</b>	0	1-4	5-10	more than 10

The auditorium in the Visual and Performing Arts Center (hereafter referred to as V - P A C) should seat (circle only one)

300      500      700      1000      1500      2000

Circle the number in each row that best describes how you feel about each statement

	strongly disagree	disagree	no opinion	agree	strongly agree
1. Kosciusko County needs a V - P A C.	1	2	3	4	5
2. A county Arts Center should be funded primarily by county government.	1	2	3	4	5
3. The V - P A C should be funded primarily by those who use it.	1	2	3	4	5
4. The V - P A C should be funded primarily by grants and endowments.	1	2	3	4	5
5. The V - P A C should be funded primarily by large county businesses.	1	2	3	4	5
6. The V - P A C should be funded primarily by individual benefactors.	1	2	3	4	5
7. As means allowed, I would make a substantial financial contribution to an Arts Center.	1	2	3	4	5
8. Even if I use the Center I do not feel it my responsibility to help fund it.	1	2	3	4	5
9. Even if I didn't use the Center, I feel it would be an asset to the county.	1	2	3	4	5
10. Having a V - P A C would make me more proud of my community.	1	2	3	4	5
11. A V - P A C would make our county more attractive to people outside the county.	1	2	3	4	5
12. I would like to work on a committee to help establish a V - P A C in our county.	1	2	3	4	5
13. I would like to be a host, docent, volunteer or board member of the V - P A C.	1	2	3	4	5
14. The V - P A C should be located in Warsaw.	1	2	3	4	5
15. The V - P A C should be in renovated downtown buildings.	1	2	3	4	5
16. The V - P A C should be located in Syracuse.	1	2	3	4	5
17. The V - P A C should be staffed primarily by volunteers.	1	2	3	4	5
18. The V - P A C should include at least one full time paid Administrator.	1	2	3	4	5
19. The V - P A C should also be a Civic Center and provide meeting space for civic and service organizations or any culturally enriching organization that wishes to apply to participate.	1	2	3	4	5

# KOSCIUSKO COUNTYWIDE ARTS SURVEY

ArtsREACH Project November-December 1999

**PURPOSE: TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR AND FEASIBILITY OF AN ARTS CENTER IN KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, AND TO DETERMINE SIZE, PROGRAMMING AND STAFFING OF SUCH A FACILITY.**

Lakeland Art Association has been funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and Kosciusko County Foundation to conduct a study to meet the above purpose through the ArtsREACH Project.

Please complete the survey and mail it to:

**ArtsREACH Survey Chairman 123 S. Buffalo Street Warsaw, IN 46580**

**OR** you may return it to **your ArtsREACH Survey representative**

**OR** hand deliver it to **LAKELAND ART CENTER** 116 S. Buffalo St., Suite A Warsaw, IN  
between 11:30 & 4:30 Wednesday through Saturday.

For additional information please call 268-ARTS (268-2787) and leave a message for Linda Dilling, Project Director.

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Please include your name and phone number if you would like to serve on a study committee, on a board, or be a volunteer, docent, or host(ess) in conjunction with an Arts Center.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your address if you would like to be placed on the mailing list to receive ArtsREACH Project updates.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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