



**AGENDA
ARTS & CULTURE NASSAU
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2022
12:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 August 2022 Sub-Committee Meeting
 - 4.2 August 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.3 November 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 6.1 Review Vacant Positions
 - 6.2 Director to Lead Input Session for Parks and Recreation Community Campaign
 - 6.3 Senior Grant Applications - Seeking Review and Recommendations
 - 6.3.1 Amelia Island Book Festival
 - 6.3.2 BlueFire Theatre
 - 6.3.3 West Nassau Historical Society
 - 6.3.4 Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival
- 7. STAFF COMMENTS**

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT



All members of the public are invited to be present and be heard. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact the City Clerk at 904-310-3115 or TTY/TDD 711 (for the hearing or speech impaired).

Arts & Culture Nassau
Sub-Committee Meeting
August 1, 2022

The Arts and Culture Nassau 10 Year Plan Sub-Committee met on August 1, 2022, at the Atlantic Recreation Center Aquatics Room. The meeting was scheduled for 10:30am. No quorum meeting cancelled.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion Item
 - 3.1 Roles and Responsibilities
4. Adjournment

“Our mission is to support, promote and enhance the Arts in Nassau County and to provide a framework to network and address common concerns”

Arts and Culture Nassau Regular Meeting
August 1, 2022

The Arts and Culture Nassau Committee met on August 1, 2022 in the Atlantic Recreation Center Aquatics Classroom at 12pm. Present was Vice Chair Decou, Member Shea, Member Resitano, Member Reid, Member Freedman, Member Conley, Member Kish and Member Hemkee. Absent was Member Joyner and Member Bias.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1 July Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
Vice Chair Decou made motion to approve, Second by Member Restiano, All Aye.
 - 3.2 July Regular Meeting Minutes
Vice Chair Decou made motion to approve, Second by Member Restiano, All Aye.
4. Discussion Items
 - 4.1 Election of New Chair
The board will hold an election for chair at the September 2022 regular meeting.
Running for Chair is Member Restiano and Member Hemkee
 - 4.2 New Member Orientation Sub-Committee Update
The committee will work on creating and updating share point calendar for new members.
 - 4.3 Temporary Art Application
Jarod Bishop's art work was approved for three locations (Library, Parking Lot D and The Courthouse) Member Reid made Motion to approve, Second by Member Decou, All Ayes.
 - 4.4 10 Year Plan Sub-Committee updates
The committee will present updates to the roles and responsibilities document to be presented at the next meeting for discussion.
5. Adjournment

“Our mission is to support, promote and enhance the Arts in Nassau County and to provide a framework to network and address common concerns”

Arts and Culture Nassau Regular Meeting
November 11, 2022

The Arts and Culture Nassau Committee met on November 11, 2022, at the City Hall Commission Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm. Present were Member Shea, Vice Chair Reid, Member Bias, Chair Restiano, Member Joyner, Member Freeman, and Member Kish.

1. CALL TO ORDER 12:05pm
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: Member Shea made a motion to approve the October 2022 Minutes with corrections Member Joyner Second; All Ayes

September 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: Member Freeman made a motion to approve the September 2022 Minutes Member Joyner Second; All Ayes

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Introduction of Parks and Recreation Director (Staff)

Ms. Catherine Vorrasi introduced herself to the board.

2. Chair and Vice Chair Election

Member Freeman made a motion for Richard Restiano to sit as Chair of Arts and Culture Nassau Member Kish Second, All Ayes

Chair Restiano made a motion for Penny Reid to sit as Vice Chair of Arts and Culture Nassau Member Joyner Second, All Ayes

3. Public Art Proclamation Review

Proclamation Arts and Culture Nassau Fifteenth Anniversary 10262022 was reviewed

Chair Restiano discussed holding a Fifteenth Anniversary Ceremony Highlighting Jarred Bishops temporary art installation with a proclamation read by a representative from both the City and County on November 17 at 10:00am located at the Court House on Centre Street in Fernandina Beach.

Member Shea made a motion to approve the presented proclamation with recommended corrections made Second by Member Joyner, All Ayes

4. Public Art Article Review

ACN public art blurb was reviewed

Members discussed creating an updated map of locations within the City of Fernandina Beach limits of where Permanent and Temporary Art can be placed for future Public Art. Member

Joyner mentioned there was an existing map of the county as well. Chair Restiano proposed we “clean up” the public art application process as he was unimpressed with the lack of branding opportunities. Ms. Vorrasi suggested the Parks and Recreation Department come up with a recommendation of the process to present to the board for approval.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

ACN Roles and Responsibilities 10.24.22

Member Joyner made a motion to approve the Roles and Responsibilities 10.24.22 document with the removal of the word Suggested, Second by Member Kish: All Aye

6. OTHER BUSINESS

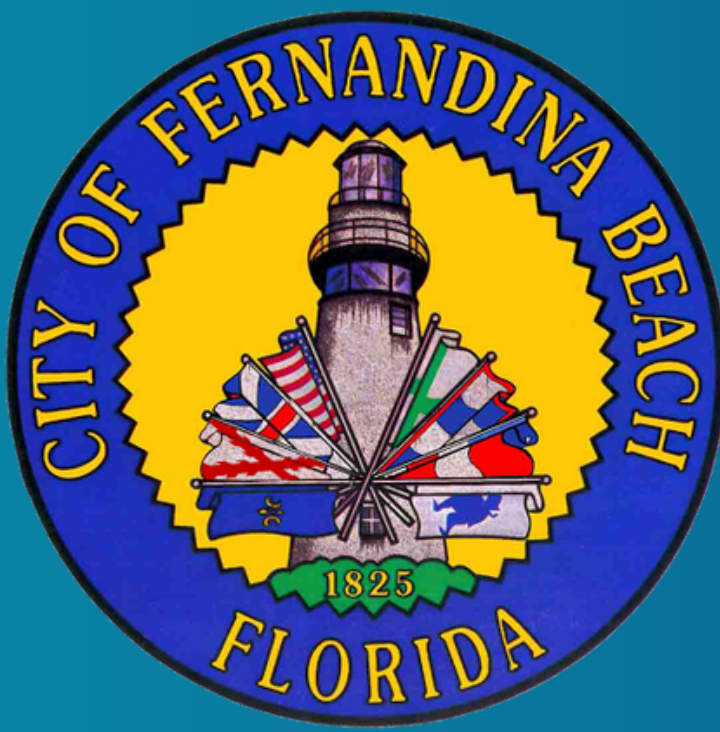
Chair Restiano stated that Toni D’Amico from Blue Fire Theater has offered to volunteer to help run Arts and Culture Nassau Facebook and social media.

Vice Chair Reid asked that a review of the Florida Sunshine Laws be placed on the agenda at the beginning of next year.

Chair Restiano would like to review the 2023 ad budget at the December meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

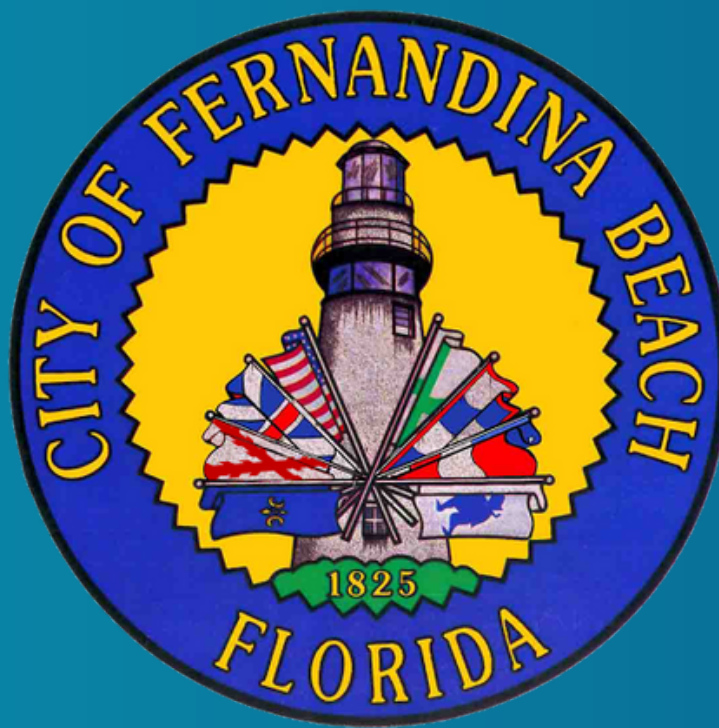
COMMUNITY MEET & GREET FORUMS

NOV 29 **COMMUNITY MEET & GREET**
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RECREATION CENTER
1200 ELM STREET @6pm

DEC 01 **COMMUNITY MEET & GREET**
ATLANTIC RECREATION CENTER
2500 ATLANTIC AVENUE @6pm

DEC 08 **COMMUNITY MEET & GREET**
THE PECK CENTER
516 S 10TH STREET @6pm

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DEPARTAMENTO DE PARQUES Y RECREACIÓN

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DEC CONOCE Y SALUDA A LA COMUNIDAD
08 THE PECK CENTER
516 S 10TH STREET @6pm

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Application for Senior Grant Program

Date: 11-1-2022

Name of Organization Amelia Island Book Festival

Address PO Box 15286 Fernandina Beach FL 32035

FEIN 59-3747966

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is Organization recognized as a 501 (c) 3 by the Internal Revenue Service? yes

Calendar Year in which the funds will be expended: 2022

Contact Person: Raige Perry, President

Email President@ameliaislandbookfestival.org Phone 443-940-1871

Organization's Mission Statement:

To enhance the overall life skills of Nassau County children and adults by generating a lifelong love of books through an appreciation of reading, writing and authors.

Amount of Grant request (\$500 maximum) \$ 500

Please describe the intended project for senior citizens; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how it will be expanded or enhance.

Each year during the Annual Luncheon, we host an author to promote literacy within our community.

What is the goal of this project/program?

To promote literacy within Nassau County.

How does this project/program encourage senior citizen participation in arts and culture?

During the luncheon there is the opportunity to engage with the author.

How does this project/program relate to the organization's mission?

By allowing attendees to engage with the author. The emcee and author promoted literacy and shared literacy rates.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes ☒ No ☐

If the grant will be applied to program expansion, when did the project/program begin?

AIBF started in 2001. The luncheon was moved to a fall program in 2021.

How has it been received by the community?

Well received within the community. The AIBF Board is focused on engaging the West Side of the County.

Please describe the number of planned participants for this project, this year according to the following tables:

Participant ages

55 -60	25
61 -65	75
66 - 70	75
Over 70	25
Total (A)	200

Participant's residency

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	130
Bryceville	—
Callahan	10
Fernandina Beach	40
Hilliard	—
Rural	—
Yulee	20
Total – must agree with total A above	200

If the grant is for program/project expansion, how has the project been funded previously? *N/A*

If the program/project is new, what is the budget for the new program? *N/A*

If the program/project is for expansion or enhancement of an existing program, how will the grant funds impact the existing budget? *We are always looking to grow our programs and engage more residents. The ATBF Board is focused on engaging the west side of the county.*

How do you expect the project to impact or benefit your community? *Post Covid, now more than ever, the community must embrace and be excited about literacy.*

The Board of Directors approved submittal of this grant application at their meeting on *October 10, 2022*

The organization will be expected to submit a statement of how the grant funds were used by March 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the funds were expended. Please indicate your acceptance of this condition by your initials *JS*

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed:

Paige Foery

Title:

President

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Paige Foery

Date:

11-1-2022

Email:

president@
ameliaislandbookfestival.org

Phone:

443-540-1871

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Prerequisites approved:

Art & Culture Nassau Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Vice-Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Member

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Nassau County Senior Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline



November 1, 2022

To: Arts and Culture Nassau/Senior Grant

From: Amelia Island Book Festival

Organization History:

In 2001, the late Don Parker, his wife Andrea; and Joe and Joani Selement, had a genius idea. Why not combine the lure of books with our spectacular location? As the idea caught on, they gathered supporters and founded a nonprofit organization to launch the first Amelia Book Island Festival.

Leveraging partnerships and community support through fundraising events, the festival continues to promote and celebrate the wonder of books while promoting literacy throughout the region and especially through the popular Authors in Schools program in Nassau County.

Mission:

To enhance the overall life skills of Nassau County children and adults by generating a lifelong love of books through an appreciation of reading, writing, and authors.

Amelia Island Book Festival engages adults and young people in the joy of reading and writing through a series of public events featuring New York Times best-selling authors, independent publishers, awards programs and workshops. These events attract thousands of people for learning, entertainment, and the excitement of seeing and meeting some of the most remarkable authors of the times.

Amelia Island Book Festival Luncheon:

The Amelia Island Book Festival is dedicated to improving literacy skills in children and adults throughout Nassau County, FL.

Each year during our Annual Luncheon, we host and feature an author to promote literacy within our community.

During the Luncheon there is the opportunity to engage with the author in an up-close and personal way. The presentation by the Emcee and Author provided details on literacy rates in Nassau County and promote reading, and writing.

Literacy Information:

Literacy gives people access to that information. Literacy plays a significant role in reducing gender, race, nationality, and religious inequality that favors one group over another in access to education, property, employment, health care, legal, and civic participation.

Literacy allows us to make sense of a range of written, visual and spoken texts including books, newspapers, magazines, timetables, DVDs, television and radio programs, signs, maps, conversations and instructions.

Nationwide, on average, 79% of U.S. adults are literate in 2022. 21% of adults in the US are illiterate in 2022. Low levels of literacy costs the US up to 2.2 trillion per year.

Contact Information:

Paige Foery
President
president@ameliaislandbookfestival.org
443-540-1871

ANNUAL EVENTS

Award Winning Authors in Schools Program
World-renowned authors as well as local and regional authors bring their books and talents to Nassau County schools and students. Each year we purchase and donate over 10,000 books to students!

Celebrity Author Gala

A festive, fun evening with New York Times best selling authors. Event features celebrity authors reception, renowned live auction, and much more!

Author Expo

A celebratory free event featuring over 90 authors showcasing, autographing and selling their books. Includes author discussions, breakout sessions and workshops.

Teen/Tween Scene

Hosted at the Author Expo, offering young readers an opportunity to engage with authors in small groups.

Scholarship & Short Story Writing Contests

An opportunity for Nassau County Middle and High School Students to earn creative writing awards, scholarships and to be published.

One Book, One Community

Event featuring the common reading and shared conversation around one book with the author.

Celebrity Author Luncheon

Entertaining and informative luncheon with a celebrity keynote speaker.

About Us ...

Amelia Island Book Festival engages adults and young people in the joy of reading and writing through a series of quality, public events featuring New York Times best-selling authors, independent publishers, awards programs and workshops. Ticketed events fund our award-winning Authors in Schools Program which brings authors into every school in Nassau County to engage and inspire students from pre-kindergarten through high school. This 360-degree, impactful learning experience is lauded by educators and differentiates us from other book festivals.

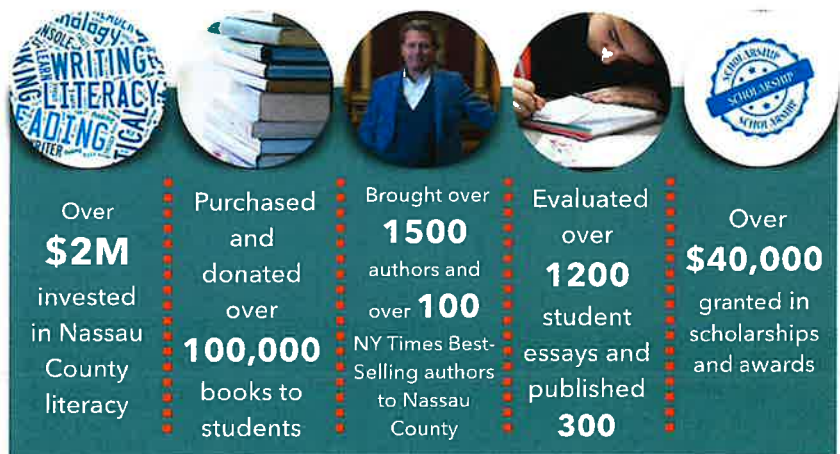
Vision and Mission

Our organization is dedicated to improving literacy skills in children and adults throughout Nassau County, FL. Our mission is to enhance the overall life skills of Nassau County children and adults by generating a lifelong love of books through an appreciation of reading, writing, and authors.

Strategic Objectives

We are seeking funding to continue our award winning Authors in Schools program, our early reading project with Family Support Services and to initiate new programs to benefit at-risk students and populations within Nassau County. By partnering with local community organizations, we plan to offer a new family based literacy program in Nassau County: "Today's Readers Are Tomorrow's Leaders." The program would focus on early development in grades pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade given the direct correlation between early reading skills and lifelong success.

COMMUNITY IMPACT



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Heart of Gold Award City of Jacksonville, Literacy Matters, Winning Organization
Good Neighbor Award Florida State College Jacksonville, Nassau Center

Questions:

Email info@ameliaislandbookfestival.org





October 4, 2022

Richard Restiano
Board Member
Nassau County Arts and Culture Commission
2500 Atlantic Ave.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Dear Richard,

Thank you for the wonderful lunch gathering. Getting the not-for-profit organizations together was a great idea and I hope this will be something that will continue in the future.

At the lunch it was mentioned that if we might need assistance to reach out to Arts and Culture of Nassau. I am reaching out today to request assistance in purchasing a much-needed special prop item for our upcoming show Nunsense. We need our 6th cast member Sister Mary Annette.

She of course is a puppet, but do not tell her that. These puppets are specifically made for the Nunsense shows. This prop is an integral part of the show and cannot be cut.

There is no specific paperwork on the website for such requests. So, on your advice I have filled out the form for Senior Grants. I did not fill out too much because I was unsure of what to say. That is why I included this letter.

There is the Tom Nehl grant that Amelia Community Theatre has been a benefactor of for years, and they offer grants every year for things like this. Unfortunately, they are not accepting new organizations currently. So, it would be immensely helpful if Arts and Culture Nassau were able to offer grants for things of this nature. Grants for specialty items like this can really help with production costs, which are getting increasingly expensive.



If it helps you to decide in our favor, please look at our website BlueFireTheatre.org. Check out our community-oriented programs, Project Center Stage and Free Fridays which serves a diverse group of people especially those economically disadvantaged. These programs represent our mission statement "to enrich and contribute to our community through the performing arts."

Thank you again for all the splendid work you are doing to assist the not-for-profit Arts and Culture organizations in Nassau County.

Best Regards,

Toni D'Amico

Toni D'Amico
Blue Fire Theatre

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Application for Senior Grant Program

Date: 10/3/22
Name of Organization Blue Fire Theatre
Address P.O. Box 814, Yulee, FL 32097
FEIN 83-1156359
Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes ☒ No ☐
Is Organization recognized as a 501 (c) 3 by the Internal Revenue Service? yes
Calendar Year in which the funds will be expended: 2022
Contact Person: Toni D'Amico
Email toni@bluefiretheatre.org Phone 904-556-9198

Organization's Mission Statement:

*To Enrich and Contribute to
Our Community through the performing arts*

Amount of Grant request (\$500 maximum) \$ 300.00

Please describe the intended project for senior citizens; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how it will be expanded or enhance.

We have our Free Friday performances which are for everyone, and could be promoted more for seniors.

What is the goal of this project/program? -

How does this project/program encourage senior citizen participation in arts and culture?

How does this project/program relate to the organization's mission?

Is this an ongoing project? Yes _____ No _____

If the grant will be applied to program expansion, when did the project/program begin?

How has it been received by the community?

Please describe the number of planned participants for this project, this year according to the following tables:

Participant ages

55 -60	
61 -65	
66 - 70	
Over 70	
Total (A)	

Participant's residency

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	☒
Bryceville	☒
Callahan	☒
Fernandina Beach	☒
Hilliard	☒
Rural	☒
Yulee	☒
Total – must agree with total A above	

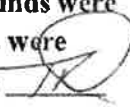
If the grant is for program/project expansion, how has the project been funded previously?

If the program/project is new, what is the budget for the new program?

If the program/project is for expansion or enhancement of an existing program, how will the grant funds impact the existing budget?

How do you expect the project to impact or benefit your community?

The Board of Directors approved submittal of this grant application at their meeting on
10/3/22

The organization will be expected to submit a statement of how the grant funds were used by March 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the funds were expended. Please indicate your acceptance of this condition by your initials 

**Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Attention: Scott Mikelson**

Signed:

Toni D. Amico

Title:

Board President / Funder

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Toni D. Amico

Date:

10/4/22

Email:

toni@bluefiretheatre.org

Phone:

904-556-9180

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Prerequisites approved:

Art & Culture Nassau Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Vice-Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Member

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Nassau County Senior Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline

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Application for Senior Grant Program

Date: 10.30.2022

Name of Organization West Nassau Historical Society

Address PO Box 1758 Callahan FL 32011

FEIN 55-088-4532

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is Organization recognized as a 501 (c) 3 by the Internal Revenue Service? ☒

Calendar Year in which the funds will be expended: 2023

Contact Person: John H Hendricks

Email Jhendricks457@aol.com Phone 904 635-1288

Organization's Mission Statement:

TO PROMOTE AND DISCOVER THE RICH & DIVERSE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF NASSAU COUNTY, FOCUSING ON THE WESTERN HALF OF THE COUNTY.

Amount of Grant request (\$500 maximum) \$ 500⁰⁰

Please describe the intended project for senior citizens; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how it will be expanded or enhanced.

EACH SERIES CONSISTS OF 2 2 HOUR LONG ART CLASSES. TAUGHT BY A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST. MONEY FROM THIS GRANT WILL GO TOWARD ART SUPPLIES AND ADVERTISING.

What is the goal of this project/program?

TO OFFER PROFESSIONALLY - INSTRUCTED ART CLASSES TO SENIOR-AGED CITIZENS OF NASSAU COUNTY WHO OTHERWISE COULD NOT AFFORD THEM. TO NURTURE THEIR TALENTS AND LOVE FOR PAINTING.

How does this project/program encourage senior citizen participation in arts and culture?

MOST OF OUR CITIZENS CAN NOT AFFORD PROFESSIONALLY TAUGHT ART CLASSES. NOR CAN THEY AFFORD TO PURCHASE ART SUPPLIES TO SOME EXTENT. THESE CLASSES SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS BY PROVIDING PAINT, BRUSHES AND CANVASSES TO THE ARTIST, PLUS PROVIDING AN ART INSTRUCTOR.

How does this project/program relate to the organization's mission?

THESE ART CLASSES HELP ADVANCE THE CULTURE OF NASSAU COUNTY BY EXPOSING NASSAU SENIOR-AGED CITIZENS TO THE WORLD OF ART & PAINTING.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes ☒ No ☐

If the grant will be applied to program expansion, when did the project/program begin?

WINTER 2020, THIS WILL BE OUR 4TH SERIES OF SENIOR AGED ART CLASSES.

How has it been received by the community?

The classes always fill up, 16-20 per year. Our ice cream

social that we exhibit their art works has also been well attended. 100+ per art exhibit each year.

Updated 9/22/21

Please describe the number of planned participants for this project, this year according to the following tables:

Participant ages

55 -60	4
61 -65	6
66 - 70	8
Over 70	2
Total (A)	20

Participant's residency

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	2
Bryceville	0
Callahan	7
Fernandina Beach	0
Hilliard	6
Rural	3
Yulee	2
Total – must agree with total A above	20

If the grant is for program/project expansion, how has the project been funded previously?

FUNDED BY PAST ARTS + CULTURE GRANTS AND IN-KIND DONATIONS FROM OUR MEMBERS PLUS FROM OUR GENERAL FUND.

If the program/project is new, what is the budget for the new program?

If the program/project is for expansion or enhancement of an existing program, how will the grant funds impact the existing budget?

GRANT FUNDS WILL ALLOW US TO BUY MORE CANVASES, ART BRUSHES, + PAINT. IT WILL ALLOW US TO ADVERTISE MORE IN COUNTY NEWSPAPERS.

How do you expect the project to impact or benefit your community?

OUR ART CLASSES FOR SENIORS PROVIDE BOTH A VENUE FOR THESE ARTISTS TO LEARN VALUABLE LESSONS FROM A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST AS WELL AS A VENUE TO DISPLAY THEIR ART IN PUBLIC

The Board of Directors approved submittal of this grant application at their meeting on

OCT 27, 2022

The organization will be expected to submit a statement of how the grant funds were used by March 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the funds were expended. Please indicate your acceptance of this condition by your initials

[Signature]

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc.

and forward to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Attention: Scott Mikelson

(SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS OF PAST CLASSES)

Signed: [Signature]

Title: DIRECTOR

Printed John Hendricks

Date: 10-30-2022

Email: Jhendricks459@aol.com

Phone: 904 635 1288

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Prerequisites approved:

Art & Culture Nassau Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Vice-Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Member

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Nassau County Senior Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline

West Nassau Historical Society

Inaugural February 2020 Senior Art Classes and Reception

The historic Callahan Train Depot is an 1881 former Atlantic Coast Line station donated by CSX to our group in the mid-1980s. It was painfully restored and renovated under guidance of the West Nassau Historical Society who has transformed the once vacant station into a community-oriented building.



Historical Society member Cindy Belt (L) helps some of the artists while Professor Elizabeth Karoly (R) gives one-on-one instruction to one of the senior students. Below are some of the seniors painting.



West Nassau Historical Society

Senior Art Classes Reception

February 21, 2020



2nd Seniors Art Classes

August 2021

The 2nd series of Senior Art Classes were postponed from February 2021 to August because of the COVID epidemic.

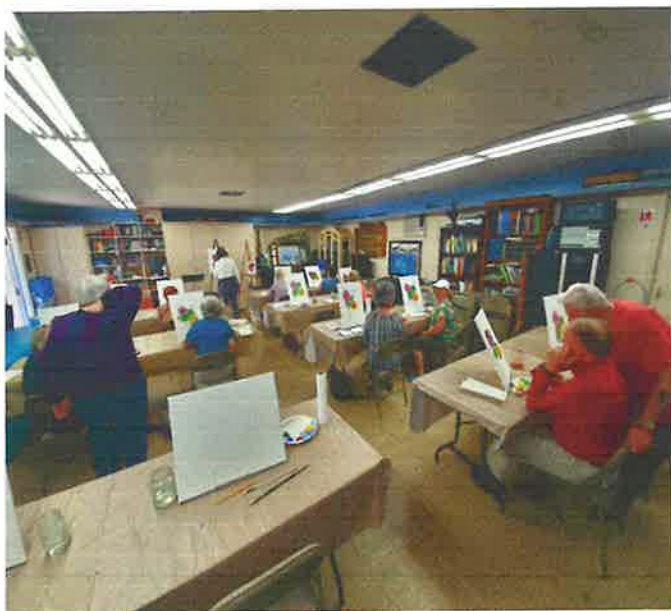
The Ice Cream Social/exhibit served as the perfect venue to showcase the senior artists' paintings.

Our art instructor was Ed Mosher, professional artist from the Plantation Art Guild.



Our 3rd series of Senior Art Classes and Ice Cream Social/exhibit – March 2022

Art Instructor was again Ed Mosher.





September 7, 2022

Mr. Scott Mikelson
Parks and Recreation
2500 Atlantic Avenue
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Dear Mr. Michelson,

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, Inc., is very appreciative of our grant from the Parks and Recreation through the Arts & Culture Nassau in past years. Enclosed is our proposal to support at least one free concert for residents at our Amelia Island senior citizens, including Savannah Grand, Osprey Village, Lakeside at Amelia Island.

The concerts will be take place during spring 2023 as part of our outreach to the senior community. Residents will be able to hear both the Dover Quartet and our students receiving training at the Christopher Rex Spring Institute. We are asking for funding to partially cover two student stipends of \$350 each.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Sakurai". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "S".

Eric Sakurai,
Executive Director
Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, Inc.

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Our mission is to support, promote, and enhance the arts in Nassau County and to provide a framework to network and address common concerns.

Grants for Senior Citizen Programs

Purpose

Arts & Culture Nassau (ACN) grants program is intended to foster appreciation of and participation in arts and culture for the senior citizens of Nassau County. It is our belief that fostering arts and culture appreciation among Nassau County citizens will benefit the quality of life for all Nassau County residents. Grants are designed to encourage new projects to serve the senior citizen population of Nassau County or to expand an existing program.

Guidelines

1. Organizations applying for the ACN grant must be non-profit (501(c)3), located in Nassau County, and dedicated to arts and/or culture.
2. Projects must be either new or an expansion of an existing project that serves Nassau County residents 55 years of age or older and relates to art and culture.
3. An award one year does not guarantee or imply an award in following years.
4. Grants are limited to \$500 per organization. It is anticipated that up to four grants will be offered each year. If additional funds become available, this amount may be increased.
5. Grants to eligible organizations must be expended within a calendar year.
 - a. Grant awards will be disbursed AFTER the award organization has disbursed funds for the eligible expenditure
 - b. The award organization must submit a reimbursement form along with a copy of the invoice(s) paid as well as a copy of the cancelled payment check(s) in order to receive the grant funds
 - c. These should be submitted to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 Attention: Scott Mikelson
 - d. Reimbursements can be incremental

- e. The organization will be expected to submit a grant close out form of how the grant funds were used within 2 months of the end of the calendar in which the funds were expended along with copies of the reimbursement form(s) used to secure reimbursement. The organization should review the grant close out form to be sure that the requested data is collected concerning the funded event. The close out form should be sent to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 Attention: Scott Mikelson
- f. Grant recipient organizations may be expected to participate projects promoting the awareness of Arts and Culture Nassau.

Submission instructions:

- The following application should be submitted in writing to Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Department 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 Attention: Scott Mikelson
- Applications will be accepted from September 1 through November 15. No applications will be accepted after the announced deadline.
- Applications will be judged, and grants awarded by a panel of 3 persons selected by the County and not affiliated with any of the Arts Council organizations and not a part of any county arts and culture organization. Awards will be announced by January 15.

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Application for Senior Grant Program

Date: 09/09/2022

Name of Organization Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, Inc.

Address 1405 Park Avenue, Suite 101, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

FEIN 59 3744 948

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes X No

Is Organization recognized as a 501 (c) 3 by the Internal Revenue Service? Yes

Calendar Year in which the funds will be expended: 2023

Contact Person: Susan Sinor

Email grants@aicmf.com **Phone** 904-891-0011

Organization's Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival to...

1. Present the world's greatest musical artists in chamber music concerts of classical and alternative genres for diverse audiences.
2. Offer music education to concert attendees, students, and aspiring young musicians.
3. Promote local businesses and tourism by attracting music lovers from Nassau County, northeast Florida and beyond.

Amount of Grant request (\$500 maximum) \$ \$500

Please describe the intended project for senior citizens; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how it will be expanded or enhanced.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival (AICMF) requests that the Arts and Culture of Nassau County provide support for our free chamber music senior citizen concerts to be held during spring 2023 as part of our outreach to the Amelia Island/Nassau County senior community. While we have had free concerts for seniors in the past, we are now including them as part of our Christopher Rex Spring Institute. They will be able to hear both the Dover Quartet and our students attending the Spring Institute. We are asking for funding to partially cover two student stipends of \$350 each.

What is the goal of this project/program?

This cultural arts support will enable us to offer the Community Concert program at the Lakeside Village Assisted Living Facility and/or another senior residence at no cost to attendees. These concerts are designed to appeal to our senior citizens as they provide an opportunity for local residents to experience live performances by outstanding musicians in comfortable and intimate settings.

How does this project/program encourage senior citizen participation in arts and culture?

The concerts next year will be performed by the students in our Christopher Rex Spring Institute. Our Spring Institute of one-week duration starts right after most conservatories, colleges and universities finish their school years. During the Institute week, we plan to have up to 10 young artists in quartets and/or string trios and pianists. They will be invited from various conservatories and universities. These promising young artists train with the Festival's internationally acclaimed Dover Quartet. At the end of their week of training, the artists will perform at one or more of our senior citizen communities, such as Lakeside, Savannah Grand, and/or Osprey Village. These concerts will provide the residents with a musical experience they would not otherwise have. Each concert lasts about an hour and allows our seniors to participate in a unique cultural experience.

How does this project/program relate to the organization's mission?

This program relates to our first two mission goals by presenting some of the world's best musical artists to diverse audiences. It also offers music education to the aspiring young musicians and to the seniors in the audience. The exact dates for these concerts are still to be determined but will be in May or June 2023.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes X No

If the grant will be applied to program expansion, when did the project/program begin?

This grant will not be used for a program expansion.

How has it been received by the community?

We have held similar concerts at assisted living facilities in Fernandina Beach, FL, and all have been very successful. The audiences have always been very enthusiastic during our performances. We plan to continue this program to bring chamber music to our senior citizens who would not otherwise be able to attend such wonderful performance.

Updated 9/22/21

Please describe the number of planned participants for this project, this year according to the following tables:

Participant ages

55 -60	4
61 -65	13
66 - 70	34
Over 70	34
Total (A)	85

Participant's residency

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	0
Bryceville	0
Callahan	0
Fernandina Beach	85
Hilliard	0
Rural	0
Yulee	0
Total – must agree with total A above	85

If the grant is for program/project expansion, how has the project been funded previously?

This project has been funded in the past by personal donations and by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The total Spring Institute budget was about \$30,000, which includes training, student stipends, and fees for the Dover Quartet.

If the program/project is new, what is the budget for the new program?

This project is not new.

If the program/project is for expansion or enhancement of an existing program, how will the grant funds impact the existing budget?

This program is not for expansion or enhancement of our existing Spring Institute.

How do you expect the project to impact or benefit your community?

It is always a pleasure to hold one of our chamber music concerts at a senior citizen community because the attendees show such a love of music. With this program, we can provide performances by both the world renowned Dover Quartet as well as some of the most talented students in the country. Many of the residents are mobility limited and would not be able to attend such a wonderful concert without this program.

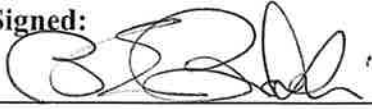
The Board of Directors approved submittal of this grant application at their meeting on

9-12-22

The organization will be expected to submit a statement of how the grant funds were used by March 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the funds were expended. Please indicate your acceptance of this condition by your initials 

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed:



Title: Executive Director

Printed Eric Sakurai

Date: _____

Email: ericsakurai@comcast.net

Phone: 203-470-1672

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Prerequisites approved:

Art & Culture Nassau Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Vice-Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Member

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Nassau County Senior Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline _____