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Fellow Members of the Arts Guild,

The newest JEWEL of the Adirondacks and of NY State, located in Old Forge, is in the final stages of construction. Arts Guild Members can be proud of their vision and their resolve to stay the course and for continuing support in so many ways. It was only a year ago that a wave of increased enthusiasm surfaced, as was evident at the 2009 Annual Meeting. At about that same time, some members with backgrounds, experiences, and talents well suited to solve then current Arts Guild problems appeared. So, increased enthusiasm, Member support and talented leadership have brought us to the happy day that is now approaching- BUILDING COMPLETION!!! It's a good reason to celebrate.

However, an important administrative matter remains that needs broad participation by members. A new and greatly improved set of By-laws is being proposed for your approval at the upcoming Annual Meeting- Sept 13, 2010. Some key factors included in these proposed By-laws are:

- 1) Individual and business members will be a majority on the nominating committee for proposed Directors
- 2) Voting for Directors will be on a secret ballot on an individual basis rather than a voice vote
for all nominees as a block.
- 3) One Director will be designated to monitor conformance to by-laws, recommend changes, when needed, and to receive comments and concerns of Members
- 4) Increased participation on committees by Individual and Business Members.

These, and many other improvements and clarifications, can be found when you review the proposed By-laws. This can be done on line (www.artscenteroldforge.org) or by requesting a copy from The Arts Center (315-369-6411). It is very important, and in the best interest of Members and the future of The Arts Center, that all Members vote on this key proposal, in person or by proxy. These By-laws, if approved, will be the "Rules of the Road" as we proceed to the day when the Arts Center will be debt-free and amply endowed. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on September 13.

If you cannot attend the Meeting on September 13, please give a signed Proxy to a friend to represent and vote for you or send a signed Proxy to Secretary- Board of Directors at the Arts Center. Proxies are important to assure that there will be a quorum, which is required to conduct a valid meeting.

Sincerely,



Dutch Vandervort
Long-time Member