



**WALLOWA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL**

**PO Box 526**

**JOSEPH, OR 97846**

2009

Dear Friends,

The Wallowa Valley Arts Council needs your support!

Try to imagine for a moment a community without art... children without the opportunity to express themselves through music, painting, dancing and performing; adults with no escape into the world of beauty and inspiration that art brings.

If that is unpleasant to imagine, we understand how you feel. Because art provides so much to a community, The Wallowa Valley Arts Council works hard to support various events and opportunities. Some of the programs the Arts Council funds include:

- Wallowa Valley Festival of Arts: Each June, this three day celebration of arts gives local and regional artists a chance to showcase their work, and brings in potential buyers from throughout the region;
- Youth Arts Festival: Gives children in grades K-12 an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents and be judged on their work. In a county where athletes get frequent recognition, the Youth Arts Festival gives those with artistic talents a chance to shine;
- Quick Draw: In April, several local artists are invited to participate in this fun event, where they complete their work in a single evening, and the piece is sold right then. Quick Draw brings attention to the variety and quality of our local artists, and is a community crowd pleaser. Members also get the opportunity to enjoy, for one year, a piece of the "Art in the Wallowas" revolving collection;
- Missoula Children's Theatre: allows county kids grades K-12 to try out for and participate in a professional musical theatre production; gifted kids are often discovered here and invited to attend special summer musical theatre programs in Missoula. Typically 55-60 kids participate in a production, 300-500 community members attend one of two shows, and one to two lucky musical theatre stars are chosen to audition for MCT camp;
- Artists in Schools: puts professional artists into the schools to work with kids at all ages on specific projects, from junk art sculpture, to weaving, to oil painting;
- Hope Dance Workshop, NYC: this weeklong summer workshop for all ages imports professional ballet and contemporary dance teachers from New York to the county, ending the week with two performances;
- Fiddler's Show, Brass at the Lake, Woodwinds at Wallowa Lake, Wallowa County Old Time Fiddler's Show, Bowlby Arts Group, Artists in the Schools, Wallowa County Cultural Trust, and more: The Arts Council partners with a variety of other groups to help broaden the opportunity for musical talents to be nourished and developed.

The Arts Council was founded in 1983 by a group of citizens who wanted to promote the arts in our beautiful but remote valley. Since its inception it has grown in scope and in members. With school budget cuts eliminating or drastically reducing the chance for kids to participate in arts and music, having a community organization to help fill this need is more important than ever.

Your support of the Wallowa Valley Arts Council is critical to the Council continuing its good work in the community. For just \$35, you can become a member of the Arts Council. As a thank you, you will receive a free ticket to Quick Draw, which also makes you eligible to take home a piece of fine art for one year.

Remember, any amount you give is appreciated. Your donation is tax deductible\*, and ensures that art in all its forms and expressions will continue to be an integral part of the county's quality of life.

Sincerely,

Wallowa Valley Arts Council  
www.wallowavalleyarts.org

PS: Through a special arrangement with Oregon Cultural Trust, you can now enjoy a 100% tax credit when you donate an equal amount to both the Arts Council and Oregon Cultural Trust. For more information about the Cultural Trust, visit their website, [www.culturaltrust.org/donate](http://www.culturaltrust.org/donate).

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**2009 Membership Application to Wallowa Valley Arts Council  
PO Box 526, Joseph, OR 97846**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to help with any project? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_

{ } **Individual**      \$35      { } **Silver**      \$ 100      { } **Gold** \$ 500  
{ } **Family**        \$50      { } **Bronze**      \$ 250      { } **Other** \_\_\_\_\_