

WHEATONARTS WELCOME NEW CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MILLVILLE, NJ – Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center has recently announced the election of Arnold Robinson ESQ as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has served as a member of the WheatonArts Board of Trustees for the past three years. Robinson succeeds Mr. Keith Ragone, a Graphic and Exhibit Designer who has served as board Chairman since 2010.

A longtime resident, Robinson is a respected community leader in Cumberland County. He is a partner of the Robinson & Robinson Law Firm, involved with Bayshore Discovery, the Millville Housing Authority, as well as the Shirley Eves Development & Therapeutic Center. Additionally, Mr. Robinson has over 30 years of experience in the fields of Real Estate, Wills and Estates, Business Law, Accidental Injuries, Criminal Defense, and Municipal Court Trials.

“I am honored to be a member of the Wheaton Board. It is such a high quality group of people.” said Robinson. “I look forward to the broader community learning more about the creative vision of WheatonArts.”

Susan Gogan, executive director, says “I look forward to working in partnership with Arnie as he assumes this important leadership position. He has a true understanding and appreciation of the important role WheatonArts plays in our community as a provider of meaningful programs, as an anchor cultural tourist destination, and as a home to a dynamic artist community.”

WheatonArts is a major cultural resource serving southern New Jersey, with a mission to “**engage artists and audiences in an evolving exploration of creativity.**” WheatonArts hosts ongoing educational programs, exhibitions, workshops, performances, artist residencies, along with several multi-day cultural events and an annual fine craft festival. Programming and events attract over 60,000 visitors annually, with over 12,000 children visiting for class tours, and more than 95,000 people benefit from off-site lectures, demonstrations, and activities in schools. WheatonArts is recognized by the NJ State Council on the Arts as a *Major Arts Organization*, “given in recognition of the organizations’ solid history of artistic excellence, substantial programming, and broad public service.” This honor also notes that the Center “stands among a group of organizations across our state that contributes vitally to the quality of life in New Jersey.”

WheatonArts is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Admission: Adults \$10.00, \$9.00 Senior Adults and \$7.00 Students. Children five and under are free. Free to shop and stroll except during outdoor special events. For more information about WheatonArts, call 856-825-6800 or 800-998-4552, or visit wheatonarts.org.

WheatonArts strives to ensure the accessibility of its exhibitions, events and programs to all persons with disabilities. Provide two weeks notice for additional needs. Patrons with hearing and speech disabilities may contact WheatonArts through the New Jersey Relay Service (TRS) 800-852-7899 or by dialing 711.

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