



*Arts on the Lake* at the  
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To the Members:

The work that we have done together to turn an empty building into a thriving Arts Center over the past few years has been something of which each one of us can be exuberantly proud. I am grateful and deeply thankful for the unprecedented opportunity you gave me to head up that task.

On February 1<sup>st</sup> I begin a new position as Executive Director of The Schoolhouse Theater in Croton Falls. The Board of Arts on the Lake is assembling a Search Committee headed by Marty Collins to locate a new Administrative Director for AotL.

As a resident of Kent, I expect to maintain an active membership in Arts on the Lake and be a willing volunteer. I expect to see *Library Stories* through to its completion in early May and be humming in the audience and smiling at openings as often as possible.

At the same time, to open up the possibilities for staff re-organization that a change of this sort entails, Ellen Leerburger is stepping down as Director of Education and will step up to play a greater role in the programming of events.

We have scheduled a Members Gathering for Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Hoping to see you, I invite you to bring your friends as new members, your ideas for additional programming and your commitment to participation so that the community can continue to be strengthened by what happens at the Center.

With bittersweet affection, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

James Shearwood