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The current proposal for the State's budget balancing plan includes a 50% reduction for the Colorado Council on the Arts. Such a cut would seriously impact the agency's ability to continue to provide the grants and services for artists, community organizations, schools, creative businesses, and government agencies at its current level. The agency has scheduled a Listening Tour from January 30 through February 10 to gather important public feedback regarding the critical areas in which state investment is essential to support our state's creative economy. Public feedback is vital as the agency determines its future budget priorities.

Due to the budget uncertainty, the Council has also decided to postpone its March 12 grant deadline for the 2009-10 Grants to Artists and Organizations (GAO) and Success through Art (StART Schools) grants.

Artists, community groups, creative businesses, educators and municipal leaders are encouraged to attend a Listening Tour session and to invite their colleagues. The Listening Tour schedule is listed below and posted on the Council's web site at www.colorarts.org. Additional sessions may be added. If you have questions about the tour, email coloarts@state.co.us.

The Council has also posted an online survey on the web site. This will only take a few minutes and will provide important input regarding the role of state funding for arts activities and creative enterprises in communities around the state.

Listening Tour Schedule

Wednesday, January 28, County Commons Building, 37 County Road 1005, Frisco, CO 80424
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, January 30, City of Fort Collins Community Room, 215 N. Mason Street, Ft. Collins
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *

Sunday, February 1, Old Town Museum, 420 S 14th St., Burlington
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, February 2, Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center, 3rd Floor, Helen T. White Gallery
Bldg., 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., Pueblo
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *

Tuesday, February 3, Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, 2401 Welton Street, Denver
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *

Thursday, February 5, Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado, 315 E. Costilla St., Colorado Springs
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *

Saturday, February 7, Serendipity Coffee Shop, 576 Yampa, Craig
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 7, Depot Arts Center, 1001 13th St., Steamboat Springs
3:30 p.m. -- 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 8, Glenwood Springs Center for the Arts, 601 E 6th St., Glenwood Springs
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 9, Montrose School District, Board Room, 126 S. 5th Street, Montrose
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *

Tuesday, February 10,
Location: Durango - Tentative

Wednesday, February 11
Location: Alamosa - Tentative

Tuesday, February 17, Ridgway Public Library, 300 Charles Street, Ridgway, CO 81432-0560
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

* Brown Bag lunches welcome. No red or purple drinks, please.

Public Art Opportunities for Artists and Administrators

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Public artists are invited to attend a Public Art Workshop presented by the City of Denver on Thursday, January 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Wellington Webb Municipal Building, 201 W. Colfax, 4th Floor in Denver. The workshop is designed to give public artists tips on applying for public art projects, direction on using CaFE and a question and answer session with the staff. The City

of Denver has 40 new Public Art projects created by the Better Denver Bond Program passed in 2007. The Colorado Council on the Arts will also be there and have a list of public art projects to be advertised over the next several months. Call 720-865-4302 for more information.

Public art administrators from around the state will gather in Broomfield on Friday, January 30th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The agenda will include Visual Artists Rights Act (VARA) and copyright issues with a presentation by Lawrence Argent, creator of "I See What You Mean" located at the Colorado Convention Center. Other items of discussion will include an overview of the Colorado Creative Economy study, the economic impact of public art, and program updates from public art programs around the state. If you are interested in attending please contact jil.rosentrater@state.co.us.



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The theme of the 12th annual Colorado Preservation, Inc. Saving Places conference is "Expanding Preservation Coalitions". Educational sessions, pre-conference workshops, tours and general sessions will showcase a wide variety of topics from "bricks and mortar" to archaeology, from historic schools and forts to cultural diversity in the National Register of Historic Preservation. Colorado Preservation, Inc. received a Colorado Council on the Arts Small Step Award to support some of the cultural offerings of this year's conference. Visit www.coloradopreservation.org.

The Colorado Council on the Arts will be presenting an educational session entitled "Art and Culture in Preservation". Ronna Lee Sharpe and Maryo Ewell are teaming up for the presentation which will focus on ways that art and cultural heritage can contribute to the interpretation, restoration and use of historic properties. Examples of previous successful projects will be shown to help attendees envision ideas that would be suitable for their situations. Participants will be encouraged to explore ideas during a brainstorming exercise. Additionally, information on the grant programs currently offered by CCA will be presented.

Dealing With the Economic Downturn

Links to resources

It is becoming clearer that the declining U.S. economy is adversely affecting Colorado artists and cultural organizations. To help us better understand the impact of the economic downturn, we'd like to get a sense of any changes you've had to make in your programs and in the number of jobs in your organization. Please share the challenges you are facing and how you are dealing with them by sending an email to elaine.mariner@state.co.us. Meanwhile, we've compiled some [information and links](http://www.coloradopreservation.org) (<http://www.coloradopreservation.org> <http://www.coloarts.state.co.us/news/e-news/Dealing%20with%20the%20economic%20downturn%20links%20Jan%202009.pdf>) to

resources that might help you weather this difficult time including descriptions of the future federal and state stimulus packages, funding resources, computer technology opportunities and additional articles.

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Poetry Out Loud is a standards-based recitation competition open to all high school students in Colorado. Materials are available on the Colorado Council on the Arts [web site](http://www.coloarts.org/programs/education/poetryoutloud/index.htm) (www.coloarts.org/programs/education/poetryoutloud/index.htm) including a description of the program, how to get a teacher kit, frequently asked questions and the form to request a guest artist visit your school. All school competitions must be completed by February 14th, and the state competition will be held on February 24 at the Lakewood Cultural Center.

For information about participating email POLinfo@state.co.us. Please include teacher name, subject, and phone number, as well as the school address.