



BCTMA – 2010 Projects and Activities

BCTMA Organizational Plan – Implementation

The BCTMA Organizational Plan represents a big step in the future of the BCTMA. Prior to its adoption, the BCTMA membership functioned as an informal association of participants under the direction of the Steering Committee which in turn operated under the guidance of the BCAC. The BCTMA has grown to the point where its membership needs to be formally defined in order to successfully continue to grow its project and activities initiatives and sustain the association. This plan defines: the purpose and goals of the BCTMA, its membership, administration, and operation.

Membership: The BCTMA Organizational Plan specifies that “Members of the BCTMA shall be individuals who have paid dues to become members of the BCTMA. The Board of Directors of the BCTMA shall determine and approve the dues to be charged for annual membership in the BCTMA. There shall be maintained a record of all paid members as evidence of membership in good standing in the BCTMA.”

For 2010, Annual Membership Dues are \$ 24.00 per person. Dues can be paid to a member of the Steering Committee at any BCTMA event or at the BCAC from 9 – 4:30, T-F. If payment is by check, make it to BCAC and write “BCTMA Dues 2010” in the memo space. It would be a great help if as many as possible could pay their dues by January 16, 2010.

Administration: The Steering Committee shall recommend and submit a proposed slate of candidates for membership to the full Board of Directors and the 2010 Steering Committee at a **Special Meeting to be held January 16, 2010 – 7pm at the Inner Banks Artisans’ Center**. Since this is the first time a BCTMA Board of Directors is being elected, the list of candidates will be distributed to the members of the BCTMA as soon as possible prior to the January 16, 2010 special meeting. A simple majority of votes cast by members present shall constitute election.

Activity Space – Inner Banks Artisans’ Center

In October 2009, the BCTMA was approached by Bob Henkel regarding utilizing space in his building located at 158 W. Main St. as a winter home for the Saturday Morning Jam. This building is being remodeled as the location for the Inner Banks Artisan’s Center (IBX). Since October, the BCTMA has utilized space in this building for several Saturday Jams (while dodging construction work).

The BCTMA and the IBX have been developing plans whereby the BCTMA could utilize space in the building as a “home-base” and as a location for performances and activities. This plan developed into a one year agreement whereby the BCTMA rents a studio adjacent to the IBX’s large activity room for \$150 per month. The BCTMA has priority use of the large activity room on Friday evenings and all day on Saturdays. In return for the use of this space, the BCTMA agreed to provide music programming on Thursday evenings at no charge to benefit the promotion of the IBX. Current plans are to develop a performance venue in the large activity room. BCTMA plans to operate concession and merchandise





sales activities utilizing its rented studio space during performance events in the large activity space. BCTMA plans to use the large activity space as a location for the Saturday Jam (at least during the winter), and schedule performance events on Thursday – Saturday nights.

As plans for this initiative continue to develop, the support of the BCTMA and its volunteers will definitely be needed.

BCTMA Website – bctma.org.

The BCTMA now has a new website that is designed and maintained by James Casey. It went live on Thanksgiving Day, 2009. We hope to make this a very user friendly destination site for information about the BCTMA and its activities, and to help promote membership and participation. If you have text, pictures, or videos that may be useful as content for the website, please send it to the bctma@ymail.com email address. Please help promote the website by referring your friends and contacts to it.

BCTMA Community Outreach Performances

The BCAC and the BCTMA are cooperatively planning music performance events to be held in the Belhaven and Aurora areas prior to the 2010 Beaufort County Music Festival. The plan is to provide performances in these communities that will help promote attendance at this year's festival.

2nd Annual – Beaufort County Music Festival – April 10, 2010

Plans are currently underway for the 2010 Beaufort County Music Festival, presented by the BCAC in association with BCTMA and DWOW, on April 10, 2010. This year's festival is building on the success of last year's festival by being larger, more diverse and lasting longer. The presenters decided that dropping "Traditional" from the name would reflect the event's addition of a wider selection of performers in order to attract attendance from more diverse age and cultural genres. The music programming will continue to be acoustic/roots based.

Current plans are: to have an opening concert at the Turnage Theater on Friday, April 9th, have an additional outdoor stage (sponsored and directed by the BCTMA), and a Sunday event spotlighting gospel music. BCTMA will need many volunteers before, during and after the festival.

The Pamlico Opry – 2010

The 2009 Pamlico Opry was the BCTMA's most ambitious project. It was a great success for the BCTMA in many ways. It provided the BCTMA with positive exposure and much good-will in the community both in the Washington area and beyond. It provided affordable family entertainment and showcased local talent. It provided an opportunity for involvement by many people to produce, present, perform and promote the BCTMA – and have fun.

The BCTMA has been asked if we will be presenting The Pamlico Opry in 2010. That needs to be decided soon.

