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**Welcome** to the first newsletter from the Contoocook Valley Visual and Performing Arts Center team (CVVPAC). We plan to send out e-newsletters as time and information warrant. We hope you are interested in being “in the loop,” and we promise not to bombard you with a lot of emails. If at any time you'd rather not be on our distribution list -- or if you have any comments or suggestions -- just drop us a line.



**Sponsorship** We are proud to announce that **Arts Alive!**, a non-profit advancing the arts and culture in the Monadnock region, has agreed to be our fiscal sponsor. Under their auspices, we now can receive tax deductible contributions for our campaign, as well as pursue grants which we will need to do a feasibility study, etc.

**Going shopping this weekend? Come visit us at Depot Square** CVVPAC friends and supporters will be occupying a storefront (the former “Wits End”) in Depot Square during the weekend of Dec 5-7. Student and adult volunteers will be wrapping gifts for donations, as well as offering occasional musical entertainment, and generally raising awareness of our campaign. Gifts must be purchased from Depot Square/downtown vendors. ***Please help us get out the word***

***that we'll be wrapping for CVVPAC donations this weekend in Depot Square.*** Stop by, support the cause, have some hot chocolate, and join the fun. For more info, contact Mary Lou O'Neil, 562-8950. (Text or talk.)

**Get into the Holiday Spirit** and check out our **"Fill the Void" Christmas Tree** that team member Gloria Schultz has created. Fun and fancifully decorated trees will be on display at the Peterborough Community Center on Elm Street for the "Holiday Trees" exhibit. Exhibit dates are Friday, December 12th (7-9PM Opening Reception), Saturday, December 13th (9-5), and Sunday, December 14th (12-3). *Thank you, Gloria!*

## **Please Take the Survey!** WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

The Town of Peterborough has put out a "Vision Survey" for anyone who lives, works, volunteers, or has investment in the Peterborough community. They are looking for your responses to help them develop their vision moving forward.

There are several questions being asked about the town and its future ability to remain vital and grow economically. As you read through and answer questions, you will see that you are often given the option to give your own opinion (Other). When these questions come up, if it relates to the possibility of building a visual and performing arts center, please say so. In addition, after the question, they will often ask which three points are most important to you. It would help significantly if you select your "Other" as one of the three. See explanation below.

### ***For example:***

To what extent do you feel the following are important for Peterborough's future Economic Vitality?

*Write in under Other* - Having a visual and performing arts center built on the ConVal High School land to attract families to our region, thus building economic vitality. (Please select this as one of your three most important items below in this section.)

What does Peterborough need to provide to retain and/or attract young people (18 to 40 years old)?

*Write in under Other* - A Visual and Performing arts center on ConVal high school grounds. Parents want their children to have a well rounded education, and the arts are very important to the people of our region. (Please select this as one of your three most important items below in this section.)

You do not need to be a resident of Peterborough to participate in the survey.

You can connect to the survey online:

[https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV\\_6JaHAqsSDSDomC9](https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_6JaHAqsSDSDomC9)

**Coming Mini-Events** This winter and spring we will be doing more “Fill The Void” events. The team will be organizing mini-events throughout the Contoocook Valley area -- musical events, theatrical presentations, dance performances -- to highlight the range of artistic endeavors that will benefit from the proposed center. Expect news of January events soon! If you'd like to create, or host, an event – please contact Mary Lou O'Neil at [marylouo@gmail.com](mailto:marylouo@gmail.com).

**As always, we thank you for your support of the Contoocook Valley Performing Arts Center project. Remember, if you, or someone you know, would like a performing arts center named after them, just let us know!**

Follow our efforts at [www.FilltheVoid-CV.org](http://www.FilltheVoid-CV.org), or for more details of our mission and plans go to [www.ConValVPAC.org](http://www.ConValVPAC.org). To unsubscribe to this newsletter, contact [jshafham@gmail.com](mailto:jshafham@gmail.com).