



**Dixie Art Colony** Foundation

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#### **New Foundation Formed to Ensure the Preservation of the Legacy of the Dixie Art Colony**

**Wetumpka, Alabama**—In May of 2014, Mark A. Harris with the assistance of Lynn Barstis Williams Katz, Ph.D., Sally LeBron Holland, and Martha Moon Kracke, curated what is thought to be the first comprehensive exhibition featuring the Dixie Art Colony. An article written by Katz published in the Summer 1996 edition of *Alabama Heritage* magazine served as the inspiration for the exhibition. The popular exhibition and lecture series held at the Wetumpka City Hall served as the impetus for the formation of the Dixie Art Colony Foundation. The exhibition drew large crowds and visitors to Wetumpka, Alabama from as far away as Baltimore, Maryland.

The Dixie Art Colony Foundation was founded as part of an effort to place greater emphasis on the legacy of Central Alabama's unique and historic Dixie Art Colony. The primary mission of the foundation is to preserve and promote the history and legacy left by the Colony participants as we engage, inspire and educate artists and the public at large about the colony. The secondary mission is to promote local and regional visual arts through the collection, recognition, documentation, and the publication of relevant works of American art. Exhibitions will include original works of art, as well as the story behind the artist and their work. All exhibitions and programs are also designed to promote local tourism and inspire creative industry.

The DAC Foundation is a non-profit corporation incorporated in Elmore County, Alabama. We have filed Form #1023 with the IRS requesting 501(c)(3) status. However due to the pending status of our application, we are currently accepting tax-deductible donations through a Fiscal Sponsorship agreement with the Elmore County Art Guild. The Fiscal Sponsorship will remain in place until which time we receive our 501(c)(3) approval letter.

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