

T0: Nashville Town Council

FROM: Bob Kirlin

DATE: August 25, 2006

I would like council to consider adopting the attached Resolution, to be a partner and to support the 2007 Celebration Event.

Thanks, Bob Kirlin

Brown County Art Colony Centennial Overview

A 2007 Celebration Event

Be a Partner

The **Brown County Art Colony Centennial** is a year-long art and cultural celebration commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Brown County/Nashville Art Colony in Indiana.

In the early 1900s, a number of talented painters settled in and around the village of Nashville in Brown County, Indiana. They were not only attracted to the area's rugged beauty and quality of light, but to the presence of two prominent artists, T.C. Steele and Adolph Shulz. Over the years, Brown County and its early artists achieved a national reputation rivaling that of the Carmel, Taos, New Hope, Old Lyme and Woodstock art colonies – all established between 1885 and 1920, 'The Golden Age of Art Impressionism' in America.

Today's colony painters, joined by potters, glassblowers, photo artists, weavers, woodworkers, leather crafters, jewelers and others, continue the artistic journey, work ethic and vision of those first Brown County Artists.

It is now time to celebrate our cultural heritage. Join us – The Brown County Art Colony Centennial Committee – in the planning and implementation of our 100th Anniversary Art Colony Celebration. Your participation and support is needed.

Please adopt the attached *Resolution* and commit to this milestone event.

BROWN COUNTY ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMISSION
MARCH 15, 2006