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### SCHACK ART CENTER gets closer to opening in Everett

Everett, WA (January 25, 2010) - The Arts Council of Snohomish County (ASCS) recently announced the capital campaign goal of \$6M is 85% achieved and that the Schack Art Center is currently scheduled to open late in 2010. The Center will be a stand out model for creative energy and learning and will lend to the development of a vibrant, robust arts community and support art education in the county schools.

The vision for the project began in the late 1990s, as a goal was set of securing a permanent home that met current needs, allowed for growth and included a sustainability plan. In 2004, the City of Everett became the catalyst for a new arts center and connected the ACSC with a partner, Artspace Projects, Inc. And in 2006, the Arts Council kicked off a \$6M campaign to build the Visual Arts Education Center.

The Arts Council is building a fully equipped arts education center, the **Schack Art Center**, in the heart of downtown Everett. The Center will occupy over 18,000 sq.ft. and includes exhibit galleries, a glass hot shop and specialized art production studios.

Our partner, Artspace is building the core structure and developing 40 affordable live/work lofts for artists on the upper three floors.

The Arts Council is committed to designing and building a "green" building with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. For instance, optimizing energy performance by harnessing the heat from the glass furnace to cover the heating needs for the art center.



*...the face of downtown Everett is changing. We are beginning to see vibrancy return to our streets...Bringing more of our arts community downtown to live and work will continue the transformation of this once lumber mill town known as the City of Smokestacks to a modern, well-rounded community. A donation to (this project) would be money well spent. -Allen Funk, President and Publisher, The Daily Herald*

*This community art center will create a place for artists to bring together our collective energy, to inspire each other beyond what we can do on our own. --Janet Wold, Artist, Marysville*

#### About the Arts Council of Snohomish County

Established in 1974, the Arts Council of Snohomish County is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which celebrates and promotes the arts for the enhancement of the community. Through arts education programs, admission free gallery exhibits, and community events, it serves all of Snohomish County as well as artists and arts supporters from King, Island, and Skagit counties.

For more information, visit [www.artscouncilofsnoco.org](http://www.artscouncilofsnoco.org).

#### About the Schack Art Center

In 2006, the Arts Council initiated the \$6 million capital campaign to build a multi-use regional arts center in downtown Everett. The Schack Art Center will house the Visual Arts Education Center for Arts Council programs, as well as affordable housing for working artists and their families constructed by Artspace Projects. When completed in late 2010, the 80,000-square foot facility will serve as a neighborhood gathering place where artists live, work and collaborate and a destination locale designed to culturally enrich community life through art exhibits, classes and workshops.

For more information, visit <http://artscouncilofsnoco.org/campaign/project.html>.

#### About Artspace

Founded in 1979 and based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Artspace is the nation's leading nonprofit real estate developer for the arts. Its mission is to create, foster, and preserve affordable space for artists and arts organization. Visit <http://www.artspace.org> for more information.

## What you will find inside the SCHACK ART CENTER

**Main Exhibit Gallery** - Strategically situated on the first floor this gallery will serve as a gateway into the Schack Art Center. Each year an estimated 250,000 visitors will pass through the 2,400 sq. ft. space to interact with original artwork by local artists. Featuring 20' ceilings and flexible exhibit walls, this venue will accommodate a full range of exhibit installations from 2D and 3D, to digital.



**Hot Shop** - The Pacific Northwest is renowned for its art glass; glass blowers thrive here and collectors find paradise. The 1600 sq. ft. Hot Shop will feature 20' ceilings and equipment to accommodate two professional teams of artists working concurrently or six eager students. With permanent viewing opportunities, this studio will be the centerpiece of the facility, attracting tourists and master artists. To accommodate viewing of world class glass blowers a 24 ft section of gallery wall will slide away for an "inside the Hot Shop" view. Visitors will be enthralled as molten glass transforms into brilliant works of art right before their eyes.



**Gallery Store** - The 800 sq. ft. Gallery Store is located right inside the main entrance of the Schack Art Center and features unique gifts and one-of-a-kind works by regional artists. The Gallery Store is a signature space where visitors will meet and linger. No visit would be complete without stopping by the Gallery Store.



**K - 12 Exhibit Hall** – This first floor hallway located right outside of Studio One and Two will be a permanent creative space that features year round the work of our county’s brightest rising stars – our children.

**Studio One** – The 800 sq. ft. multifunctional Studio is located on the first floor of the Visual Arts Education Center adjacent to the Gallery Store. This versatile space will be used for classes such as drawing, sumi ink, calligraphy, painting, collage, encaustic and mixed media. Studio One and Two (below) can be opened up into one large space to accommodate student exhibits, youth art camps, workshops or lectures or used as rented space for meetings and events.



**Studio Two** – The 800 sq. ft. multifunctional Studio is located on the first floor of the Schack ART Center and adjacent to the Catering Kitchen. The versatile space will be used for classes such as drawing, sumi ink, calligraphy, painting, collage, encaustic and mixed media.

**Catering Kitchen** – The kitchen is adjacent to and accessible through Studio One and Two. The kitchen will provide support for Arts Council events, receptions, and workshops. The Schack Art Center will be a spectacular venue for weddings, conferences, private parties, and the Catering Kitchen is a necessary ingredient for a successful event.



**Cold Shop** – The Cold Shop is 320 sq. ft. adjacent to the Hot Shop and vital to finishing any piece of glass. Accomplished artists will polish and smooth any rough edges on artwork. Artists have expressed the need for the Cold Shop as the nearest one available for use is far to the south in Seattle.

**Kiln Forming Glass Studio** – Located on the second floor, this 1100 sq. ft. Studio is equipped with an assortment of warm glass equipment that will attract artists from throughout the northwest. It will provide specialized space for personalized instruction in fused glass, slumped glass, lampworking, and kiln-cast glass. Our fused glass classes have been in high demand since the Arts Council began offering community art classes in 2005.

**Sculpture Garden** – Located at the entrance to the Schack Art Center on Hoyt Avenue in downtown Everett, the Sculpture Garden will feature a diverse selection of sculptures from glass to bronze to metal. Everett’s downtown is currently home to nearly two dozen sculptures that are rotated or changed annually. The Sculpture Garden at the Schack Art Center will further enhance Everett’s downtown landscape while featuring its most brilliant assets ...local artists.

