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school of arts and crafts

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Arrowmont School Awarded \$10,000 NEA Grant

Gatlinburg, TN – Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts recently received news from Congressman David Davis of their grant award from the National Endowment for the Arts for \$10,000 to support the third and final phase of a comprehensive, online, digital archive of the school's permanent collection.

The school's collection of more than 725 objects acquired over the past 90 years represents a variety of craft traditions and has the potential to be a great resource and teaching tool. Portions of Arrowmont's Permanent Collection are on exhibit at the school periodically throughout the year and also travel to universities and art institutions in the southeast.

"Arrowmont has a long tradition of supporting creativity that makes the First District so distinctive," Congressman Davis said. "Their dedication to education and art preservation provides long-lasting benefits. This money will help complete a valuable historical archive of traditions cherished by the First District."

"We couldn't be more excited about the success of this grant, said Karen Green, Arrowmont's Gallery Coordinator. "Work will begin this summer with an intern and through our staff photographer, Jill Greene, who is documenting each object for the digital archive."

This grant in addition to the grants that supported the first two phases of the project represent \$30,000 received from the NEA over the last three years.

Arrowmont is dedicated to its mission of enriching lives through art. Arrowmont's galleries are open to the public year round, Monday through Saturday, 8:30-4:30. For more information about current exhibitions, visit www.arrowmont.org.

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