

## ***Mission Statement***

The mission of the Arts of the Inland (AOI) is to Facilitate and nurture the creation, development, promotion and education of arts and culture in the inland communities of South Florida.

The purpose is then to promote artistic culture and artistic heritage to all of the people in the area through the Arts of the Inland.

Arts of the Inland is committed to and dedicated to recognizing the talent and power of the artists here in this very special area of South Florida. AOI works in alliance with individual artists, arts organizations, educational institutions and other entities to present and promote the visual, the literary, and the performing arts landscape. It is our purpose to create diverse and innovative events and exhibits, to conduct programs, design projects and offer services and performances that reach and appeal to diverse audiences.



## ***History of the Organization***

Arts of the Inland (AOI) is the new name for a private, nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that was established in 1984, more than 25 years ago, under the name of “Lehigh Community Chorus”, which later evolved into the name “Lehigh Singers”. This 501(c)(3) corporation has been functioning for these many years in the musical realm of the art world. The Arts of the Inland is currently a dba of the Lehigh Singers. The board of directors of the Lehigh Singers determined in 2010 that this community and the surrounding inland area needed a local umbrella organization that would encompass all the aspects of the art world, inclusive of not only music, but also drama, visual arts, literary arts, dance, etc. Inland communities are defined as Eastern Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Alva, Labelle, Muse, Immokalee, Clewiston, Moore Haven, Bay Haven, and other rural areas within the area East of I-75 on the West coast of South Florida. This area also includes reservations of the Seminole Tribe of Florida in Immokalee, Big Cypress, and Hollywood.

Arts of the Inland met for the first time March 1, 2011 at Majestic Golf Club in Lehigh Acres, FL. and continues to meet monthly. The enthusiasm and membership are building steadily. During 2011 the organization has worked to define itself. A “set direction” poll was taken of the membership to determine the specific mission and objectives of the organization. The urgent desire among the members to have an outlet for their arts and to begin community outreach resulted in the planning of the Constitution Day Festival September 17, 2011. Artists, dancers, writers and musicians joined together to provide an enriching cultural experience. Community support and participation for this festival created a strong demand for more festivals and opportunities for community outreach in the future.



**Meetings are held  
Third Tuesday  
Each Month**

Meeting locations change  
from month to month.

Please contact  
863-535-6278

Meetings are open to public  
and normally run from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

**[www.ArtsOftheInland.com](http://www.ArtsOftheInland.com)**

# Who We Are

*Arts of the Inland membership include:*

## Visual Arts

*Painters, sculptors, potters  
photographers, craftsmen*

## Literary Arts

*Novelists, poets, playwrights,  
screenwriters*

## Theatre Arts

*Actors, Actresses, dramatists,  
and Theatre support staff*

## Musical Arts

*Musicians, singers, songwriters*

## Patrons

*Businesses, Individuals, and  
Foundations who provide monetary  
support*

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## Application for Membership

Students with valid I.D.	Free
Associate	\$ 5
Friend	\$ 20
Founder	\$ 50
Patron	\$100+

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My area of art \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to:  
**Arts of the Inland**  
and send to  
**Art of the Inland**  
P.O. Box 38  
Alva, FL 33920



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*Supporting the  
local artists  
and  
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