

**Proposal for the Operation of the “Crossville Depot” by  
Cumberland Artisans of Tennessee Studio / Gallery (C.A.T.S.)**

C.A.T.S. a non-profit Co-Op formed by Artist in the Cumberland Area to promote and advance the arts in Crossville and surrounding area propose the following.

To operate the “Crossville Depot” as a mini welcome center and art outreach for visitors to and residents of Crossville. This would be done by staffing the Depot on a daily basis our tentative thoughts on hours would be Mon-Fri 10:00am-4:00pm, Sat. 10:00am – 2:00pm, other times as events warrant.

We would offer a full range of information pamphlets and or handouts from the many entities in our area. In addition we would bring art work by local artists back to downtown Crossville. We would display art by local artists for sale or for the enjoyment of the visitors. We believe that this would enhance the downtown experience of both local residents and visitors to our city. We would offer Crossville souvenir items for sale to promote the city

We would work with the folks participating in the Farmer’s Market each Thursday to ensure they have a good experience. We are also exploring the best use for the caboose as we feel that it is an integral part of the Depot experience.

We understand that part of the operation of the Depot entails scheduling and overseeing the rental of the meeting facility, including the cleaning of the facility as necessary to ensure a pleasant experience for the renters. We further understand the importance of the revenue received from such rental to the Rotary Foundation and their scholarship program. To this point we would offer to share the revenue from the rental with the Foundation. As we are taking on the responsibility of staffing and day to day operation we feel that is appropriate that a portion of the proceeds go to our organization to help with our efforts to promote arts to both children and adults in our community through classes, demonstrations, and other artistic efforts. We feel that a 60 / 40 split with 60% going to the Rotary Foundation would be a fair agreement. We would request that any events held by our organization not be subject to a use charge. We

would encourage input from the City as to setting a rental agreement and fees for the use of the facility.

We believe that our participation would be an asset to the City of Crossville and to the downtown area. Our Gallery at the Crossville Outlet Mall has been a great success and would serve as an extension of the Depot and help direct visitors to the downtown area and to the Depot. We have members with special events experience and with planning / overseeing events.

We are prepared to begin operation immediately. We have art and artists on standby to begin filling the Depot upon your approval of this proposal.

We would work on setting up a Web-site and / or a Facebook page to publicize hours of operation and hours available for rental of the meeting room

Thank you for the opportunity to add to the efforts to bring art back to downtown.

We look forward to your response and for the opportunity to work out complete details with you. We are excited about the prospect of joining with the City of Crossville, and the Rotary Foundation, to offer this experience to the visitors and residents of our town.

If there are any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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