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## Community and Economic Development in North Carolina and Beyond Blog: the Artisan's Gallery in Yanceyville, NC

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My name is Kate Mulvaney and I am one of the Community-Campus Partnership interns in Yanceyville, NC. I worked for the Partnership with Caswell County and the Town of Yanceyville over the summer and I am continuing to work with the Town of Yanceyville throughout the school year. Yanceyville is a wonderful town and I am very happy to have the opportunity to work with its government and citizens.

The following update discusses recent developments relating to the creation of an Artisans' Gallery in Yanceyville, NC. The idea for an artisans' gallery came out of the work the Rural Center's NC STEP program did with the Town of Yanceyville. The citizens of Yanceyville identified three development strategies for the town and from those strategies developed projects. The Artisans' Gallery was one of the many projects under the strategy to make downtown Yanceyville a shopping destination.

The Artisan's Gallery will promote local high quality artists and artisans by providing a common space for the viewing and sale of their work to the general public. It is also intended to provide a boost to the local economy by attracting visitors to Yanceyville's Historic Downtown District from communities within Caswell County and the many adjacent towns, cities and metropolitan areas.

Over the last three months, the Artisans' Gallery group has developed its business plan, joined the Caswell 21<sup>st</sup> Century Development Corporation as part of its non-profit, created its preliminary budget, worked on necessary documents to secure funding from the Rural Center, and identified its future location in Yanceyville's Historic Downtown. Things are moving faster than they ever have before thanks to the efforts of a hardworking committee of local citizens.

The Artisans' Gallery hopes to open its doors in February 2010. In order to make the opening possible, the group is currently recruiting artists and obtaining estimates to renovate the building where it will be located. The group's next meeting will take place on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> when it will discuss its organizational structure and will develop action committees.

If you are interested in learning more about the Artisans' Gallery or know of an artisan who may be interested in displaying their work in Yanceyville, please email us at: [onthesquareart@aol.com](mailto:onthesquareart@aol.com)