

PRESS RELEASE

NEW LOCATION FOR 2009 JERRY BROWN ARTS FESTIVAL

HAMILTON – December 17, 2008 – Tyna Pyburn, president of the Northwest Alabama Arts Council, announced today that an agreement has been reached between the arts council and Klement Investments, of Gainesville, Texas, for usage of the old Wal-Mart building in Hamilton as the location for the 2009 Jerry Brown Arts Festival, set for March 7 and 8.

“We have been in discussions with Mr. Richard Klement, owner of the property, for several weeks now, and we have been able to finalize a one-time lease agreement. Mr. Klement has been very accommodating and is sincerely interested in helping our community through art education, which the festival proceeds go to support.

“This is a great day for our arts council and for our festival. We are most appreciative of the City of Hamilton’s allowing us to use the E.T. Sims Neighborhood Facilities Building, but we have simply outgrown it. The past couple of years we have had to turn artists away because of lack of space. This facility will enable us to have a central location for the festival as well as a place large enough to accommodate all of the qualified artists that apply for our show.

“We are hoping this can be a win-win situation for us and for Klement Properties. Obviously, Mr. Klement’s goal is to sell the building. Obviously, our goal is for our festival to continue to grow. We are hoping with the increased number of artists we can now host and the increased number of attendees, that we might be able to show a potential buyer just how great of a facility this building would be for a retail business in our community.”

Additional information and updates will be posted on the official festival website, www.jbaf.org.



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