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Mr. Tom Hallahan, Chair, Dukes County Commission
Mr. Fred Hancock, Chair, Martha's Vineyard Commission

RE: Request to be placed on your next meeting agenda to provide an update on Arts Martha's Vineyard's initiatives and activities for 2013

Dear Chairperson,

Art's Martha's Vineyard would like to request to be placed on your next meeting agenda in order to provide a brief update on activities and initiatives to promote arts and culture as well as the Creative Economy on the Vineyard for 2013.

Martha's Vineyard has a large and vibrant arts community with a broad range of cultural institutions, businesses and individuals that are important contributors to the Island economy and quality of life. By bringing our collective energy together there are clear benefits that will strengthen our sense of place while stimulating economic activity as well as enhancing both resident and visitors' experience on the Vineyard in addition to the Cape and Islands as a region.

In 2012, we had a very exciting year in kicking off the First Annual Fall for the Arts in conjunction with the Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Cape Cod Chambers of Commerce and sponsoring the "Creative Economy Speaker Series". We are building on these and other initiatives in 2013, including Tisbury's application for a state designation for the Vineyard Haven Harbor Cultural District.

As Art's Martha's Vineyard continues to work on these initiatives, we want to inform and engage our civic and community leaders of these efforts that we hope are mutually and economically beneficial to the towns as well as the Island's business community. There is a lot to be excited about for 2013 and we look forward to your continued support.

Please contact Christine Flynn via email flynn@mvcommission.org or phone (508) 693-3453 to schedule a meeting with your board. If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-693-1850 or at www.ArtsMV.com.

Sincerely,

Ann Smith, Chair
Arts Martha's Vineyard

CC: Ms. Kaylea Moore, State Representative's Legislative Liaison