

Farmville Community Arts Council

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The Farmville Community Arts council is housed in the historic Paramount Theatre in downtown Farmville. It was built in the early 1920's by Mr. W.C. Askew who was a prominent local businessman and former mayor of Farmville. It was originally named the Rialto Theatre. The building was remodeled in 1933 and it features an art deco façade, an old-fashioned marquee along with many of the original interior furnishings. At that time in 1933, it was renamed the Paramount Theatre.

The FCAC was founded in 1971 and is believed to be North Carolina's second oldest arts council dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the arts.

The arts council is well-known for its monthly art exhibits and regular productions of Broadway musicals, concerts, arts in the schools programs, and other special features. They are led by a very active and enthusiastic local board that has continued the Farmville's tradition of emphasizing all of the various expressions of art within the community.