

**Make a Mardi Gras Mask for Plymouth Arts Center's  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Cheese Capital Jazz Crawl for the Arts"  
Silent Auction**

The Plymouth Arts Center invites artists to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Cheese Capital Jazz Crawl for the Arts" **Silent Auction**, to be held during the Jazz Crawl, Friday, August 13, 2010 from 5-9pm. Back by popular demand for this year's auction is the.....Designer Mardi Gras mask. A limited amount of plain white paper mache, full face and eye, Mardi Gras masks are available *for a small fee* to artists wishing to participate in this fun activity. Use your imagination, everything from theatrical to caricature, to seasonal. Create your own original design and then donate the mask to the PAC auction. Sample designs are on display at the Arts Center.

As in the past, *original* fine art created by you the artist or an original piece from your private collection, gift items or baskets including: merchant or dining certificates; event tickets; overnight hotel/B&B packages; trips; etc. will be appreciated greatly. To pick up a paper mache mask or to donate an item to the silent auction, please visit the Plymouth Arts Center at 520 E. Mill Street, (next to the Mill Street Grill,) Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm or contact us at (920) 892-8409; email: paf@excel.net.

An excerpt from Mardi Gras Day.com: Masks have always possessed a certain air of mystery that has fascinated people for centuries. Legend tells us that at ancient Greek festivals in honor of Dionysus, the god of theatre, actors began wearing very large masks with exaggerated expressions so the actors could convey emotions and reactions to their immense 25,000+ audiences in the colossal structures. The masking tradition remains a vital part of many cultural celebrations throughout the world. Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the famous pre-Lenten festival, is framed by original masks worn by people in masked balls, krewe members in parades, and partygoers.

*The Plymouth Arts Center is a 501c3 charitable non-profit arts organization. The Cheese Capital Jazz Crawl for the Arts is the Arts Center's annual signature event and major fundraiser. Proceeds from the silent auction, wristband sales, Artist Lori Beringer oil painting raffle, individual or business donations, t-shirt or poster sales, and food and beverage sales, (all taking place at the Center,) will benefit the Plymouth Arts Center.*