

TWIN CITIES CULTURAL PLAN

SACO AND BIDDEFORD, MAINE

WHAT IS A CULTURAL PLAN?

A cultural plan is a road map for using local arts and cultural resources both to build local pride and to create economic opportunities.

WHO IS BEHIND THE EFFORT?

The Saco-Biddeford Cultural Planning Committee is overseeing this effort. The Committee is made up of community leaders from many different arenas: artists, businesspeople, teachers, cultural groups, municipal government and non-profit organizations. The project is sponsored by the Dyer Library/Saco Museum with funding in part from the Maine Arts Commission.

WHAT ARE THE PLAN'S BENEFITS?

- Preserving our rich cultural heritage
- Building civic pride on both sides of the Saco River
- Increasing exposure and business opportunities for local artists and artisans
- Helping arts and cultural organizations grow by working together

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Fill out either an artists' survey or a community arts survey
 - Web-based forms are available at www.sacobiddefordculture.org
 - Internet access and assistance are available at both the Dyer and McArthur Libraries. Paper forms are available at both libraries as well
- Write a letter to the editor supporting local arts and cultural events
- Support local artists—buy art, attend performances, sponsor events
- Come to our community-wide event in January 2006 (stay tuned for details)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit www.sacobiddefordculture.org or call Andrea Strassner,
Director of the Saco Museum, at 283-3861, ext. 114