



# Advocating for the Arts

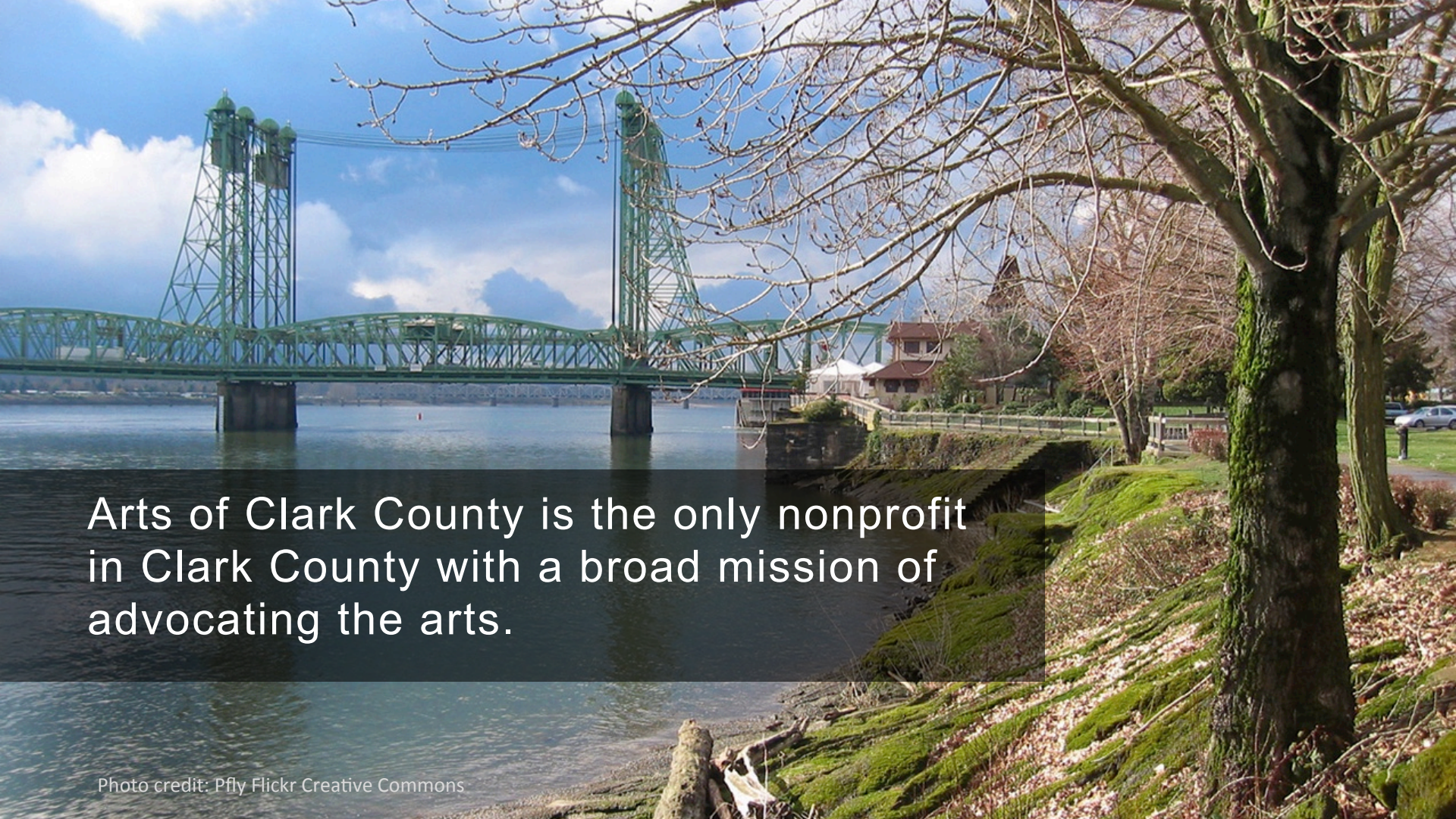
Board of County Councilors  
Work Session  
August 30, 2017

Photo credit: Clark County

# Arts of Clark County

- Founded in 2010
- Independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- Arts advocacy
- Arts programming
- Countywide



A scenic view of the Clark County Bridge-A-Rama bridge over a river. The bridge is a green steel truss bridge with two tall towers. In the foreground, there is a large tree with bare branches on the right and a grassy bank with a house on the left. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Arts of Clark County is the only nonprofit  
in Clark County with a broad mission of  
advocating the arts.

**10**

**volunteer  
board  
members**

**0**

**paid  
staff**



# How we've made an impact

- Got local representation on Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) board
- Built relationships with State legislators, local government agencies, and arts organizations
- Launched successful, ongoing arts programming
- Created Arts and Culture Summit (x2)



WASHINGTON STATE  
ARTS COMMISSION



## A new voice in Olympia

- Board Member Andre Bouchard
- Recommended by Arts of Clark County
- Newly appointed by Governor Inslee

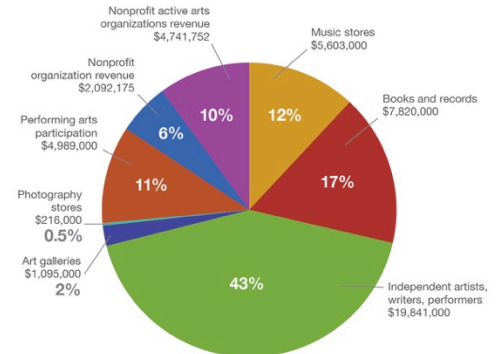
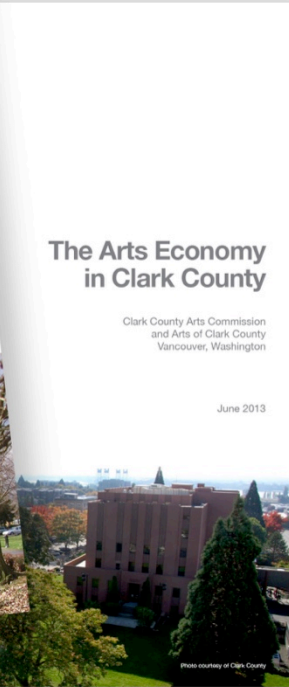
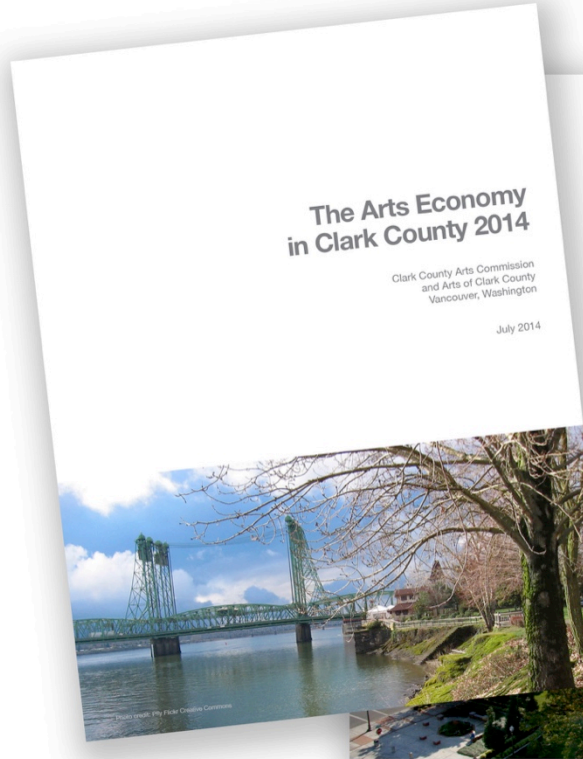




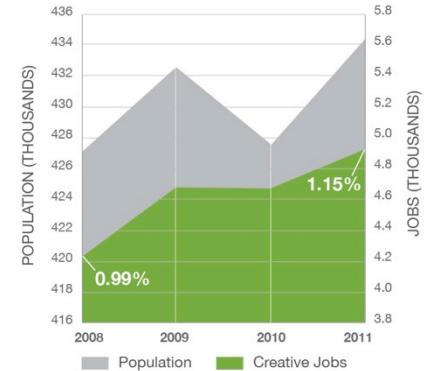


Brought  
Artist Trust  
into the region  
with local events  
and workshops

# Creative Vitality Index



2011 Creative Vitality Index (CVI)  
Summary of Sales and Revenue  
Clark County, Washington



Creative Job Growth Outpaces  
Population Growth in Clark County



# Arts advisory role

- Public art selection
- Policy advice
- Advocacy in Olympia
- Community relations



Matthew Dockery, *The Visitor*

# Clark County Open Studios Tour







**5**  
**years**





# 130

different  
artists







**Thousands  
of visitors to  
Clark County**



# Poetry Moves

Fourth Plain Boulevard

Karen Read

Vancouver, WA

A home for hundreds walking—yet to name  
the dreams that rise before they dare to speak.

Colorful signs that fly above—untamed  
wave low and high, press forward, reach, and peak.

So often you find only what you seek.

Your power lines of old are not here sown.  
They surge beneath this skin of place unknown.



**poetrymoves**

Poetry Moves is a program of Arts of Clark County, a division of the Clark County Department of Cultural and Creative Industries. For more information, visit [www.artsandpoetry.org](http://www.artsandpoetry.org)





A photograph showing the interior of a bus. Several passengers are seated, looking out the windows. A large white number '2' is overlaid on the left side of the image, with the word 'years' written below it in white. The bus has various signs, including one that says 'Exit on the rear door' and another that says 'THESE SEATS ARE RESERVED FOR THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES'. There are also signs for 'arts poetrymakers' and 'WATCH YOUR FEET'. The bus is moving, as indicated by the blurred background seen through the windows.

2  
years

Photo credit: Amanda Cowan, *The Columbian*



**40+**  
local poets



poetry

on more than

6 million  
rides  
per  
year



# Grants





# Poets in the Schools



Giving back





**who** winter  
hospitality  
overflow

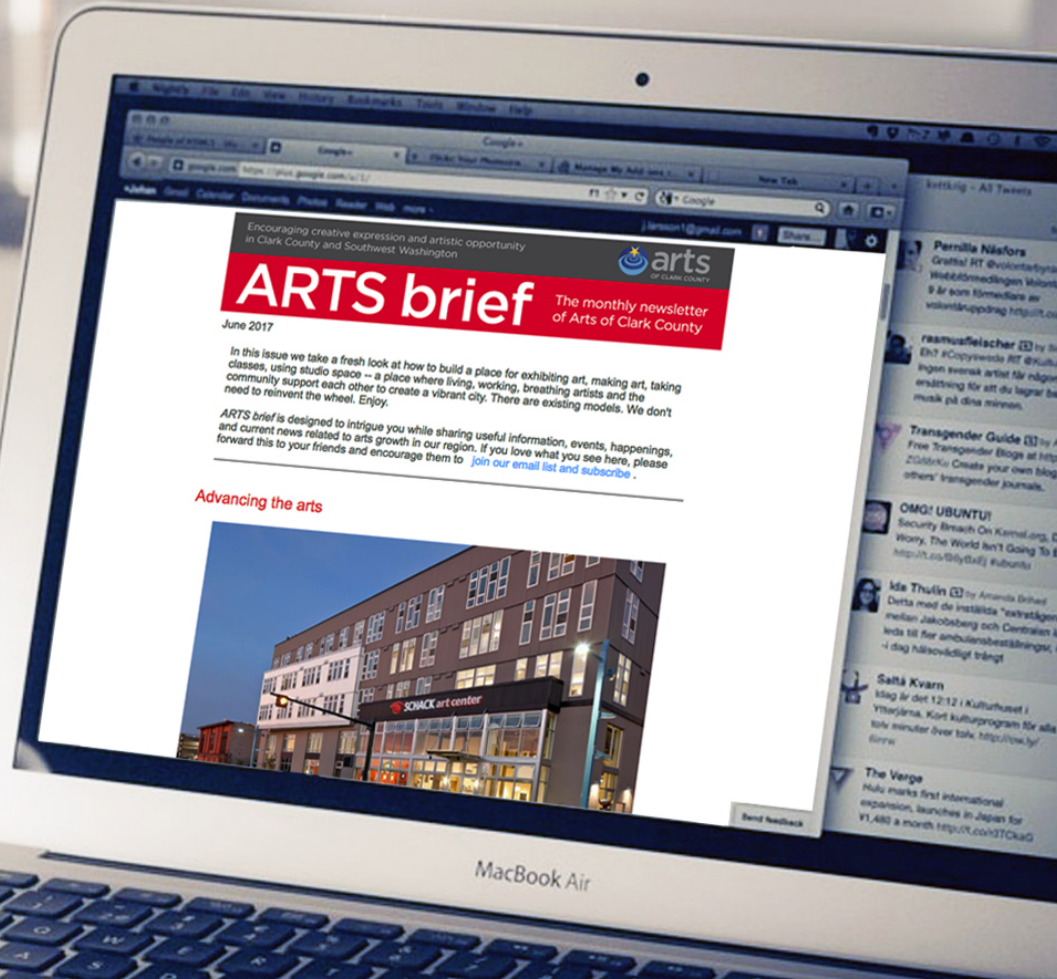


*ARTS brief*



# Reaches 1,400+ people

- Original articles
- Generating dialog
- Building community
- Please sign up!



# Arts and Culture Summit

- 2012: *Creating a voice*
- 2017: *Creating space for the arts*
- Focused on arts infrastructure as a catalyst for a vibrant arts economy north of the Columbia River







Please join us



# Thank you!



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