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### **ANNUAL ARTS AWARDS GALA**

**CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO**—The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is proud to announce that recipients of the 2014 annual Otto F. Dingeldein and Friend of the Arts Awards will be honored during a reception in January. Recipients of these prestigious awards will be named at the Dingeldein Gala, held on Friday, January 16th, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Historic Oliver-Leming House in Cape Girardeau.

The Otto F. Dingeldein Award was established in 1975 and honors living individuals whose artistic achievements have made a considerable impact on the cultural enrichment of the Cape Girardeau community. The award can be given to artists, non-artists, or to organizations.

The Friend of the Arts award was established in 2002 and is one of the highest honors the Arts Council can bestow upon an individual, or organization, within the community. Nominees are involved with the Arts Council in a capacity that helps the organization achieve its goals for programming and outreach. This assistance can be delivered either through the nominee's service as a volunteer, or through donations of funds or goods.

Sponsors of the Dingeldein Gala scheduled in January include: Port Cape Girardeau, Bert and Mary Ann Kellerman, and Jerry Ford.

Tickets for the Gala are \$25.00 per person, and can be purchased through the Arts Council prior to the event, or at the door on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about the Gala, please contact Murielle Gaither at the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri.

The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 32 North Main Street in Cape Girardeau, MO. Galleries are open Tuesday- Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.