

If you have suggestions for arts (or arts-compatible) programs, businesses, or organizations that could be part of the proposed Artspace project at the Riverdale site (or other potential future projects in Roanoke), please share them below.

Dance Studios should be included so that classes can be offered for the local people to join in a way that is affordable to everyone . Dance stage for theatre and Dance performance with sprung floors, marley, side lightings and sound equipment would also beneficial.

Please have a big dance studio with mirrors, marley, a spring floor, and a ballet barre. A performance space with a stage and seating would be awesome too. That includes lighting and sound equipment.

Art space that includes dance and music performances should have a stage, audience seating at a minimum. It would be a huge help to have an included sound system, but we have workarounds if needed. Dancers would also greatly appreciate having a mirror and barre in their practice room.

Community art beautification volunteering and community art volunteering for teaching kids

Glazed Bisque-it, Art Rat, Paint Nite Roanoke, Crafteria, Re:prised Possessions

Schools, I would definitely try to incorporate young kids and felid trips somehow. I still remember an artist coming to my school and drawing when I was a little kid and being amazed but seeing them in their creative space would be inspirational for future generations.

Prioritize performing arts. There are virtually no affordable large studio spaces for movement!

Blue Ridge Potters Guild Studio 228 Common Clay

A used art supply store would be awesome

Jefferson center, Hollins university, ballet of Roanoke

The Roanoke Valley Music Teachers Association (and independent private studio teachers who are not part of the association) would benefit greatly from a designated meeting and performance space for monthly workshops and student recitals/concerts

We need more dance studio space for adults. There is very limited dance space for adult dance groups in the area. The only dance studios that exist here are for youth schools.

Please consider artists with children and specific needs for parents-particularly single parents

Any film industry that may exist in sw va

Music venues such as The Spot on Kirk or Flying Panther Skate Shop.

Contemporary regional art museum- non collecting

community dance nights that focus on traditions in the region

There is already a commercial kitchen in Roanoke. We don't have other business incubator spaces for artist who need access to other types of expensive equipment. Common clay pottery studio started from the ground up and should be consulted before building out a ceramics studio.

entertainment space / nightclub

Reduced/free lessons for poverty stricken families, adults and children
Could the proposed art space be used for community outreach? Creative writing classes or yoga classes for people in recovery, formerly incarcerated, or those who are unhoused?
Classes offered in visual arts from basic level to experienced.
Art Rat, square dance/contra dance hall, sculpture:paint studio, haunted house, XYZ Gallery, luthier workshop
Dance center for adults
In NW Roanoke, any of the empty churches and especially the old firehouse on 24th Street.
The Humble Hustle SWVA LGBTQ History Project Arts on 1st Art Gallery Roasters Next Door Food Hut Golden Cactus
I have many ideas I'd like to share. Feel free to reach out: marissa@bella-muse.com
Roanoke Ballet Theatre
As Roanoke is the 2nd largest Opiod center in the USA, I don't want to be around addicts and crime. I can't create in an unsafe place. That being said, ensure that rehabilitating and transitioning into and out of Ruverdale/Artspace has programs businesses and organizations that will ensure success of each artist and not perpetuate a low income housing for addicts to thrive. I want to get away from that environment with me and my child that I am currently forced to accept. mandatory drug testing and accountability and a higher rent base to scare the drug addicts away.
Indoor gardening might be fun.
Open art studios that invite the community to come together maybe twice/month(or whatever feels applicable). This can give opportunity to meet neighbors or network
Art therapy programs
Schools or clubs, churches or Temples, Printers, Framers, Fabricators, Welders, Ad agencies, Marketing firms
The Arnold R Burton center for arts and technology has a speciality art program for young high-schoolers. It would be great to encourage them to continue their creative careers by visiting or observing some of the work done at the Artspace.
Business mailing address rental. Similar to a PO Box or co-working space, but more affordable. Separating my business from my home address, which can be found easily online via public record, has been one of the most difficult and cost prohibitive aspects of trying to sell art, especially online. As an artist, when your name is your brand, it becomes very easy for anyone to dox you. I'd love a way to make it even a little more difficult.
How about we discuss how this is all going to be served by two lanes of traffic?
Provide security services
A little art supply shop would be nice
This is very exciting to think this may come to Roanoke! Thank you.
I love affordable art studio
A large community gallery space within Riverdale would be essential to my interest. Secure workspace would be a given. An outdoor space to host large art fairs/exhibits would also seem to be an essential feature

Collaborations with the Moss Arts Center
Art supply sales, public presentation space for poetry readings, small theatrical presentations,
This is a wonderful project. Timely for me. Going back to college and doing some art and writing. Affirming it happens!
I'm making this suggestion as an organizer and leader in several Roanoke volunteer groups. Nearby Spaces available for rent as meeting space for large meetings is abysmally scarce Such spaces are important and shouldn't be missed or forgotten in the planning phase of this project.
Pollinator habitat Water gardens Community garden Kiln for pottery/ an in ground kiln Farmers market Dog park Walking paths with outdoor sculpture Water access for tubing, canoes etc
Friendly Art battles, weekly gatherings for sketching and art communications. Workshops to learn more about who we are as artists within the work we do and how that reflects in our daily living. Sharing a deeper understanding with learning perspectives about how to approach the work we do.
As a printmaker I know many artists who do not have access to a press as they are so expensive. I'm at the end of my career and would love a place to donate my press and art materials when I die.,
Event space, live music venue, catering/ test kitchen, platform for community food driven events and education.
Incorporating First Friday events for artists in the area, allowing access to events going on for artists to be involved in within Roanoke.
Cooking space for making meals for special needs dietary requirements. Classes that would include learning how to cook, prepare plant based, low fat, diabetic diet. Or any type of food that can be made to not be too costly, taste good and healthy. Also this kitchen space can be used for would be chef's to rent out and then sale their food by special order, internet sales. Their food must be prepared in a commercial kitchen for certification by the health department to sale.
Outside concert venue
Community access studio space with membership model - darkroom, digital lab with printing, printmaking/screenprinting would all enrich the community
Dance space. Figure drawing studio.
Art "Fun a Day" where artists of all ages create a piece of work every day for a month, then there is an exhibition.
Shop space for teaching purposes or rental
Dedicated multi use space for small exhibitions/performances/storytelling
Multi generational village type setting; health, healing arts, affordable living for all, including families, young adults, aspiring health care professionals, childcare practitioners, teachers, tradespeople
Youth art programs
Exciting. I would support as a patron/member
Retirement community for more progressive artsy people

Good fortune! Utilizing the river for outdoor rec activities would be a natural bonus to Artspace's goal of community building.

Please provide a space for youth arts education. There is not a centralized offering for elementary- high school. We drive all over to meet these needs for 3 children. Bc of that we are out of our neighborhood more time than we are in it. I envision this space to be multi age where we can as a family learn, celebrate the arts, eat drink, all of us! Residents can help facilitate the lessons and showcase their giftings.

Studio School artists

Classes offered on site or remotely for grant writing.

Virginia Children's Theatre needs rescued. Due to bad business decisions made by adults, our kids are suffering. The building they meet in currently is not safe for children. The interim leadership is subpar. It's very sad. Also with the elimination of the Performing and Visual Arts Programs from the Burton Center, our kids are going to be suffering yet again. Not all families can afford to pay for private lessons. Again, poor decisions by adults who should be advocating for our kids and their future in the arts.

Art/Craft Specific meet up groups

Artist Residency Exhibitions

Anything photography related in addition to film/tv

Outdoor Sculpture Garden

I would love to see a gallery or creative space store at Artspace ROA. Something that allows the potential creative community there to directly interact and benefit from the local community/patrons.

Arts for special needs (for both kids and adults) and a program for traditional arts (basket weaving, quilting, etc)

Please consider the needs of older adults that will desire to continue their artistic pursuits and share their wisdom and experiences. Consider including classroom/workshop space that would

A farmer's market booth. Residents can grow produce to sell to the community year-round? A no-contact art booth too.

I would love to live in a space with shared living areas (kitchen, living room, bathroom(s)) so that it's easier to share resources and build community together. Imagine if we could share meals, cook for each other, share a garden space, and share chores and expenses. We can support each other in community and be less isolated.

Metalsmithing, Boatbuilding, Florist with Greenhouse, Drug Store, Bike Shop, and Motorcycle Shop ThriftStore, Goodwill Store, Five Guys Burgers, Print & Copy Store

I would love to see a permanent home for Virginia Children's Theatre where they can teach classes, rehearse plays, perform plays, store costumes/sets, and have administrative space.

Roanoke Modern Quilt Guild Quiltoff Fork Mountain Quilting

I would love to see a space that includes lofts and creative work spaces

Would love to see murals along the 9th Street facing of Riverdale. The panels in the 9th St river bridge would be a great place to highlight the SE Historic structures in the neighborhood including

A series of scaffolded skill building and / or stand alone workshops, gatherings around Compassionate Communication or Non-Violent Communication to keep the community humming,

Would love to see artist in residence programs come to the elementary schools.

A way to promote and lower cost of renting spaces would be to hold an art show where artist can contribute work to be sold and a percentage goes to the cost of the space and rest goes to the artist.

A place for manufacturing small products in volume

This is a good idea. Also recommend interesting ways that the community that doesn't live in the space can join in and support.

Vector space in Lynchburg has a really cool model for shared creative space that I found very interesting and innovative.

I just think this type of effort is so important. There would be no SoHo if it hadn't started with affordable housing so artists could focus on their work. I see this as our river arts district like in

A space that is accessible for all music artists, and not just bands

Meow Wolf

The Roanoke City Little League would consider an indoor or outdoor space. It would be full and booked for the entire year. Baseball is becoming more popular because it teaches parents, coaches and kids about life and how to deal with adversity. It is a multi cultural sport. The venue can also be used for other events. Stage and performance shows can be booked also.

Photography studio, fine art printer, studio lighting/supply store

I love Asheville's River Arts District and think it would be amazing to create an area similar to that in Roanoke. Spaces to create, galleries, performing arts, non-profit social awareness, community

Makerspaces with access to equipment out of ordinary peoples budgets can completely alter the course of how successful a city's citizens make wealth for themselves and rhw community.

Aerial artists would like access to rental space with high ceilings(like 20ft) for practice that could be affordably rented

The harvest collective for collective gardening & homesteading design/consult. They run lick run farm, and the star city compost facility!

Flexible space for artists to provide lessons

I actually feel like i have a really good idea for local artists and for Small businesses owners at Christmas time! Something similar to illuminates thats locals could walk through,Ä¶ love illuminates but 10k-100k just to participate Ä¶ what Small LOCAL place can afford that? Not me ,Ä¶.if interested in idea contact me @slatehairartistry on instagram

Blue Ridge Potters Guild, an youth program with a goal of engaging young people in an art

Fractures Atlas

I'm a member of MAKERoanoke, a group focused on starting a makerspace in Roanoke. We're trying to create a space where people can share ideas and techniques, and learn to use the diverse

MAKE Roanoke would love to be a part of this project, and desires to build a community of makers and artists in the Roanoke Valley

I have spoken with several people who would love to see a rock climbing space put into one of the larger spaces. Roanoke only has 1 rock climbing space currently and that seems to have lead towards complacency in group amd community activities as well as higher prices due to the lack of options. P.S. turning one of the large smoke stacks into a climbing wall would make roanke one of the only city's on the east coast with a climbing wall of that height. This could be a great draw for tourism to roanke city.

I'd like to see a Makerspace used to test and launch new ideas, products, and businesses. I would love a Makerspace to include technical support, training, marketing, gallery space, video sound booths, photography sets, promotional events, and administrative services for Creatives. I'd like more information about business investment opportunities in the Riverdale project.

A rock climbing gym! And if the structure permits, it would be incredible if we could set climbing routes up the smoke stacks. That would be (1) fun and (2) visually impressive to anyone driving by. It would become a novelty in the rock climbing community and people would likely travel to climb them. The views of the river and the mountains would be remarkable.

Attic Productions, Showtimers Theatre, actors in the community that want to do more provocative plays that are throttled by theatres with older audiences.

Winston Ave Social Club

Co-working with trade schools to cross-train artists on building/equipment safety and trades practioners on arts-specific facility needs (e.g. HVAC maintenance specific to humidity/dryness

Building Buddies Roanoke Gunnar Stephens

Anything that increases the ability for kids to be exposed to or particpate in the arts is good.

I am interested in having a makerspace in Roanoke. I think the Riverdale site might be a good candidate.

AAF Roanoke Bands (any)

My other business I'm starting up currently is going to be focused around modular greenhouse units for mobility and necessity purposes.

Makerspace

None at this time.
Vending machine with fine art material
we need a large heavy industrial metals sculptural space with overhead cranes and a foundry. A place where the noise and dirt from such creations aren't going to bother nearby housing
Roanoke lacks adequate soundstages for film and tv productions and the necessary rental and trained crews to produce tv and film. With investment and education, Roanoke could become an iconic film location in Virginia and the blue ridge. It's undeniable that there are plenty of stunning locations to shoot outside but we lack a curated facility to shoot film and tv show interiors.
Group therapy space
General use and specific Makers studios for classes, workshops especially for underserved populations- especially reentry or recovery programs, including for grief and mental health
I just ask to keep including performance art (not just the youth sectors) in the conversation and to look to what other cities are doing to support local performance artists. Also historians. Preservation
No suggestions at this time.
community-based education space...so I could "teach" or share a talent.
Common Clay Collective, Roanoke Symphony Orchestra
Shared ceramic studio space for intermediate- advanced potters
Learn about Lighthouses!
Supply stores for pottery and art supplies is greatly needed in this area!
I am a retired elementary art teacher, and would be interested in teaching art or pottery to kids...after school.
There was a request for an art supply store in the area. I am in the healing arts and provide Sound Immersions and private sound "healing" sessions as well as teaching meditation classes. These programs can be provided indoors or outside. Programs that provide ways to educate the community about what these activities are and their benefits would be wonderful.
I think it should encompass basic needs and the arts. Affordable housing, delicious and nutritious foods, and healthcare should all be addressed.
Ceramics needs large spaces for electric equipment such as kilns, I hope the space will have the necessary setup so that kilns can be wired and placed there
The Tannery in Santa Cruz CA is a long established example of what seems to be the goal for Artspace. jscotannery.com is the website. It might be an organization from which you could cherry
Blue Ridge Potters Guild occasionally needs space for workshops which would accommodate 25-30 people.

Co-Op style rental for small businesses
I have so many ideas! This is such a great venture. Hoping the developers and those involved with the project keep in mind that what they may deem "affordable housing" may not be so "affordable" to a struggling artist, or a low-income creative, so please do keep it within the means of what affordability rates truly mean to those who would be occupying the spaces. Not everyone in this
I run Klean Studios LLC which is a recording studio located in Botetourt county. I have worked for 50+ artist in the area and I produce for a podcast called Biscuits & Gravy where we interview artist. I have been looking for space to rent for a long time now that I can live/run my business out of and so I am very interested in what you guys are doing.
As an artist, myself, and someone who has been in the Roanoke music scene for over 11 years. There has always been a lack of performance, spaces or venues that everyone can equally access. In the Roanoke Valley, there can sometimes be biased opinions regarding genre of music, such as hip-hop, other genres, get access to the venues and performance spaces. There needs to be a diverse program or offering available to anyone
Music recording studio and performance center
In short, I want there to be an avenue for upward mobility. I'm a lot less interested in the space if it is going to be "stagnant water". I would love this to be accessible housing. I would also love for the performance spaces to be a real proving ground for artists. A place with a real testament for quality.
Maker space with adequate space/structure to teach Roanoke Youth hands on skills. Wheelchair friendly access e.g. first floor or elevators, doors and common area wide enough to get through, no step entrance, some work spaces set lower/adjustable, bathrooms, access to every feasible space and feature. I'm in a wheelchair and wouldn't mind helping to ensure the space had good access.
Would love to see regular classes in crafts, painting, drawing, etc.
Make Roanoke
Would absolutely love to have a place for woodworking and stained glass classes
Provide community workspaces for residence to lead neighborhood projects.
It could be good to have a meeting space for classes or working together. But I could never pay to rent for the arts. There has never been a return on financial investment for me. I guess I could go to
Ceramics, painting, somatic arts
Riverdale seems like it could be a cool concept for affordable senior living as well.
Creative reuse type space- a thrift store for art and craft supplies, materials such as wood, fabric, glass, paper, fabric, etc
Murals and community driven park art

RadiolQ
It would be nice to have a very large gallery space for art displays.
Tool library (location/means to rent tools for specific projects, rather than having to purchase my own)
Switch out airbnbs for long term artist housing. We have plenty of hotels people can stay at so why take up all the other housing options with airbnbs.
I would love to see a space that could store and disseminate donated, salvaged, or recycled materials for art purposes available to all. This would include papers, paints, yarns, fabrics, wood
I would love a place to see Art Therapy clients outpatient that already has designated studio space for many different media types! There are only 3 art therapists on this side of the state and we
Daycare services for artists with children
I would like to see a tiered fee structure based off of profession (A person that provides music lessons might not make as much as a brewery per se) and have an introductory incubator rate to generate full occupancy. The incubator rate brings disadvantaged people to have availability to become entrepreneurs. The rate could end based off time or annual revenue exceeding a certain amount. Then it could default to a regular rate let's say .50/sq ft. That would keep the big ticket studios maintaining residency. Occupancy and variety should be the primary goal. Excited to join the Roanoke community.
MAKERS SPACE with equipment we can use onsite or check out, craft sessions in the vein of a stitch and bitch, whether open ended or directed, one time workshops
LEAP Community Gardens
Large Open space with sprung wood floors as dancehall, classroom, etc
shared performance space in downtown with amenities that include stage, sound system, lights, livestream/podcast ready, live recording ready, have a directory available of local talent for session work people can hire. this would do well, the music scene here is thriving and if you seize the moment you can help roanoke become an even bigger arts community. not sure if you already do this but also you could offer grants and scholarships for artists to take business classes at local colleges.
Space to rehearse at volume.
Subsidized artistic or regular therapeutic services, including career events and career counseling, to provide Roanoke artists with resources to job opportunities and mental health wellness
A satellite art space project in NW Roanoke
I'm new to Roanoke so I'm not familiar with specific organizations or programs, but I would like to see art classes for different age groups.
I worry about security in that area. Will that be addressed?

a space to allow us to charge for lessons or classes, where we bring the materials and people pay to learn how to make something

Some kind of community center dedicated to offering various forms of art practices and forms that is accessible to all members of the community (able to be reached by shuttle and public transport)

Roanoke drag community is always looking for spaces

Walkable surroundings

A space dedicated to aerial dance with high ceilings that is safe to have classes, workshops, and to perform in.

Make-Roanoke, a non-profit makerspace group

Makers market outdoor &/or indoor space for weekend sales to be held. Gallery store.

A maker space where people can use shared tools would be great.

Riverview Artspace in Lynchburg appears to be a good model.

1) Roanoke Sister Cities. 2) Studios for regional college students 3) Unique arrangements for artists traveling in via Amtrak. 4) central socializing theatre for watching original videos & socializing after 5pm 5) e-scooters 6) Resource room for donated material (wood, metal, plastics, papers, etc) used for found object assembly. 7) Bus stop 8) central lab with one powerful desk top computer for

Space in the Northwest sector

The Artspace would be an amazing meeting location for the Roanoke Youth Symphony and their affiliate programs

A regional arts council would be nice, as we have great arts in the area but it seems fragmented.

The most important thing is for people to just do stuff. Do everything all the time. And for people to go to the shows and stuff all the time. Vibrant artistic communities can't thrive when the surrounding culture strangles it. House shows are a beautiful thing, but aren't realistically feasible in Roanoke because some boomer on the block will call in a noise violation despite constantly complaining 30 years ago that there was nothing fun to do here. This is an environment that is hostile to DIY spaces and that is killing any chance of a rising scene gaining momentum.

I'm an author (I'm retired--pen name Sally Jameson Bond) and can work from almost anywhere. However, I am extremely interested in the concept of Art Space ROA and would love to see it come

I am a semi-professional Storyteller. I have produced oral storytelling events such as Tellabration! I host Let Me Tell Ya! online meetings twice month where storytellers gather to share stories in development to get feedback (2nd Tuesday) and a themed Story Swap (4th Tuesday). I would love to also bring Let Me Tell Ya! LiVE but we need an affordable space. The Story Swaps would be live events based on The Moth but without the competition. To see an example visit Blue Ridge Story Space on Facebook. I would also like to bring storytelling workshops to the Roanoke Valley.

Gallery 202
<p>Within a community of artists, a collaborative art therapy facility would serve a broad population. This is a need my organization sees regularly but does not have the capacity/skillset to carry out on</p> <p>In addition, a social area, so artisans can mingle and share creative thoughts with others artists of different mediums.</p>
<p>small vendor food court, small business advice for artists similar to sbdc</p>
Blacksburg hackers space
<p>I would really love to have a space dedicated for dancers. Other than drawing and painting, dance is a way I release stress and blow off steam when the going gets tough. To have a space that's low income and has a dance studio space, I would move out of my home in New Hampshire immediately to have access to an apartment complex with this.</p>
<p>I've been on the hunt for a new salon space and would consider having one in Riverdale. I'm also well-versed in fine art and commercial photography. I'm interested in many different areas/mediums</p>
<p>I am looking for a Makerspace for contrast and access to large and expensive tools</p>
<p>I am an area psychologist/hobby farmer interested in expanding my cottage industry skills: fiber processing up to knitting (have cashmere goats), candle making with my own bee wax, mead, etc.</p>
<p>I am building an educational nonprofit that serves under-resourced communities. Our nontraditional approach to education helps children who struggle to survive in a traditional classroom thrive in a creative nurturing environment. We are child-led, and play-based, allowing children to chart their own course and discover their passions. Process art is at the core of our practice. Children have access to open-ended materials to create, design, or build whatever brings them joy. Our missions seem to align perfectly. We would love connect to learn more about how might collaborate in a facility like this.</p>
<p>No crafts please. Fine Art</p>
<p>Needs to be affordable for younger emerging artists. Cost prohibitive spaces is the most excluding factor in emerging artists getting ahead.</p>
<p>I am a co-founder for Haus of the Star, a new fashion collective and event management group in Roanoke. We give opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a career in the fashion industry. Includes, but not limited to, photo shoots and industry development, magazine and promotional opportunities, and networking with fashion boutiques/businesses in Downtown Roanoke.</p>

In addition to artists, I'd like to see educational/ engagement programs and events. I would love to see this as an open commons with maker spaces, workspaces, designated spaces for artist/ entrepreneurs, community events and markets, etc. a place that is "home to all," and with activities / ways for both artists to create and community to participate/engage. I would also like to see an environmental sustainability /resiliency aspect represented, through partnership or presence - organizations, educational institutions, etc. that are focused on reimagining our local and global impact.

Full private photographic portrait studio with strobe lights and backdrops available for rental 24/7.

Renting out a space that can be used to show midnight double features

More real legitimate hip hop exposure from vetted sources including dance ie hip hop breakdance popping vogue etc

I'd love to see a sensory-friendly performance space wherein a highly inclusive theatre company can rehearse and perform immersive theatre and dance pieces they have created themselves.

A photography studio co-lab. A space where photographers can rent the space needed to explore bigger projects. I have a home studio and while it does well it is sometimes not big enough to accomplish a look that I am attempting to achieve. This will also facilitate collaboration between different photographers bringing them in to the same shared space to exchange ideas, techniques and disciplines. This I think will promote growth in our local arts community in the long run.

Metal fabrication and machine shops

Painting classes and cooling classes

Roanoke Ballet Theater

The Boys and Girls Club and the Presbyterian Community Center

Professional artists not another amateur hour. Art community has little input into this, it's a govt idea

Since this survey ends with questions that indicate more interest in demographics than art, I question the motivations behind running this down the throat of the artists in Roanoke. This is

A community space dedicated to neighborhood development and event organizing.

Odd questions at the end coming from an arts group.

Good grief this town has never been able to support its art's community.

One hopes that Artspace realizes the city is using the artists to revitalize an industrial complex that needs EPA examination. We have wondered why, after decades of asking the city to support its artists, the sudden elevation of artistic endeavors in the city. As for artists in the area it is surprising that Artspace's first exhibition project is one that is not all inclusive to the artists who made this community. But that is typical of this small town. At this point I'm afraid your project will finish dividing what was a unique and unified art community, not money

Mirror what the are doing in Ashville at the River Arts District. It would be amazing.

My nonprofit Alternative Arts Inc would be very happy to share resources with Artspace projects. We focus on providing access and education in underrepresented art forms in SWVW

Make Roanoke, 501c3 that's trying to find a home.

Arete (aerial dance) Stitch 'n Bitch

One needs educated artists, those capable of understanding past and present art trends, endeavors and styles for this to work. This city is not known for embracing much other than a very

I don't currently have specific plans or projects but I love collaboration and community building; helping at the starting of Riverdale feels very up my alley.

Classic car restoration (space for car lift) bodywork and paint (airbrushing, pinstriping, decals etc)

MakeRoanoke is organizing a makerspace. Riverdale is the perfect place for it long-term to be a community gathering spot and catalyst. I would love to be a member!

Music production studios with practice spaces for bands, as well as performance spaces and classes. Makers/Crafting workshops Partner with high schools & local colleges

Allow black owned businesses to operate and show what they can do for the community

I highly recommend to have not only a dance studio but a theatre where people can rent out to have their shows for kids to perform.

Temporary space for visiting artists aligned with nonprofit organizations.

i am disabled veteran and have been looking for art healing resources and spaces for veterans

I would love to have a space to get all my creative idea out my head.

Free and subsidized art space and galleries

Personally, nice office space is what I'd love to have.

Mish Moves Dance Company

Makerspace to try new crafts/art. I would love to take a drawing class and then a painting class

Project or tool based classes to learn new skills would be amazing.
I lived at the Golden Belt development in Durham, NC (from 2016-2019, before it was sold and went totally corporate), and really appreciated the mix of art space, gallery AND businesses like
Virginia Children's Theatre Grandin Film Lab
Poems and Coffee The Listening, Inc. Building Bridges over Barriers
More in N.W. arra
Hollins Playwright's Lab Playwright Graduates of Hollins Playhouse Studio LLC Roanoke Ballet Theatre
Within theater, I think possibly just working directly with local theater artists beyond the established companies. Even though we are interconnected, there are many local theater artists that
I'm a dancer with Roanoke Ballet Theatre and I think they would be an incredible fit for this project. the dancers have serious need for affordable housing, and the organization needs more rehearsal and performing space options. They rent their current space, and I know they want a permanent home someday! It's also so expensive and competitive to rent good performing space, so if there options for places that they could host shows, classes or out reach programs that would be amazing!
Roanoke Ballet Theatre
More collaboration between art communities
It's surprising something I haven't had the chance to think about. But I feel like therapy through the arts is an important place for development:)
I am looking forward to supporting ArtSpace and all the amazing opportunities that Roanoke has to offer. Viva el Arte!
Artist for Climate Awareness: started in Bloomington, Indiana in 2023,Ä¶ now members in over 12 states. I would like to start a chapter in Roanoke. I would also like to start a live portrait drawing group and/or a watercolor group. possible titles: Roanoke Portrait Group-drawing portraits of notable Roanokers from life. Roanoke Watercolor Society- meeting to share, learn and exhibit together from beginners to professional artists.
Please commit to inviting in at least one of the dominantly African Am. Arts organizations. Words are good but overcoming deep separations in Rke takes actions like these shared spaces! We all know that Roanoke still separates by color and income and relegates most anything BIPOC to NW. I keep hearing; "they" have the Melrose Plaza. As if a library and grocery store and some sort of unknown future Art space is going to fulfill the need for Studios and businesses, apartments and Performance space for half the City. May the next big Arts Space effort be in NW !
Yes to this. There needs to be more space for the arts. I know we are talking about raonoke but salem really needs some of this too.

civic signage/banners, roof gardening, tiny living space design/build
This would be a wonderful addition to Roanoke and its artistic community!
A few years back I taught art classes and did not have many venues available. With the increase of paint nights, I think it would be great to have studios available to instructors at an affordable fee.
I'm all in for almost any art. My family is considering relocating to Roanoke in the near future.
Kitchen Sink Artists Collective (@kitchensinkartists on insta) have been trying to get off the ground but have no dedicated space in which to meet, rehearse, or develop projects and would really benefit from this!
Would love a space similar to the Starworks space in Star-Robbin's, North Carolina or the Center for the Arts in Clifton Forge, VA. Both offer classes like glass blowing, pottery, jewelry making, wood working, etc. We are very lacking in this area for any opportunities. I have taken classes at both of those locations and they are wonderful. Learned how to make stained glass in Clifton Forge and made a blown glass paper weight at Starworks. It is very disappointing that Roanoke does not have a location that would offer similar classes.
Chris's Custard
Dance studio
Please just be careful when putting families only 4 or more. As some families like mine do have way more. Also do not limit to just 4 as many of us creative don't do more than 4 things and each to us are important. That is all. Also a a three or more bedroom apt or housing is definitely good Also if there is a place to wash our paint pallettes that is not our sinks because sometimes paint stain. So an art are with a sink that is used to wash pallets of hands after painting. Would be great.
Me parece interesante un lugar donde las personas creadoras puedan desarrollarse y compartir. Un lugar donde además la gente vaya a disfrutar del arte sanamente. Que haya un espíritu armónico y colaborativo.
Would really welcome great space where artists could work with students outside of school environment fully immersed in the studio setting with classes and demos
This place couldn't even support a museum, it had to become a community center to survive, yes the taubman. Suggest you speak to those who have watched this city make a mockery of the arts...
I think education-based opportunities where the artists using the spaces can use/share their skills within the community always have a variety of benefits.
As much natural light you can work in as possible. WINDOWS ARE BEST
You people have got to be kidding. This area can barely understand art. But the kitsch is the new art. Not a good idea for this region by any stretch of imagination

Asking demographic questions in a survey about art must be either a reflection of governmental art for such questions have no purpose in art making. Based on those questions alone, it appears artspace has its own agenda for the arts. This isn't needed here. Such a view of art is antithetical to creativity itself. Shameful group that sterilizes the creativity of arts. Go away

Sad to think that a committee of so many non-professionals and amateurs have put this survey out. Art run by government is not serving art, it is serving government, a fatal mistake in the arts if anyone remembers Andres Serrano or Robert Rauschenberg or Newt Gingrich. The city councils know of art is limited to say the very least. This would severely hurt all established arts organizations in the region for the simple reason population is more interested in cars and paternalist realism. Innovation in the arts is dying under the projects coming from the current arts commission. J

Can see how this would help the city, but there is nothing for the artists is there. They will be paying for a place to live, for their supplies, for moving expenses while the city and the developer can claim supportive of the arts. This is little more than a pr event for city. Hell they can't even keep up a museum without turning out a circus. Not a good idea for the heat of existing arts organizations. Perhaps that is what this is all about, government control of the arts, figures.

Shame this project was created to help a developer. Would destroy other arts organizations in area as population can barely support those. The exodus of established artists from the region should tell there is an arts commission that is not working for the arts. Commission works for a city council that is so ignorant of the arts...big eyes would fit their taste.

How horrible for artists to be offered something that has little hope of success in an area like this. Just go ahead and pay the developer directly

How is this going to help artists? Having spoken with a number of colleagues about their experiences with artspace, overwhelmingly comments indicated the municipalities and developers were the winners. My own experience with artspace in differing locales is art that is amateurish and lacking in content. This isn't a fit for here.

This a joke, right? No way this thing could work in this dumbed-down town
arts cooperative (I was a member of one in N. Va) dance studios rent by the hour would be useful to my daughter. Barter supplies room - take some/leave some. Grants making consultation on

I see that this isn't artspace nyc but rather a group of developers operating from Minnesota. That said, the distinction needs to be made to avoid further confusion. This is being promoted by the city as a boon for artists when in actuality it is boon for developers. The ones who will be out moneys are artists. Isn't this taking advantage of the arts communities here, or perhaps merely a way to solve the sec 8 housing shortfall in the city. It most definitely isn't for artists of any seriousness. Bringing demographics into this was too politically correct, not trustworthy.

First get artists involved, not just those invited by city or commissions. Second, make sure that this project is infeasible at the suggested location. Third, give a full overview of how people would be accepted into Artspace. Details are too vague for any reasonable patron to determine the validity of this project. Very poor presentation all around.

Would love backyard area / garage door style access to outside / ability to work in sunshine

Gentrification of the arts will not play in a town where such projects have only served to further inflame the community destroyed by earlier gentrification, aka urban renewal. Roanoke has become a city of violence, unfortunately the leaders do not take responsibility for the continued and ongoing destruction of communities. This would be the worst mistake that could be visited upon this town.

It would be great to have "Artspace" available for Community Choir Performances and Recording for Musical Artist / Vocalist

