Fine Arts Guild of the Rockies is committed to building on its tradition of excellence by providing experience in the performing and visual arts through participation, education, and outreach.

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Dear Fine Arts Guild Members and Supporters of the Arts

Welcome to a special year and season for the Fine Arts Guild as we celebrate our 65th Anniversary. The board of the Fine Arts Guild would like to extend our warmest greetings and wishes for 2023. We continue to be thankful for your support of the arts and community connection in Estes. The Guild has been striving to provide ongoing entertainment through the limited resources available to us. We are grateful for the collaboration we have made with Jenna MacGregor of the Historic Park Theatre, which allows us a facility to use in the coming months and enables us to provide a variety of entertainment as part of our celebration.

There are several programs we will continue to offer in 2023. We will again make available two scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to major in the arts and offer the elementary and middle schools the opportunity to participate in the Colorado Shakespeare Company’s outreach violence prevention program in which a Shakespeare play is used as a vehicle to talk about recognizing and exploring ways of combatting bullying and other forms of violence that students may encounter. In addition to our annual September Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, we will take over the Art Center’s Art Market Memorial Day weekend. We will continue to produce our Youth Theatre program and our annual musical at EPHS this summer as well as live performances at Performance Park.

The Guild is actively engaged with the Estes Arts District in development of an Arts Master Plan and application to have Estes Park designated as a Creative Arts District. We have proposed a preliminary concept for a performance center to the town’s Board of Trustees and made a request for leasing one of the Town’s properties to build that center. Negotiations with the Town are ongoing now that we have a million-dollar commitment towards this effort. We plan to have an active and productive year for our 65th Anniversary including a Mayor’s Proclamation and ribbon-cutting ceremony in February or March.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Fine Arts Guild of the Rockies. We encourage those who are members to renew their membership. If you are not a member, please consider joining us by filling out the enclosed form or by visiting our website; www.fineartsguild.org. Join us in our celebration of our 65 years of quality productions for this community.

Sincerely,
Your team of directors: Lars Sage, President, Kathy Littlejohn, treasurer, Brenda Reins, Secretary, Melinda Workman, Tim Phillips, Denise Shank, Craig Carrico and Rachel Cunning.