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**PURCELLVILLE ARTS COUNCIL INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL JIM “DOC” WILEY LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS AWARD**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va., July 14, 2021** — The Purcellville Arts Council announces that nominations are now being accepted for the fourth annual Jim “Doc” Wiley Leadership in the Arts Award. This award is named for Dr. James Wiley, beloved family dentist, former Town Council member, and long-time supporter of art and artists in Purcellville, and is intended to recognize an individual or organization in the greater Purcellville area for making a significant impact on the arts in the community. Nominations are due no later than September 30, 2021 by 5 p.m. Use the [online form](#) to submit a nomination.

Candidates considered may include performing, visual, or literary artists; teachers of art; producers or managers of arts venues; patrons of the arts; and art advocates. The objective is to highlight the recipient’s artistic impact on the greater Purcellville area. Nominees may include individuals, organizations, or businesses that have demonstrated excellence and leadership in one or more of the following areas:

- Artistic achievement in the performing, visual, or literary arts
- Long-term individual or organizational support that has made a significant impact on the arts in greater Purcellville
- Investment in artistic and cultural activities that have made a significant impact on greater Purcellville
- Promotion of the arts in the greater Purcellville community in a distinctly creative or exceptionally effective manner

Nominations must include the completed nomination form, at least one letter of support from another organization or individual, and optional supporting documents such as articles or samples of work (as appropriate) in digital form.

The Purcellville Arts Council will review nominations and make the selection. Details and the nomination form are available on the [Purcellville Arts Council page](#) of the Town of Purcellville’s website.

If you would like to learn about the Purcellville Arts Council (PAC) and become a member of this volunteer committee, check out their page of the Town [website](#), then [apply online](#). If you have questions about the Purcellville Arts Council, email [arts@purcellvilleva.gov](mailto:arts@purcellvilleva.gov).

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 13<sup>th</sup> year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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