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What a year 2009 was, for families, businesses and non-profit organizations alike. Despite the changes and challenges we had to face, the Quinlan Visual Arts Center managed to achieve several milestones, including:

- Quinlan was awarded more than \$60,000 in grants from national and regional organizations to support educational programming and operations.
- Enrollment in summer camp increased by 65%.
- A record-breaking number of artists entered the 62nd Annual Members' Exhibition. We more than doubled the number of artists featured in the gift shop.

We are proud of these successes, yet we know that we, along with other arts organizations, are facing yet another critical year. As an artist, you make up the most significant level of our constituency and your support is more important than ever in the coming year.

Our most exciting event of the year, the 32nd annual **Gala** dinner and art auction, is coming up on **Saturday, March 6, 2010**. In both a live and silent auction, we will showcase our artists' work and we expect enthusiastic bidding by art collectors and patrons alike. As our largest and most important fundraising event, the Gala will set the stage for a new year of excellent programs, courses and workshops as well as the myriad of exhibition, promotion and sale opportunities just for our artists. (Also enclosed with this letter is a special invitation to you to participate in our first Bird's Nest Invitational this spring.)

Please consider making a 100% donation of your artwork to the 2010 Quinlan Gala. We would love to know that we can count on you to help ensure the quality of our programming.

Works may be consigned and you may choose to keep between 10% and 40% of the sale, *or* you may elect to donate 100% of the proceeds. Artists who donate their pieces and receive an auction sale of greater than \$100 will receive a complimentary one-year Quinlan membership to keep or give to a friend, *plus* a free ticket to attend the preview party of your choice either on Wednesday, March 3rd or Thursday, March 4th.

Artwork must be framed or otherwise ready to hang and delivered between February 15th and 19th. We would also appreciate a brief artist's statement or summary about you and your work to be included in the catalog. Please call us at the number below if we can be of any help or to answer your questions about Gala 2010.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the Quinlan Visual Arts Center.

Sincerely,

Amanda J. Kroll, Executive Director

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