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**Arkansas Arts Center Presents the Art of Architecture Lecture**  
***MacArthur Park Redux: Never Underestimate What a Group of Citizens Can Do***

**(LITTLE ROCK, AR)** – The Arkansas Arts Center will host the Art of Architecture lecture *MacArthur Park Redux: Never Underestimate What a Group of Citizens Can Do* presented by Downtown Partnership Executive Director Sharon Priest on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. followed a lecture at 6:00 p.m. in the Arkansas Arts Center Lecture Hall.

In this lecture, Priest will discuss the process and development of the MacArthur Park revitalization efforts. Under her leadership, a goal was adopted to make historic MacArthur Park a destination for Little Rock residents and visitors, and the MacArthur Park Group was formed. The Group raised \$100,000 to develop a comprehensive master plan. University of Arkansas Fay Jones School of Architecture Professor Steve Luoni played a significant role in the development of the architectural plan, and Conway Schulte Architects of Minneapolis served as the lead design firm.

As a “refurbished” city park, MacArthur park could serve as an anchor for the neighborhood, which includes the Arkansas Arts Center, the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, the Firehouse Hostel and Museum and several historic properties.

Admission to the lecture is free. The lecture is organized by the University of Arkansas School of Architecture, Central Chapter of AIA, Arkansas Arts Center and Friends of Architecture. For more information, call 501-372-4000 or visit [www.arkarts.com](http://www.arkarts.com).

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Contact:** 501-372-4000

**Location:** Arkansas Arts Center – 9<sup>th</sup> and Commerce, Little Rock, AR 72202

Free Admission.

### **Gallery Hours September 25, 2009 - July 5, 2010:**

9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday – Friday

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

Closed Monday & Major Holidays

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