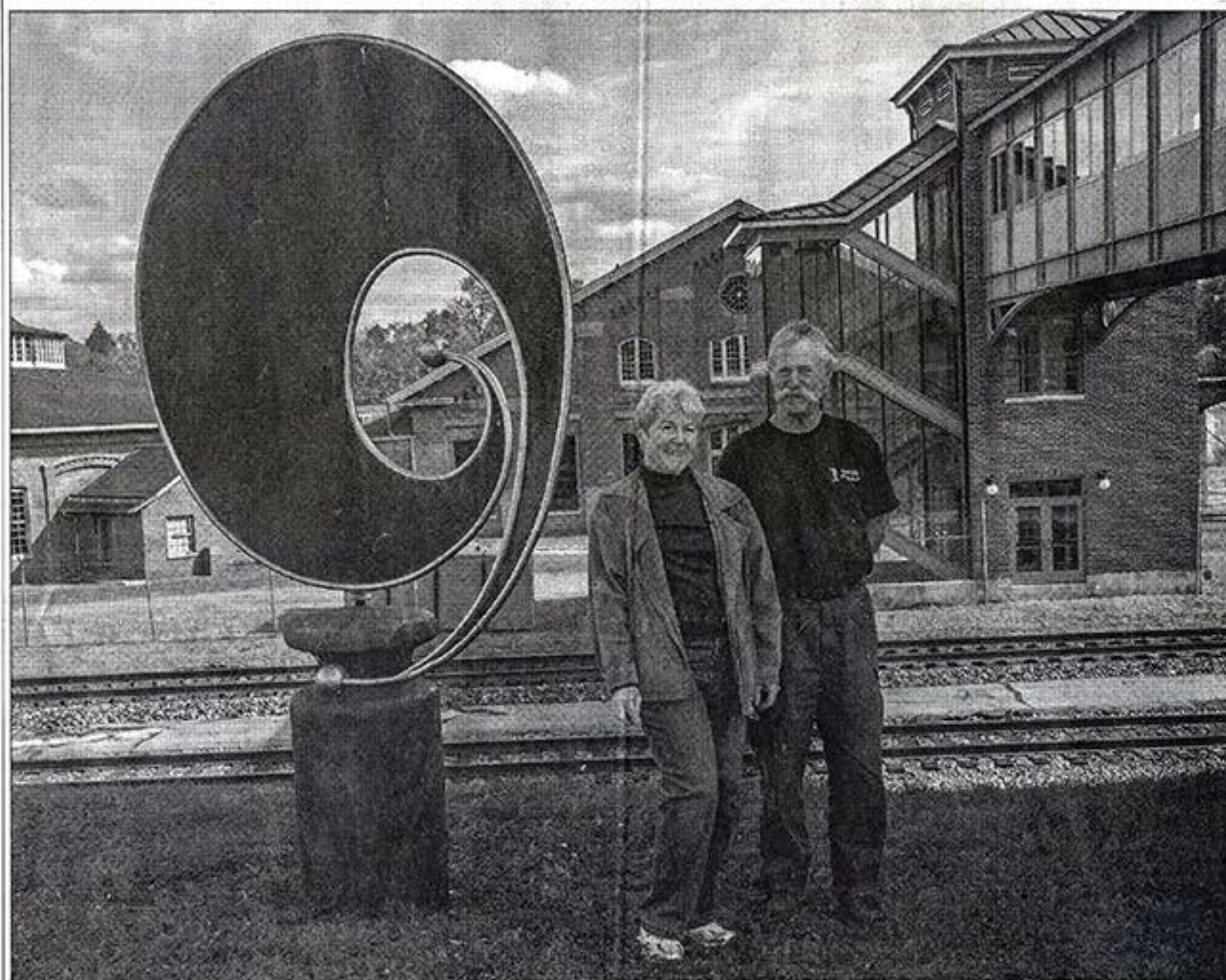


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Leo Badger's metal sculpture titled "Comma" has returned to the Caperton Train Station, where travelers and visitors to the "For the Kids" Museum can actually turn it around to view it from every side. Lee's Anvil Works studio carried out the installation, made possible by a grant from the Berkeley Arts Council. President Malinda Shaver represented the partnership of BAC, MBC-CVB, the museum and the city of Martinsburg.

Arts Council announces grants

Organization also requesting new grant applications be postmarked by Dec. 17

MARTINSBURG — With the announcement of the Berkeley Arts Council's first round of grants, the organization is also requesting proposals for awards to be made in January 2013. Submissions must be postmarked by Dec. 17.

This fall three projects were selected to receive financial support, helping artists and organizations realize their ambitions and expand arts opportunities for the entire community.

• Sculpture in Downtown

Martinsburg:

Lee Badger of Anvil Works created an interactive sculpture titled "Comma" that will be returning to its "home base" at the Caperton Train Station. The City of Martinsburg, the MBC-CVB and the "For the Kids" Museum collaborated on the project.

• Drama Club at South Middle School:

This afterschool activity for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders will provide an opportunity to learn various aspects of theater production,

performing a one-act play and even entering a competition.

• Berkeley Community Chorus:

Rehearsals are under way with a chorus group of about 30 singers under the direction of Jeffery Poland, former professor of choral music at Fairmont State University. A holiday concert takes place Saturday, Dec. 1, at Martinsburg High School.

Residents or organizations working primarily in Berkeley County can be considered for support for projects to

expand availability and accessibility of the arts; to involve young people in the arts; to provide arts experiences to new or underserved audiences and to use the arts in an innovative way to enhance community life. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2013. Information and applications are available on the web at www.berkeleyartswv.org/amplify, email berkeleyartswv@gmail.com or call 304-262-1611.

"Amplify the Arts" grants are presented by the Berkeley

Arts Council with financial assistance from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Matching funds contributed by the community are essential to continue and enlarge the program and contributions may be made through www.berkeleyartswv.org or by mail to Berkeley Arts Council Inc., P.O. Box 984, Martinsburg, WV 25402.