

## Masonic Lodge Becomes Tiller Arts Center

Next to the brick Masonic Lodge is the historic Roxy Theater which was purchased and upgraded by a local theater group, the Fire Mountain Arts Council. It had thrived with many community events, live plays, visiting musicians, movies, dances, classes and meetings. Over recent years the Fire Mountain Arts Council had used the downstairs of the Masonic Lodge for their greenroom (a holding room where actors put on makeup, change costumes, store props) for the Roxy's live plays.

The Masons put their building on the market to sell. The Morton Action Committee (a group of local citizens working for the betterment of Morton) was in fear of the building being lost to the Roxy group. Since the Fire Mountain Arts Council is a non profit organization and had no means to purchase the building, members of the Morton Action Committee agreed to seek contributions from the Tiller Family in 2009. In exchange for the ongoing use of the building, the Fire Mountain Arts Council honored the Tiller ancestors by naming the building "The Tiller Arts Center."

### Tiller Descendants:

The following Tiller Descendants' generous contributions have made the Tiller Arts Center a reality for the Roxy Theater group.

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