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Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No 1545-1150

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form. **The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.**

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2009 and ending JUN 30, 2010

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization		D Employer identification number
		GASTON ARTS COUNCIL		56-1257449
		Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P.O. BOX 242		E Telephone number 704-853-2787
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 GASTONIA, NC 28053		F Group Exemption Number		

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: Cash Accrual
Other (specify):

I Website: WWW.GASTONARTS.ORG

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c) (3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 180,857.

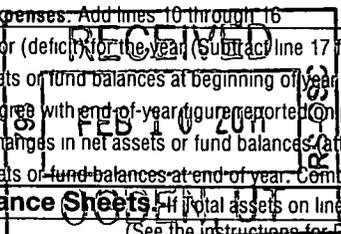
Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received														149,030.												
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																										
	3	Membership dues and assessments														330.												
	4	Investment income														353.												
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																										
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																										
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																										
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>																										
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ 21,000. of contributions reported on line 1)														3,476.												
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses														22,687.												
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)														-19,211.													
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																											
7b	Less: cost of goods sold																											
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																											
8	Other revenue (describe) SEE STATEMENT 4)														27,668.													
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8														158,170.													
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) STMT 5														77,587.												
	11	Benefits paid to or for members																										
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits														37,191.												
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors														9,227.												
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance														76,048.												
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping														2,282.												
	16	Other expenses (describe) SEE STATEMENT 1)														12,144.												
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16														214,479.													
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)														-56,309.												
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)														132,173.												
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)																										
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20														75,864.												

Part II Balance Sheets (If total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. (See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	74,370.	40,435.
23	Land and buildings		
24	Other assets (describe) SEE STATEMENT 2)	96,859.	66,710.
25	Total assets	171,229.	107,145.
26	Total liabilities (describe) SEE STATEMENT 3)	39,056.	31,281.
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	132,173.	75,864.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a <u>0.</u>		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b <u>N/A</u>		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a <u>N/A</u>		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b <u>N/A</u>		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ <u>0.</u> ; section 4912 ▶ <u>0.</u> ; section 4955 ▶ <u>0.</u>		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I 40b		X
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ <u>0.</u>		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ <u>0.</u>		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T 40e		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ <u>NONE</u>		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>JULIETTE SHELLEY</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>704-853-2787</u> Located at ▶ <u>P.O. BOX 242, GASTONIA, NC</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>28053</u>		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? 42b		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? 42c		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ <u>43</u> <u>N/A</u>		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 45		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

- | | | Yes | No |
|---|-----|-----|----|
| 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I | 46 | | X |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | 47 | | X |
| 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | 48 | | X |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | 49a | | X |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? | 49b | | |
- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

Sign Here Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer: *[Signature]* Date: 1/26/11

Type or print name and title: Roger E. Scarborough

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: Randy G. Boyd Date: 01/07/11 Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: MCCANNON, ROGERS, DRISCOLL & ASSOC. CPA
P. O. BOX 339
GASTONIA, N.C. 28053-0339

Preparer's identifying number (See instr.): _____
EIN: _____
Phone no.: 704-867-0264

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	263,391.	261,131.	243,217.	220,467.	149,360.	1137566.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	263,391.	261,131.	243,217.	220,467.	149,360.	1137566.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						1137566.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	263,391.	261,131.	243,217.	220,467.	149,360.	1137566.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	304.	888.	2,022.	1,117.	353.	4,684.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)					2,528.	2,528.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						1144778.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	28,616.

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	99.37 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	96.42 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

FORM 990-EZ OTHER EXPENSES STATEMENT 1

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
MARKETING	1,025.
WORKERS' COMP INSURANCE	320.
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	676.
COPIER	5,621.
CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS	1,179.
INSURANCE - GENERAL	475.
OTHER EXPENSES	2,848.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16	12,144.

FORM 990-EZ OTHER ASSETS STATEMENT 2

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
ARTWORK IN PROGRESS	3,000.	5,000.
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	9,851.	4,446.
OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS	84,008.	57,264.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24	96,859.	66,710.

FORM 990-EZ OTHER LIABILITIES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
LONG-TERM DEBT	38,786.	31,281.
PREPAID RENT	270.	0.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 26	39,056.	31,281.

FORM 990-EZ OTHER REVENUE STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
OTHER REVENUE	2,528.
UNITY PLACE; FRANKLIN BLVD.; GASTONIA, NC - SUBLEASE	25,140.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 8	27,668.

FORM 990-EZ

CASH GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS

STATEMENT

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<u>CLASS OF ACTIVITY/GRANTEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>GRANTEE'S RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
DANIEL STOWE BOTANICAL GARDENS BELMONT, NC 28012	NONE	1,775.
GASTON CONCERT ASSOCIATION GASTONIA, NC 28053	NONE	6,375.
GASTON COUNTY ART GUILD	NONE	2,850.
GASTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION	NONE	1,612.
GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY GASTONIA, NC 28053	NONE	3,750.
GASTON DANCE, INC. GASTONIA, NC 28053	NONE	14,250.
GASTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS GASTONIA, NC 28053	NONE	30,000.
PIEDMONT CHAPTER OF THE LINK GASTONIA, NC 28053	NONE	3,750.
UNITY PLACE GASTONIA, NC 28052	NONE	6,250.

GASTON ARTS COUNCIL

56-1257449

NONE

1,875.

GASTON CHORAL SOCIETY

GASTONIA, NC 28053

NONE

600.

REG. ARTIST PROGRAM

GASTONIA, NC 28053

NONE

4,500.

OTHER < \$5,000 EACH

TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10

77,587.

FORM 990-EZ

INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 6

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- A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL
BENEFIT CONTRACT? [] YES [X] NO
- B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [] YES [X] NO
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Gaston Arts Council - Board 2009-10

<u>Title</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Work</u>
Mr	Sam	Stowe, III	3132 Channelview Landing	Belmont	28012	825-4847
Mr	Alex	Hall	301 Eagle's Walk	Gastonia	28056	854-4739
Mrs	Jan	Jackson	3671 Sherwood Cir	Gastonia	28056	
Mr	Rodney	Smallwood	34 E Woodrow Ave	Belmont	28012	825-8193
Mrs	Gracie	Floyd	3101 Ivy Creek Rd	Gastonia	28056	376-2556
Ms	Rachel	Bagley	2557 Pinewood Rd	Gastonia	28054	866-6749
Mrs	Nan	Bridgeman	2510 Armstrong Cir	Gastonia	28054	
Mr	Barry	Bridges	1893 Remount Rd	Gastonia	28054	869-1813
Mr	Brad	Collins	PO Box 2335	Gastonia	28053	865-1271
Mr	Phil	Coyle	1760 Country Club Rd	Gastonia	28054	867-2234
Ms	Katherine	Currence	3624 E Club Colony Dr	Gastonia	28056	
Mr	Verne	Deason	804 S New Hope Rd	Gastonia	28054	867-3617
Mrs	Angela	Dole	3026 Hamptonbrook Dr	Gastonia	28056	861-2450
Mr	Don	Harrison	804 S New Hope Rd	Gastonia	28053	865-4282
Mr	Marty	Hutchins	3204 Pinecrest Dr.	Gastonia	28056	
Mrs	June	Jones	207 Forest Hill Ln	Gastonia	28052	864-2621
Mrs	Cheryl	Leone	1740 Montclair Ave	Gastonia	28054	
Mrs	Pam	Massey	1807 Fairfield Dr	Gastonia	28054	
Ms	Kara	Newport	6500 S New Hope Rd	Belmont	28012	829-1250
Mr	Raymond	Whitt, Jr	931 Alexandria Ct	Gastonia	28056	
Mrs	Vivan	Stewart	1240 Queensgate St	Gastonia	28054	
Mr	Dan	Wynkoop	2025 Donegal Ct	Gastonia	28054	
Ms	Joan	Stroud	3129 Ivy Creek Rd	Gastonia	28056	
Ms	Denis	Shook				
Mrs	Sue	Neerincx	PO Box 452	Gastonia	28053	
Mrs	Carol	Lewis	1813 Montclair Ave	Gastonia	28054	348-2730
Mrs	Tess	Walters	201 W Franklin Blvd	Gastonia	20854	865-5943
Mrs	Jan	Siler	825 Union Rd	Gastonia	28054	866-8882
Mrs	Leslie	Lee	825 Union Rd	Gastonia	20856	866-8882

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box
- If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete

Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization GASTON ARTS COUNCIL	Employer identification number 56-1257449
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. PO BOX 242	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. GASTONIA, NC 28053	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

- | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

- The books are in the care of Telephone No. FAX No.
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **FEBRUARY 15, 2011**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

calendar year _____ or

tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2009**, and ending **JUN 30, 2010**.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	N/A

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.