



## **First 2016 Arts and Culture Council Features the Orange Show Center for Visionary Art**

The Partnership's first Arts and Culture Council meeting of 2016 was held February 9 and featured speakers from the Orange Show Center for Visionary Art. Clint Pasche, Partnership vice president of communications, welcomed Jonathan Beitler, marketing and public relations consultant for the Center, and Michael Moore, board member of the Center, as the council speakers. They provided an overview of the organization's various sites and programs, including the Orange Show Monument, Smither Park, the Beer Can House, the Houston Art Car Parade, the Orange Show Art Bus, and their Eye Opener Tours and Art Experiences.

The Center's mission is to promote and document visionary art environments, provide opportunities for the expression of personal artistic vision, and create a community where that expression is valued. The Center's preservation efforts have helped maintain the Orange Show Monument's status as an important folk-art environment in Houston and get it listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Further, the Art Car Parade is celebrating its 29<sup>th</sup> year on April 9 as a one-of-a-kind mobile display of art.

To extend the reach of the Center's sites and events, the Orange Show Art Bus takes art education on the road to engage students and youth and community groups in the arts through a dynamic learning experience. Many of the Center's sites are available to rent for events, and they welcome corporate sponsorships for the Art Car Parade and other events at their venues. Visit [orangeshow.org](http://orangeshow.org) to learn more about the Center.