



## Sulynn Creswell



Sulynn Creswell is the Executive Director at Black Belt Treasures Cultural Arts Center, serving since April, 2007, having previously served as the Assistant Director/Gallery Manager. In her roles, she helped to establish the online & store galleries, built a pool of over 500 Black Belt artists, & promoted the one-of-a-kind cultural center. Additionally, over the course of her career, Sulynn has experience in retail buying, store management, and human resource management; college administration; and as an owner of a small business.

Since 2012, she has guided BBTCAC's planning through an economic development model - *Rural Wealth Creation*. In October 2012, she was a panelist during the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) in Las Vegas, NV. In October 2013, she participated in the *Second Cross-Regional Convening of Wealth Creation In Rural Communities* (WEALTHWORKS) in Berea, KY. Also, she participated in *the Rooting Wealth That Sticks Forum* in Little Rock, AR, presented by Aspen Institute & Delta Regional Authority. In August 2017, she participated in *WealthWorks Toolkit Plenary* at the Rural LISC Annual Seminar in Bozeman, MO. In June 2018, she traveled to Charleston, WV as a presenter during the *Creative Placemaking Appalachia Summit*. In June 2019, she represented BBTCAC and the AL State Council on the Arts, in SAVVY, a seven-day creative placemaking and “change agent” workshop at the University of South Carolina.

Creswell currently serves as Vice President of the Wilcox Area Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the Wilcox Historical Society and is an active member of her church serving on the Personnel Team, Women’s Ministry Team, Praise Team, in the Adult Choir, and as a Bible study teacher. During the past she has served on the Black Belt Heritage Area Taskforce, the Black Belt Commission Marketing & Tourism Committee, on the Judson Alumnae Association Executive Board and as an ex-officio member of the Judson College Board of Trustees. Sulynn and her husband, Phil Creswell, have been actively involved in the City of Camden as he served a three-year term on the City Council (2013-2016), and has served as Mayor since November 2016. They are parents to two young adult children.

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