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**ArtSpeak the City's Cultural Commission
Announces Sue Cobler as its New Coordinator**

Art-Speak, the organization formed by the city of Portsmouth to promote appreciation, awareness, participation and dialogue in the support of arts and culture, announces the selection of their new coordinator. Sue Cobler of Kittery will serve as the new Art-Speak coordinator beginning in September. Cobler has over 20 years of experience in project management and communications in both the corporate and non-profit sectors. She has served on several local non-profit boards of directors over the past 15 years, being appointed chairwoman of the Children's Museum for 2 years and chairwoman of the Piscataqua Maritime Commission for 3 years.

Jane James, Chairwoman of Art-Speak states "We had a strong pool of candidates and we are delighted to have selected Sue Cobler, who not only has such a strong professional background, but also a demonstrated commitment to the cultural community of Portsmouth." Cobler will continue Art-Speak's mission to represent, coordinate and advocate for the cultural life of the city. "I am very excited to have the opportunity to contribute to Portsmouth's Arts and Cultural Community in such a meaningful way" says Cobler. Cobler, 47 holds a B.A. from Wellesley College and a masters degree from Northeastern University.