



WonderArts

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WonderArts, Fall Newsletter

Creativity



Inspiring audiences through art, exploration, and recreation

Conversation



Engaging our communities in open and honest dialogue

Collaboration



Bringing people together to strengthen our community

Welcome to our 2017 Fall Newsletter!

The birds are consulting about their migrations; the trees are putting on the hectic or the pallid hues of decay, and begin to strew the ground, that one's very footsteps may not disturb the repose of earth and air. Delicious autumn!

- George Elliot



Hello Friends and Neighbors,

It is hard to believe that another turning of the seasons is upon us. We hope that you had a fun and relaxing summer! Ours was filled with summer journeys camps, events, concerts, and workshops, where we experienced the inspiring minds of our communities youth and the wisdom of elders. As we transition into fall the WonderArts Team is thrilled to share with you information and updates about classes, grants, events, and new staff! We are dedicated as always to serving community members of all backgrounds and ages. The focus for the fall, is on bringing communities together to celebrate place and collaboration.

This fall we will host in-school and after-school programs at six NEK schools, activities for families, community meals, adult and family programs, documentary films, and more. As the leaves start to turn and the days get shorter we look forward to autumn and hope you will join us for another incredible season!

- The WonderArts Team

Board: Alain McMurtrie, Havilah Stewart Mann, Monique Beaudry, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, and Riva Reynolds

Staff: Anne Hanson, Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Carol Fairbank, Douglas Safford, Skye Livingston, Matt Allen & Jess Romeo



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A Summer of Fun and Exploration

Summer Journeys Camp Highlights

Where to begin? We had so many stories, adventures, trips, and laughs this summer. While it was one of the rainiest summers on record we were still able to make the best of it. Some camp highlights included:

- Installing environmental sculptures at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center
- Learning about worm castings and composting at Black Dirt Farm
- Visiting Perennial Pleasures Nursery and creating secret gardens
- Designing and building a mini-library that will be installed at Willey Beach Park, in Greensboro
- Making a "delicioso" feast from veggies harvested in the Lakeview Union garden. Kale chips were the biggest hit!
- Painting murals for Farm to Ballet at Heartwood Farm
- Building fires in the Community Greenspace with Holly Cook
- Cooking up magic potions with Lynette Courtney



and so much more...

Summer Journeys Camps are generously supported by the Towns of Greensboro and Craftsbury, the Pleasants Fund, Greensboro United Church, and from an anonymous local business. We can't wait until next year!



Goings on at the 321 Community Greenspace

This summer the 321 Community Greenspace was a buzz with activities. We hosted two Pizza and Tunes nights that brought more than 100 community members together to enjoy slices from the Craftsbury General Store and local bands. We also hosted multiple camp field trips and workdays at the Greenspace.

We are looking forward to planning fall events at this natural community hub!



WonderArts Summer Celebration

Thanks to many local businesses, community members, and volunteers the WonderArts Summer Celebration was a truly successful event, hosted in the spectacular Greensboro Barn.

The Kingdom All Stars a group of local teenagers played an amazing set of music.

Justin Lander, of Modern Times Theater, made the live auction a success. We had an amazing spread of local cheese (thank you Jasper Hill!), bread (thank you Patchwork Bread!) and appetizers. Most importantly the spirit and company was dynamic and fun.

We can't wait to invite you to next year's celebration. In the meantime, we hope you join us for our fall activities and events!



50+ Program

A dozen local seniors enjoyed a wonderful visit into the world of the Barre stone cutters, who for generations have carried on the timeless art of working Vermont granite into lasting memorials. Through guides who worked in the industry, we explored the history of granite - past, present, and future.

While we are no longer using a bus for trips we look forward to providing a variety of opportunities for area seniors. This fall we are working to develop new programs and ways that we can continue to offer this important and fun work!



An Exciting Future Ahead



School Programming is Back

The transition back to school is often filled with nostalgia and excitement...with a twinge of nervousness. The WonderArts team is expanding after school enrichment programs for elementary school students this fall! After-school instructors will teach classes in design, sculpture, culinary arts, music, and more! Programs are held in

partnership with Craftsbury Academy, Albany Community School, Lakeview Union, Morrisville Elementary, and the REACH program.

This fall, we will also have in-school programs at Craftsbury Academy as well as Pre-K enrichment in four different centers.

WonderArts awarded USDA RBD Grant

WonderArts is the recent recipient of a USDA Rural Business Development Grant in the amount of \$58,947! This funding supports the purchasing of equipment for a Creative Incubator Space (CIS). The CIS is a project that will make high-tech equipment and quality professional



Rural Development

development available to local artists, students, entrepreneurs, and businesses. Helping us support the local creative

economy. Interested in being involved in the project? Email us at info@wonderartsvt.org Thank You!

WonderArts becomes a Vermont Arts Partner

More exciting news came this summer from The Vermont Arts Council. WonderArts was selected to be an Arts



Partner out of 30 other prestigious arts organizations across the state. This three-year operating grant and award was given for our continued quality of work to *support activities that strengthen communities through the arts*. Thank You!



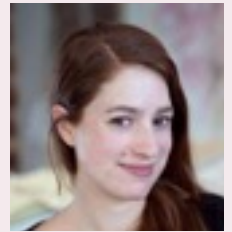
Welcoming new faces to the WonderArts Team

We are delighted to announce the addition of four members to the WonderArts Team! Selected from 20 applicants we believe these candidates bring experience, enthusiasm, and new energy to our work.



Carol Fairbank joins WonderArts as Business Manager. She spent the last two decades working in business operations and management, with a focus on corporate culture, innovation, and employee experience.

Skye Livingston joins WonderArts as Program Coordinator. An advocate for a lifelong engagement with the arts, Skye brings to the team a background in various creative endeavors.



In addition, we welcome Douglas Safford and Matt Allen to the WonderArts Team as After-School Instructors!

Thank you AmeriCorps VISTA Members

For the past year, Kait Bacon served as a SerVermont Americorps VISTA. Her work developing systems and evaluating programs made a huge difference for the

organization. Kait finished in August and we are so thankful for all she did!



Our new VISTA, Jess Romeo continues this important work in alleviating poverty and supporting our communities. Welcome Jess!

We look forward to seeing you this fall!

Upcoming Featured Events:



September 19 - Let's Talk Film: The 13th

6 pm @ the Craftsbury Outdoor Center (ages 18+)

October 7 - Cardboard Challenge

1-3 pm @ WonderArts Program Space (Family Event)

October 10 - Let's Talk Film: Denial

6:30 pm @ Sterling College, Simpson Hall (ages 18+)



October 11 - Art Opening, Judy Lowry & Lulu Wooton

5-7 pm @ Sterling College Library and Kane Hall

November 1 - Day of the Dead Festival & Meal

5:30 - 7 pm @ WonderArts Program Space

Your donation goes a long way in supporting our mission to cultivate lifelong learning and exploration to enrich our community, schools, and economy through creativity, conversation, and collaboration. Thank you.

Gratitude for Jim Flint

It is with the deepest gratitude that we express our thanks to Jim Flint. For the past five years, Jim served as Executive Director of Wonder & Wisdom. During the transition to WonderArts, Jim was instrumental in the merger process as Executive Director. Throughout Jim's leadership the organization served children, families,



adults and seniors through lifelong learning and exploration. Through Jim's vision, Wonder & Wisdom embarked on the 321 Community Greenspace project. It takes a visionary to look at a dilapidated building and imagine a thriving community space. Today, the Community Greenspace is a place for the community to engage in the natural landscape, walk the labyrinth, explore trails, or attend a community event.

Jim is deeply committed to our communities and to providing support for those in need. We wish him the best in all he does and he will always have a home here at WonderArts!

Welcome Ceilidh Galloway - Kane



We are thrilled to welcome Ceilidh as Executive Director of WonderArts. She engages a diverse network of communities and is a true advocate for creativity, conversation, and collaboration. Formerly the ED of The Art House, she looks forward

to expanding the essential work of WonderArts. Connect with Ceilidh at ceilidh@wonderartsvt.org

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