

# January 2023

news & updates



## First we want to say Thank you!

Our Annual Appeal this year went above and beyond! We were able to raise \$6,797.25, blasting through our goal of \$4500 (which was generously matched by Savings Bank of Walpole).

A portion of new donors' and members' gifts are being set aside for our minigrants program - so far, it is enough to support one whole minigrant!

## In this newsletter:

AEP 6 Study, recaps of January's programs, Discover Monadnock, New fiscal sponsees, and more! Check out the sidebar on the left for resources, upcoming programs and opportunities to engage.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Artist Field Trips:** In 2023 we will be hosting monthly artist field trips to different locations throughout the region! Learn about the great resources, venues, tools and programs around the region, get inspired, and meet other creatives! [Sign up as an artist member to get regular notifications.](#)

Membership Cost: only \$15 per year.

**Arts Ambassador Meetups:** In March we will be visiting Peterborough Community Theatre to gather and talk about more ways to support the arts! [Sign up as an Arts Ambassador to get on the email list for more information.](#)



## AEP6 Study:

### The Economic & Social Impact of Arts and Culture events

Since April 2022 we have been collecting surveys from arts and cultural events audiences. We want to thank our arts partners in the region for helping us gather important data on the economic impact of the arts! The Colonial Theatre, Nova Arts, MoCo Arts, Mariposa Museum, Peterborough Folk Music Society, Ashuelot Concerts, The Park Theatre, local libraries,

Membership Cost: only \$50 per year.

**Artist to Artist Workshops:** Coming back in May 2023!

**Keene ArtWalk:** Dates TBD! Call for art will go out this winter! [Info here.](#)

**Ewing Arts Awards:** July 2023. Call for nominations will go out in April! [Info here.](#)

**Elevate the Arts 2023:** Date TBD

**Radically Rural 2023:** September 27-28. [Register Here.](#)

## STAY CONNECTED!

Sign up for membership to receive the latest info on upcoming workshops and opportunities to connect. [Here.](#)

**Attend free Coaching and Referrals Sessions** for artists, new arts community members, and folks who want to partner with artists. These 45 minute sessions are free and open to anyone. [Book now.](#)

Receive our weekly **Discover Monadnock newsletter** filled with arts and culture events for the coming week. [Sign Up!](#)

## RESOURCES

and more have helped us survey their audiences on how they spend when travelling to and attending arts events. The data gathered helps nonprofit arts organizations secure grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and from less typical arts funders like the USDA and the New Hampshire CDFA.

**If you are a board member of a nonprofit arts organization:** Please make sure these surveys are being handed out at your organization's arts events - you can always volunteer to lay surveys on seats, stuff them in programs, or pass them around on clipboards at intermission.

[Materials to survey audiences](#)

Drop us a line if you'd like to have some of our hot-off-the-press postcards with a QR code featuring 4 reasons to take the survey!

[Email Nina](#)

## Fiscal Sponsorship

Did you know we've begun to offer a new type of Fiscal Sponsorship?

Sometimes an artist has identified a donor, grant, or funder, but when that funder must give only to a 501(c)3. Arts Alive is able to help artists out of this pickle - with a partnership that allows them to access those funds!

[Learn More](#)

Results from the Arts Access and Arts and Loneliness study are out - watch a webinar, bite sized YouTube videos, or just take a gander at the fact sheet (which also has some neat data to be used in grant applications and program case statements). [It's all on our website!](#)

The AEP6 Study helps measure arts audiences' economic impact in our region. Surveys [are available on the Arts Alive website.](#)

Grant Search Sites and Local Data for applications can be [found on our website.](#)

A listing of gig postings and artist residencies search sites is also [posted on our site.](#)

Discover Monadnock Gets thousands of visitors each month, looking for the things that make the Monadnock region special, fun, active. Make sure you're posting on [our calendar!](#)

**BOARD SERVICE:**  
We are always looking for more hands to join in the work of building a thriving and sustainable arts landscape in our region! We have a board of 12 fantastic folks - [Check them out!](#) The work is strategic and fun, hands-on and big-picture. Learn more about it and reach out if



Two artists we have worked with in this program in the last few months are both local sound artists - one is composer and musician [Miriam Sharrock](#) and one is audio creator [Katie Semro](#). The Arts Alive board has also just approved Fiscal Sponsorship with [Alexandria Peary, New Hampshire's Poet Laureate!](#)

Miriam and Katie received creation grants to make new works, and Alexandria received a grant to publish issues of *Under the Madness Magazine*, a magazine edited by teens from New Hampshire. It shares the work of teens from around the world. The major intent of this initiative is to provide teen editors leadership opportunities in the arts.

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## Keene Arts Core: Get Involved

This month we've been advocating for the Keene Arts Core elements of the Downtown Infrastructure Project. If you haven't heard, the project is creating a plan to update some ancient underground infrastructure under Keene's Main St. They are asking for public input on what goes back on top after they dig everything up!

There will be a public hearing **February 21st at the Keene High School Auditorium from 6-9pm.** Show up to support public spaces for the arts in downtown!

[Get Involved!](#)

you're interested in joining!

## About Board Membership



### Painted Pathways

We are also working with professor Emily Lambert at Keene State College, the Keene Public Works Department, and Sofia Hakeem, a student intern to develop a plan to create some painted pathways to add vibrancy and color to Keene during the construction. [Read this great letter to the editor in the Keene Sentinel about painted crosswalks by Keene Art Core team member Katie Folts.](#) Stay tuned for more!

## Discover Monadnock

We ran into some technical difficulties over the last month or so with the functioning of our Arts Events weekly newsletter. But with some great support from our web partners, we've fixed the malfunction and continue to send out a weekly roundup of EVERYTHING on our calendar! Make sure you've [signed up](#) to receive it. And don't forget to chip in to do your part in making sure this great community resource stays available for our region!



Make a sustaining gift to support Discover Monadnock

## Recap: January Artist Field Trip



We were delighted to come together for the first Artist Field Trip of

## Recap: January Arts Ambassador Meetup



In mid-January we hosted another of our bimonthly ambassador



our ongoing series. A friendly handful of local artists and creatives came together to meet each other and explore two new arts spaces in Dublin! We congregated at DublinArts & Muse Gallery in the late morning over hot coffee and delicious pastries supplied by Prime Roast in Keene. Molly McDowell, who runs the art center, described in detail the transformation process from abandoned barn to multi-use gallery and event space. She then took us on a tour through the many rooms and nooks of the building! Following DublinArts, we all hopped in our cars and drove the 2 minutes down to be welcomed by the folks at MAXT Makerspace's new Ceramics Center. The potters there were happy to show us their space and demonstrate how they work with clay. We even had the opportunity to try getting our hands dirty ourselves!

To get notifications and updates about future field trips, become a Member of Arts Alive today.

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meetups with our friends at the West LA Beer Company! Tristan Bridges, who works there and has his art on display there now, welcomed us and walked us through their onsite brewing operation. We toured West LA's hidden patio where they have live music in the warmer months, and enjoyed a very creative hand-painted mural! After some mingling and chatting, we all sat around a table made of original artwork with kettle-cooked chips and tastes of handcrafted beer and seltzer. Taryn Fisher started a thought-provoking discussion on community building by describing a personal experience with an event held by Marnita's Table. Finally, the Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music's director Javier Caballero spoke on a subject he's passionate about: Apple Hill's teaching philosophy and the five pillars of great chamber music-making.

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## New Board Member: Kathy Brooks!

**About Kathy:** As Program Manager at the Putnam Foundation, and Office Manager at the 1911 Office, I provide a wide range of services for the smooth running of both organizations. Before joining the office in 2017, I spent more than 20 years in office administration and retail management, and 17 years in the insurance industry, primarily as a licensed broker.

**We are so excited to have Kathy join our board!** She is not afraid of Fundraising, and we love having board members who like to step up to make asks to support a mission they are passionate about!

*If you'd like learn more about joining the Arts Alive board, we've put some info on our website.*

## We are grateful to our funders



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them!