



Mid-Summer 2021

The arts and support are here!

The past weeks were full of activity for both Arts Aiive! and the arts community in the Monadnock Region. The **Discover Monadnock Calendar** is chock full. For great summer fun, check it out for events and activities! Remember, too, to share your event to the **Calendar**!

The arts may be on the rebound, but many still need assistance. Take a good look at the letter writing campaign to **Save our Granite Stages Fund**. Two days left and we provide suggested text! You might also consider becoming an **Arts Ambassador**.

In June, **Artwalk 2021** celebrated 30 years of transforming downtown Keene into an art gallery. We'd love to hear your thoughts about this week long annual event - take a brief survey. Last month we celebrated the **2021 Ewing Award winners** at a celebration on July 28.

We share an **Artist Spotlight** on Robert Seaman who tells us how daily art enriches his life. We announce a brand new **mini grant** program to begin in September. Read about how you can help raise funds for up and coming creatives.

Lastly, September is around the corner, be an early bird and sign-up for **Radically Rural!** Learn how you can help this rural corner of New Hampshire remain vibrant!

learning

workshops, coaching, summit

Artist to Artist Workshops this Fall: We are gearing up for A2A offerings for the fall! If you have a workshop idea and would like a **paid opportunity** to

lead it, let us know!

[contact Arts Alive!](#)

Ongoing Coaching Sessions: Learn about the *resources* Arts Alive! has and the *community connections we can help you make*. 45 minute sessions are free and open to anyone!

[coaching: sign-up!](#)

Radically Rural Summit: The Arts Track of Radically Rural, designed by Arts Alive!, will touch on sharing projects that increase access to the arts, that support community-based practice, and that activate creative placemaking in a community!

[learn more & get tickets!](#)

call to arts action

email to save our granite stages!

Two days remain in an email-writing campaign to Governor Sununu and the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee! The purpose? To request that a minimum of \$1 million of the state's American Rescue Plan funds be deposited into the **Save Our Granite Stages Fund**. Follow the link for suggested language and email addresses.

[email to save stages!](#)

Take a look at another way to support the arts locally! Join us to celebrate, share, and advocate for the arts.

[become an Arts Ambassador!](#)

artwalk reflections

tell us what you thought!

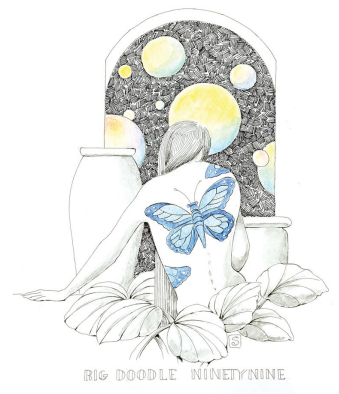


We were thrilled to help organize Keene Art Walk this year - its 30th anniversary! There were over 90 artists involved this year. The event went from the evening of Friday June 4th through June 12th all over downtown Keene, coinciding with A Taste of Keene food festival, Friends of Public Art's art market in Railroad Square, and the Second Saturday celebration Art is Everywhere. The planning committee had some new folks and some new ideas, and also held close to many Artwalk traditions. We'd love to know what you thought of Art Walk this year!

[take the survey](#)

artist spotlight

daily doodler Robert Seaman



Many of us were isolated during the pandemic, especially in its early days. Artist/illustrator/teacher Robert Seaman, 88, was especially so. During a lockdown period at the assisted living facility he calls home, he desperately needed a creative outlet and turned to his life-long passion for drawing to help buoy him in dark times. He began creating a doodle-a-day. This activity became Daily Doodles and a way to give back to the community.

We're proud to share the story of Robert Seaman, a Lifetime Achievement Ewing Award winner, in his own words.

[read more about Bob](#)

microgrants give your project a boost!

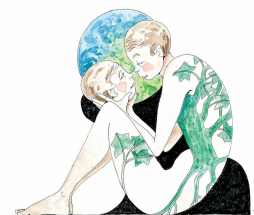


Arts Alive! proudly announces new a mini-grant program aimed at artists and creative businesses in the Monadnock Region. Applications for mini-grants of \$50-\$250 will open September 1. Grants will be aimed at and awarded to projects that help artists or creative businesses expand their professional abilities or increase how many people they can reach with arts experiences.

"We're going to be really flexible with how this money can be used," says Executive Director Jessica Getler. "Supplies for a project, marketing your work, a short term studio rental, getting work framed, booking time in a recording studio or performance space, hiring a babysitter and ordering takeout for several nights so you can focus on a project, gas for your car to get to a series of gigs, attending a workshop - whatever it is that will help you move towards the next level."...

[finish reading to learn more](#)

Fundraisers for this mini-grant program include a portion of sales from the **Daily Doodles of Robert Seaman**, a portion of funds raised at **Let It Slide**, a donation from **17Rox**, a portion of sales of **Machina Arts' potstickers** the week of **Radically Rural -9/20-9/25**. Partner with Arts Alive! on this project and help us raise the funds! .



BIG DOODLE 287
ON SELF EXAMINATION

[join us to raise funds!](#)

discover monadnock arts & cultural events are happening!



The Monadnock Region is bubbling with so much activity again! To promote your event, remember the *Discover Monadnock Calendar* - the Region's own tool dedicated to spreading the word about arts and culture events in the Monadnock Region. With an ever-growing audience, it's becoming the go to place to learn of arts and community events. **Add your event**

today!

The *Discover Monadnock Happenings* e-newsletter highlights live and virtual events from the Discover Monadnock Calendar. Subscribe to learn about the wealth of creative activity this region offers!

add events to our free
calendar

discover monadnock
events via email



On the Discover Monadnock site, we have over 5,000 page views per month, and our calendar is our most popular page. It's totally worth the time to plug your events into this beautiful calendar! And we are here to help you personalize or make edits to your event! Did you know we've been running the Discover Monadnock website and calendar since its launch in 2015?

awards presented: the winners are...



We celebrated the winners at a ceremony on July 28th at 6pm at Showroom, The Colonial Performing Arts Center's new venue in downtown Keene.



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[more photos of awards night!](#)

Our congratulations go to:

Al Brogdon - Performing Arts
Randy Miller - Arts Advocate
Wendy Klemperer - Visual Arts
John Hughes - Folk/Traditional Arts
Walt Sayre - Lifetime Achievement
Jayna Leach - Student Artist Award

Laina Barakat - Interdisciplinary Arts
Ernie Hebert - Lifetime Achievement
Craig Altobello - Folk/Traditional Arts
Cailin Marcel Manson - Performing Arts
Ann Putnam - Community Engagement
Lenny Matczynski - Lifetime Achievement
Theatre Adventure - Community Engagement
Peterborough Poetry Project - Literary Curation
Andy's Summer Playhouse - Presenter of the Arts
Raylynmor Opera / Benjamin Robinson - Presenter of the Arts

the 2021 winners: read their stories, watch their videos!

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