

the arts are connection. reach out!





March 2022

Thank you for being there for us!

Well, that was a fun month! We hosted a design workshop, welcomed new board members and arts ambassadors, and are planning some great things for this spring and summer - the AEP6 Study, workshops on arts access, and the Ewing Arts Awards!

This month we also say a fond farewell to Han Hamel, who has done such great work with Arts Alive! from the day they joined us as the Arts Ambassador Engagement Coordinator.

Here are some ways you can stay connected!

<u>Membership signups for artists or arts organizations</u>: Sign up to receive the latest info on upcoming workshops and opportunities to connect.

Learn more and sign up!

Ongoing Coaching Sessions for artists and new arts community members 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!

<u>Upcoming workshops for arts presenters:</u> We'll be talking about the Arts Access Project and the launch of the AEP6 Study! Learn about the connection of arts engagement and community connection, the barriers to accessing arts in our region, and how to participate in our next study. 4/19 and 4/20.

Keene Arts Core You keep us inspired!



Thank you to all who came to our Keen Arts Core Pop-Up event and the hybrid Community Meeting!

The "Keene Arts Core" project began with a development plan for the downtown area initiated by Monadnock Economic Development Corporation as "The Arts Corridor." We're making progress on bringing community together around a new vision and we're so excited to be working with the Citizens Institute on Rural Design on this vision.

Learn more here

2021 - 2022 Arts Partnership Conference An Arts-Integrated Approached to Repairing and Restoring Ourselves

Arts Alive! is proud to support this program through fiscal sponsorship













The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the New Hampshire Department of Education present **EMBODIED HEALING - An Arts-Integrated Approach to Repairing and Restoring Ourselves.**

The conference is designed for educators, teaching artists, artists working in healthcare and public health, and individuals who directly deliver behavioral health-related services.

Learn more and register here

You can also learn more about our fiscal sponsorship and arts incubation program on the <u>Arts Alive! website.</u>

Ewing Arts Awards Nominations Open Shortly!



Arts Alive! partners with The Keene Sentinel each year to celebrate Artists and Arts Organizations of excellence right here in the Moandnock region!

Artists and organizations can selfnominate as always, or we welcome community members to nominate their favorite local artists and organizations.

There are so many to celebrate, we can't wait who we get to learn

about this year! This is a picture of a 2021 winner, John Hughes, an incredible musician, sculptor, and educator from Brattleboro.

The 2022 Nomination Form will go live next week!

Last Year's Awards

Announcing our next Study! Arts & Economic Prosperity



MONADNOCK REGION DATA



Arts Alive! partners with Americans for the Arts to conduct the Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 Study, which will survey audiences and nonprofit arts organizations to better understand the economic impact of arts and culture organizations on our community.

This is an invaluable tool for our nonprofit arts community to raise funding, apply for grants, and forge strong partnerships with municipal governments and local businesses.

In May, the study will launch with audience surveys. If you attend an event at a participating institution, we hope that you'll participate in the survey!

If you are an arts organization staff, volunteer, or board member, we hope you'll participate.

Info & Materials to participate

Two amazing people join Arts Alive! Our board of directors just got two great additions

Robin Hayes

Why are you passionate about Arts Alive!? I have been surrounded by art my whole life and have lived in towns and cities where art was a large part of the culture. I am grateful that Arts Alive! exists and promotes the importance of the arts in this region.

What is your vision for arts and culture in the Monadnock Region? My vision for arts



and culture in this region is expanding what has already been started and making this area a place people want to live and visit because of the creative culture that exists here.

ROBIN HAYES



Chelsea Bangert
What brought you to the Monadnock
Region? I moved to New England from the
West Coast in 2020, looking for a slower pace
of life, a city with a small town vibe, and lots of
outdoor activities to enjoy — but one that has
culture and a flair for the arts. I found that
quickly in Keene, and have loved getting to
know the Monadnock region ever since!
Why are you passionate about Arts Alive!?
I am inspired by its holistic, creative, and
generous approach to involving people of all
ages and backgrounds in the arts, as well as
helping local organizations and individual

artists thrive. I feel honored to be joining such an organization.

Read more!

Meet Everglow Wellness They just became Arts Ambassadors!



Join us in welcoming our most recent Arts Ambassador, Everglow Wellness! This is an intimate and sophisticated fitness boutique offering Pilates, Barre, Yoga, and Strength Training in small groups.

They host pop up art shows and paint nights for their community members. What a great way to connect art and wellbeing!

Learn more about them!

Bye Han! We'll miss you! Today is their last day with Arts Alive!



Han Hamel has been our Arts Ambassadors engagement coordinator and our communications and administrative support person for the last 6 months. They have brought great insights, fresh perspective, swanky graphics, and so much fun to Arts Alive! We are sad to see them go, but we are **delighted** their amazing skills will be going to such an important organization - They'll be the Director of Marketing and Engagement for NH Harm Reduction Coalition.

Han will stick around Arts Alive! as an Arts Ambassador. They are also a local artist - **check out their beautiful work**.

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