



October 2021

The arts are beautiful, harvest them!

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

During October we hosted our very first **Arts Ambassador** meet up. Learn more and consider becoming an Arts Ambassador to benefit the community! We also have Fall & Winter **Workshops** to look forward to along with our ongoing **coaching sessions**.

Learn how **NOVA ARTS** was made possible with fiscal sponsorship from Arts Alive! and the study we're taking part in that focuses on the connection between the **arts and loneliness**. You can also take a peek at how the Keene International Festival went this year!

Support & Connection

Workshops & coaching

Artist to Artist Workshops this Fall: We're offering a workshop on NH's Percent for Art Program!

[learn more and sign up!](#)

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!

Arts Ambassadors Advocates for the arts

At Arts Alive!, we wanted to expand the community who actively fights for arts & culture in our region. The Ambassador program is a means to this end. For many years Arts Alive! has taken the lead on advocating for the arts and providing resources and connections for the community. We can't wait to bring you into this mission as an Ambassador!



On October 28th we hosted a Spooky Arts Ambassadors Meet Up! We had advocacy opportunities, one of which we had attendees write a post card to Keene and New Hampshire Officials expressing why the arts mean so much to them and their community. We also hosted a costume contest, you can see the photos [here!](#) Many thanks to Board Member, Jennifer Paone for hosting us at her space [The Production House](#) right here in Keene.

Meet our newest Arts Ambassador, Kate Shaffer, fine artist, painter and mixed media creator!

"As someone who has been able to find and express joy in life I want to help bring the joy that art brings into other people's lives."



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Become an Arts Ambassador

Arts Incubation

NOVA ARTS & Eric Gagne



Eric Gagne had operated a nonprofit for a decade before he took on the position of program director at Nova Arts.

Located at 48 Emerald St. in Keene, Nova Arts Block is a creative and collaborative arts and business space that contains Nova Stage, a place where emerging artists perform, underrepresented voices are heard, and unexpected juxtapositions happen. It shares a location with Brewbakers. A rotating open stage night allows for different hosts and genres – including music, theater, poetry and comedy. The Nova Arts vision not only encompasses the performing arts - interactive group events such as craft night, a drop-in writing salon, and after-school art classes are also offered in the space. This is made possible with fiscal sponsorship from Arts Alive!

[Read more about NOVA ARTS & Eric Gagner](#)

Study on the Connection Of arts and loneliness

Arts Alive! is partnering with Antioch University New England to examine the Monadnock Region's participation levels in the arts, the common barriers to participation, and how participation and arts engagement impacts loneliness and connection. We've begun the filming for the series thanks to Board Member Jennifer Paone for lending her talent and space (The Production House) along with the talents of Jeff Kolter and Yuan Pan!



[Learn more](#)

Keene International Festival

Arts Spotlight



In 2017 a team of educators and community organizers met to establish a Keene International Festival. The first event, held in 2018, drew in over 500 people from around southwest New Hampshire and beyond. In 2019, the city of Keene's Human Rights Committee became a partner of the event. Approximately 1,000 people attended!

Keene International Festival showcases and celebrates the rich cultural diversity of the Keene, NH, community through activities that engage and connect people to each other.

[Read the full article](#)

Fall Artist to Artist Workshops

Fall into learning!

Enriching workshops this Fall and Winter.
With more to come!

[NH's Percent for Public Art program](#)
with Cassie Mason from NH State Council on the Arts
November 9th

[Watch the livestream here](#)

[Website Critique Session](#)
with Alison Wilder of Punkt Digital Marketing
December 7th

[Writing Workshop](#)
with Becky Karush
Date TBD



[Learn more & Register](#)

Discover Monadnock

Arts & cultural events are happening!



Arts and culture events in the Monadnock Region are as plentiful and varied as the foliage! Make sure to promote your event on the *Discover Monadnock Calendar* - the Region's own tool dedicated to spreading the word about arts and culture events throughout 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 nearly 5,000 views on our popular calendar 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?

Thank you

GFA Credit Union

We want to give a big thank you to our sponsors GFA Credit Union for supporting our new Arts Ambassadors program!

We're also excited to announce that they are opening a new location right here in Keene! Make sure to pop over and say hello.

Visit them at 346 Winchester Street!



Arts Alive! is supported by:

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- GFA Credit Union

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