

Winter 2022

news & updates

We had a busy fall, and can't wait to kick off our 2023 programming!



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 January we will be visiting West LA Brewing Company 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.](#) Membership Cost: only \$50 per year.

Artist to Artist Workshops: Coming back in 2023! [Watch our past recorded workshops.](#)

Keene ArtWalk: Dates TBD! Call for art will go

November Arts Ambassador Meetup



We were thrilled to host our first Arts Ambassador meetup in a while this past November. There was music, there were cookies, there was tea, we sat on the floor and relaxed and connected! It was organized by our programming support person, Nina Taylor Dunn! We all met up at Everglow Wellness Studio in downtown Keene, Taryn Fisher led us through a fun 'getting to know you' ice breaker, and Vicky Pittman shared insights and resources on restorative practices, and how they relate to the arts.

Become an Arts
Ambassador

Fall Fun at Elevate the Arts

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 still 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

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



We had a blast at the Elevate the Arts Fest on September 11th. Though the day was rainy, we had a fantastic turn out, raised a few thousand dollars to support our work, and partnered with some great artists to make it happen. We are so grateful to our raffle donors, the artists who came to participate in the arts market, the musicians, and Yahso Jamaican Grille - all who made the event so spectacular!

Radically Rural's Arts & Culture Track

Arts Alive is proud to lead the Arts Track of the Radically Rural national convening.

This past September we hosted the National Endowment for the Arts to share projects from around the country who participated in the Citizens Institute on Rural Design project - Mount Zion Baptist Church and Snow Pond Center for the Arts. Dr. Genna Styles-Lyas from Americans for the Arts hosted a panel about her work in rural communities connecting with BIPOC cultural institutions to collect data that will make a difference on the local and national stage. And we took a session to write a Radically Rural song - a process facilitated by musician Daniel Roeder, writer Becky Karush, and journalist Dalton Zbiersky.



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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 you're interested in joining!

About Board
Membership

Arts Leadership Summit



In November, we convened a group of 30 Nonprofit Arts Staff, Board and Volunteers for the Arts Leadership Summit. The program was held at Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music, and we also had a few attendees participate via Zoom. It was a great opportunity for the group to share wisdom and experience with each other, and to get some updates from the NH State Council on the Arts, Arts 4 NH, the Regional Branding project, and the collaborative event planning initiative driven by Hannah Grimes' Julianna Dodson. To receive an invite to next year's summit, make sure the organization you're a part of signs up as an arts organization member with Arts Alive.

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Fiscal Sponsorship



We've added to the projects that we support with fiscal sponsorship. First, is our **Incubation Program** - its where we bring on partners working within the scope of our mission so they can operate under our nonprofit umbrella! This year we welcomed Viva Bach Peterborough - an October festival celebrating the composer, and NSquared Dance - a contemporary dance company located in New Hampshire. We also offer **basic fiscal sponsorship** so individual artists can access grants from public and private foundations and major gifts from individuals to create art, run arts

programs, and share it with the community.

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Keene Arts Core

This month we've been advocating for the Keene Arts Core elements of a covered art, music, & farmers market pavilion, painted pathways and crosswalks, and sculpture installations during open public meetings of the Downtown Infrastructure Project team, which 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! [Read more about the infrastructure project's scope and timeline here.](#)



Get Involved!

Hunter Oberst of the Keene Sentinel published a great article this week on the project. [Read it here.](#)

Developing Discover Monadnock

We are working with Paragon Digital Marketing with support of a grant from The NH Division of Travel and Tourism Development to do a complete overhaul of the Discover Monadnock website, and to develop additional content for it.



We are so excited and grateful for this new partnership! We raised almost \$1,000 during our NH Gives Day campaign. Will you help us continue this momentum and meet our match so we can create the best website possible to support promoting the arts across our region to new audiences?

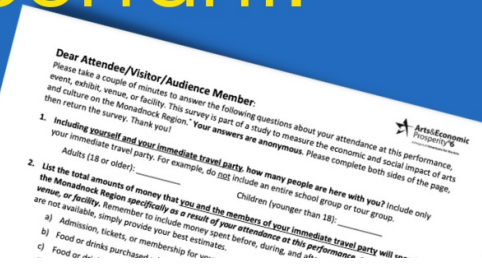
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AEP6 Study

This Spring we launched our next Arts and Economic Prosperity Study. We've done a few over the years because the data is an excellent

tool for arts organizations to apply for grant funding. You see, the data tells us what the economic impact of nonprofit arts and culture business activity is in our region. It's GREAT! We need your support and participation, though. If someone asks you to take the survey, please fill it out. Some arts venues will have printed copies, some will have a QR code on display so you can take the survey right from your phone.

Arts-Lovers, Please fill out the **AEP6 Survey** it's important!



We need art lovers and advocates to insist this data is collected and to participate in taking the surveys at arts events and encouraging others to take the surveys.

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

We are grateful to our funders



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