

center for the *Arts!* Lake Sunapee Region

*Enriching lives and building
community through the Arts!*



2017 Annual Report

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Arts!

Message from the Chair!

2017 was a year of growth at *The Center for the Arts*. Collaborating with arts organizations and creative individuals in our region we offered a full year of exhibits, performances, events, and workshops. With the help and energy of our dedicated volunteers, we introduced several new projects: *Arts on Main*, a youth arts initiative planning creative opportunities for children and teens; *Open Studios Weekend* giving residents and visitors an opportunity to see the studios of award winning local artists; *The Winter Performing Arts Series*, outstanding theater, music, and multi-discipline performances for all ages, presented to benefit future youth programs; and the publication of our first book, a collaborative effort with the Fells, highlighting original art and poetry, *Visual Verse*.

The Lake Sunapee region is filled with creative individuals and we are honored to provide them a platform to showcase their talent, while also being able to serve our residents, visitors, and students throughout the year, with free and low cost programs. With the support of individuals, businesses, and town officials, the arts continue to have a home in New London!

Thank you to all who participated in and supported our many events throughout the year!

Together we “Enrich lives and build community through the Arts!”

Jean Cronin Connolly
— Chair

Who are we?

The Center for the Arts is a non-profit organization supporting the creative organizations and individuals in our midst, and bringing the arts to our community for the benefit of our residents and visitors. We believe the arts enhance the quality of life of our residents, and build a stronger sense of community.

We strive to provide opportunities to recognize the valuable resources in our region, to support those artists and arts organizations who enrich our community, and to showcase them at events throughout the year.

We partner with existing cultural organizations, artists, writers, performers, schools, and businesses to provide new arts and education programs and act as a centralized source of information for regional cultural events.

Working with the Recreation Department, we offer free and low cost programs, workshops, and events for adults, children, and seniors. We also offer opportunities and scholarships to deserving students in our region, to further their arts education.



Free First Fridays!

In 2017 the CFA hosted twelve free programs on the First Friday of each month featuring the

New London Barn Playhouse, the Literary Arts Guild, the Hopkinton Town Band, Summer Music Associates, Northern Stage Theater, the Kearsarge Community Band, The Exit 13 Tuba Quartet, the New London KRES Chime Tones, Sunapee Flute Choir, our talented Scholarship recipients, and many local artists, musicians, poets and writers to create exciting and unique free arts events open to the public.

Our **Micro Galleries**, all on Main Street in New London: The New London Inn, Lake Sunapee Bank and Whipple Hall, showcased local and regional artists throughout the year with rotating exhibits, and as part of the First Friday program, the public was invited to the Opening Receptions, often accompanied by local musicians providing folk and classical music.

The 2018 First Friday schedule will continue this tradition of bringing the best of local arts free to our community.

Free First Fridays 2018

JANUARY — *Stars of Tomorrow!*

Dance, Music, Theater, and Art: Performances by our Scholarship Recipients

FEBRUARY — *Gallery Opening Receptions!*

New exhibits and music all on Main Street New London
The New London Inn, Lake Sunapee Bank, and Whipple Hall

MARCH — *Colby-Sawyer College Dance Company!*

Laura Shepherd Directs this Beautiful Performance

APRIL — *Poetry: A Communion with Nature!*

The Literary Arts Guild presents A Poetry Evening with David Anderson

MAY — *Gallery Opening Receptions!*

Members exhibit at The New London Inn, New exhibits at Lake Sunapee Bank, Whipple Hall
Plus...exhibits at New London Hospital Galleries!

JUNE — *New London Barn Playhouse presents!*

Open Rehearsal and Reception @ the New London Barn Playhouse

JULY — *Music and Dance on the Green!*

The Hopkinton Town Band

Plus...the 2018 CFA Scholarship Announcements

AUGUST — *We've Got Talent!*

Music, Dance, Theater Performances...Vote for your favorite performer!

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SEPTEMBER — *Gallery Opening Receptions!*

New exhibits all on Main Street New London
The New London Inn, Lake Sunapee Bank, and Whipple Hall

OCTOBER — *Northern Stage Presents!*

Northern Stage Theater presents a preview of their 2018-2019 Season

NOVEMBER — *The Courage to Create: Through Words and Images*

An evening with writers and poets
Plus... Gallery Opening Receptions!
The 6th Regional Juried Show at the New London Inn
New exhibits at Lake Sunapee Bank, and Whipple Hall!

DECEMBER — Holiday Concert and Sing! Featuring the KRES Chime Tones, the Sunapee Flute Choir...and community sing along!





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Other Projects:

The Sixth Annual Arts on the Green, a show exhibiting the works of over 30 juried artists from the region, was held on the New London Town Green, and the **Fifth Annual Regional Juried Show** at the New London Inn. Plans for 2018 shows are underway with Arts on the Green on July 7th, and the Regional Juried Show schedule for November 2nd.

Workshops at Whipple included a variety of courses and camps for all ages: Watercolor, Oil, Pastel, PleinAir Painting, Dance, Photography, and Children's Music, Craft, and Theater. And **Arts on Main**, our new youth arts initiative, got a kick off with its winter trip and summer showcase.

The **Winter Performing Arts Series** featured the *North Country Chordsmen*, *Kearsarge Conservatory of the Performing Arts*, *PetraReflections* with Kathy Lowe, *Georgia O'Keefe in Paradise* with the Alchemists Workshop, and *Vaudeville* with Wally Borgen and company. 2018 will once again feature theater productions by the Alchemists Workshop, dance with the Kearsarge Conservatory for the Performing Arts, music with the North Country Chordsmen, Revels North, and Kathy Lowe at Open Mic.

Our first **Open Studios** was well attended with twelve artists opening their studios to the public, over Columbus Day Weekend, adding an additional reason to visit our beautiful region.

Visual Verse, our first book was published as a collaborative effort with The Fells, featuring poetry and art by local artists, and is made available through the Center for the Arts and local businesses.

In addition, the CFA sent out a free bi-monthly **e-Calendar** of cultural events, keeping over 1700 subscribers informed, and maintained their website www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org, visited by over 50,000 times in 2017. The website includes up to the minute information on all CFA programs and regional listings, resources for the community at large, and links to businesses, organizations and individuals.

And the CFA **Scholarship Program** provided financial support to local students and adults to pursue their education in the arts, at various cultural institutions.

FUNdraising!

Dancing with the Lake Sunapee Stars is our most important fundraiser. Last year the event featured five local "celebrities" dancing with the "pros" and performances by local dance companies, and drew over 300 people for an evening of fun and support.

The show and silent auction raised much needed funds to support our 2017 programs and scholarships.

The Center for the Arts depends upon the generosity of its members, donors, sponsors, and the money raised through fundraising efforts such as this, to continue providing free and low cost cultural programs throughout the year to the community.



Mission Statement

Enriching lives and building community through the arts.

Save the Date!

May 19th, 2018, is the date for the 3rd Annual *"Dancing with the Lake Sunapee Stars"* at the Sawyer Theater, Colby-Sawyer College, with local 'STARS' dancing with pros, Silent Auction and Reception.

The community is encouraged to participate and to attend!

Thank you!

Thank you to those who have supported our programs this past year. We welcome input from the community, new volunteers, and business partners, and hope to expand our programs by collaborating with others in the coming year.

For more information about volunteering, becoming a member, or sponsoring a program, please contact us at 526-4444, PO Box 872 New London, NH 03257, or at info@CenterForTheArtsNH.org



Respectfully Submitted by
Jean Cronin Connolly
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Center for the Arts warmly thanks the individuals and businesses below for their contributions last year. These contributions enable Center for the Arts to offer varied and exciting programming, for people of all ages and incomes, throughout the Lake Sunapee region.

No contribution is too small, and every one is important. This list is intended to include all contributions made and support given from November 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. If we have missed your gift or your membership, we apologize and request that you bring this oversight to our attention so that it may be corrected in the next update of the contributors' list.

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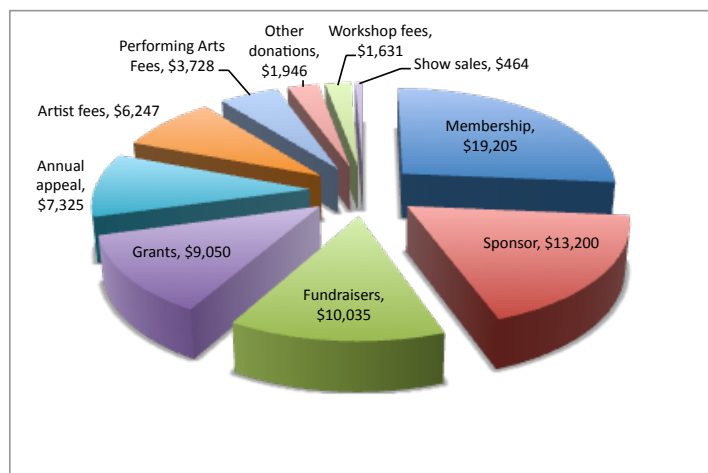
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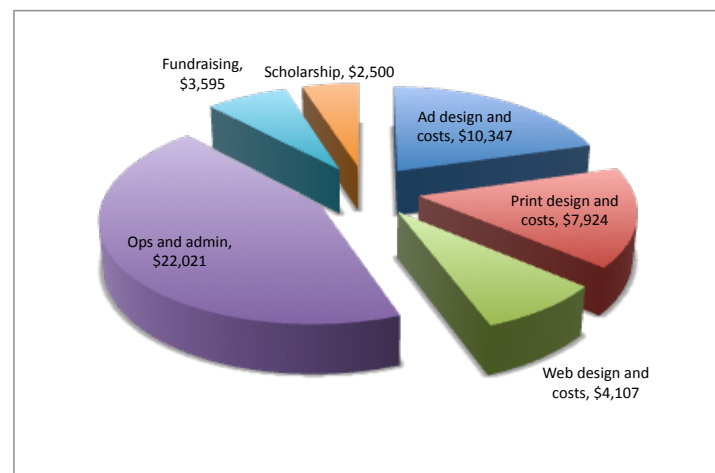
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