It is with great joy and excitement that we reflect on the year that brought Wonder & Wisdom and The Art House together to reinforce a collective commitment to our community. Throughout the year, our two organizations collaborated to bring programming to area community members of all ages (0 to 96!), host community events, generate critical conversations, develop new relationships, explore the outdoors, and teach classes. Wonder & Wisdom and The Art House formally merged on July 1, 2017 to start off a new fiscal year as one organization - WonderArts, with the mission to continue cultivating creativity, collaborations, and conversations and to enrich our schools, environment, economy, and community. Together we are able to serve a greater number of people, provide more expansive programming, and pursue new initiatives.

Looking back on the past year and the collective vision that has united and inspired us for the year ahead, we are truly energized! As a team, we are excited to be a part of creating a better world for our kids, our families, our friends, and for generations to come. As a newly awarded Arts Partner with the Vermont Arts Council and a recipient of a USDA Rural Development grant, we are excited to work with these and other statewide organizations to expand our programming and resources.

We look forward to continuing to advocate for the arts, education, and diverse cultural opportunities, form stronger collaborations, and evaluate all that we are doing so that we can best serve you and the communities we love.

We hope you join us in making our community wish come true!

Naomi Ranz-Schleifer
Board President
414 Children & Youth Served

Preschool Classes engaged 67 children, ages 0 - 6 years through music and movement, in Craftsbury, Greensboro & Wolcott. Childcare centers reported that children gained self-confidence and the ability to take calculated risks.

Summer Journeys Camp served 58 kids through nature and art themed activities. We expanded our 11 camp offerings to include camps for pre-school aged kids. Through scholarships and childcare subsidies, 44% of kids attended camps for free or reduced cost.

Afterschool classes brought enrichment in science, technology, engineering, art, math, and recreation to 143 kids in Albany, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick, and Wolcott. 97% of students demonstrated active learning during activities.

In-school programs at Craftsbury Academy & Hazen Union focused on the arts, social justice, and business served 146 students, ages 14 - 18. 95% of students rated programs as fantastic.

“I gleaned necessary understanding of myself and the creative world” - Student, age 16

550 Adults & Seniors Served

Workshops and events served 437 area adults through art and fitness classes, networking activities, concerts, community initiatives, gallery exhibits, and more.

Monthly programs and trips served 58 area seniors, ages 50 to 96. The Age 50+ series provided 14 activities and day trips for area seniors, including museums, art-based workshops, plays, films, and the VT Flower Show.

Through art exhibits, galleries at Sterling College, a Holiday Market, and hiring Teaching Artists we supported 55 artists, in the creative economy.

“I have never painted before. It is so freeing, can I do it always?” - Senior, age 96

Community Highlights

A beautiful stone labyrinth and 200 feet of wetland boardwalk were installed at the 321 Community Greenspace, in Craftsbury Village, with help from community volunteers, Sterling College students, and our after-school students, from Lakeview and Craftsbury. A Greenspace Ecosystems Curriculum Guide was developed for elementary-age children by Sterling College students.

We worked with students, community members, and teaching artists to design and paint signs to help promote safety and wellbeing, in Craftsbury Village. This project is in partnership with the Town of Craftsbury and Craftsbury Academy.

Let’s Talk Films screenings, Pizza & Tunes concerts, and Citizen Voices post card drawing and writing events generated community conversations and connections.
## Financials

### Wonder & Wisdom

**Revenue ($)**
- Contributions: $44,376
- Program fees, subsidies: $28,527
- Grants, town support: $20,685
- Investment income: $14,560
- Events, sales of materials: $3,599
- Other revenue: $242
- **Total Revenues: $111,989**

**Expenses ($)**
- Program staffing: $86,866
- Program activities, supplies: $11,602
- Rent, utilities: $4,866
- Fees, dues, services: $4,635
- Insurance: $3,069
- Postage, printing, marketing: $2,655
- Depreciation: $1,210
- Office supplies, technology: $1,041
- Professional development: $536
- **Total Expenses: $118,800**

### The Art House

**Revenue ($)**
- Contributions: $14,948
- Program fees, subsidies: $17,225
- Grants, town support: $33,398
- Gift Shop & Cafe Revenue: $2,188
- Events: $9,160
- Other revenue: $353
- **Total Revenues: $77,271**

**Expenses ($)**
- Program staffing: $38,629
- Program activities, supplies: $14,093
- Rent, utilities: $11,054
- Fees, dues, services: $644
- Insurance: $2,434
- Postage, printing, marketing: $2,248
- Asset Adjustments: $11,961
- Office supplies, technology: $611
- Professional development: $898
- **Total Expenses: $82,571**

## Future Goals

- **Engage** families in diverse, low-cost cultural events
- **Cultivate** cross-sector local and state partnerships
- **Expand** programs to include language, culinary arts, technology, media literacy, and integrated design
- **Collaborate** with schools to measure proficiencies
- **Evaluate** in-school and outside-of-school enrichment to meet desired outcomes
- **Provide** professional development for artists, entrepreneurs, and students
- **Create** opportunities to support our local economy, environment, and community

## Board Members Serving in FY 17

### Wonder & Wisdom

Naomi Ranz-Schleifer (President), Havilah Stewart Mann (Treasurer), Riva Reynolds (Secretary), Monique Beaudry, Julie Gregonis, Janet Johnston, and Alain McMurtrie

### The Art House

Riva Reynolds (President), Peggy Sapphire (Secretary), Laura Britton (Treasurer), Patty Oliver-Smith, and Vasili Glestos

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### Wonder & Wisdom

Executive Director: Jim Flint, Development Director: Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Summer Camp Director: Anne Hanson, Program Staff: Matt Allen, Meghan Brown, Josh Coville, Maya Gershun-Half, Martha Lang, Tara Young

### The Art House

Executive Director: Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Program Coordinator: Nella Carigoli-Coe, Americorps Vista: Kait Bacon

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**Thank you for an amazing year!**

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