Happy Summer from all of us at WonderArts!

It’s hard to believe that this newsletter marks a full year of incredible programming - new and old - from WonderArts! SO much has happened this year and we cannot wait to keep working towards our mission as we round the corner into a new year! This year, we’ve served over 300 children and many adults in and around Craftsbury, Greensboro, and Hardwick. Programs range from art, business, dance, and health, to science, culinary arts, engineering, and more!

Together over the past year, we’ve shared music, murals, movies, meals, and more with SO many different community members young and old(er). Now that summer has started we can’t wait to make more memories, whether it’s during summer camp, at events, or in classes!

We would like to personally invite you to join us on August 10th at 5:30 pm for our Summer Celebration at the Greensboro Barn! This evening of music and merriment is a way to thank all of the people near and far who make our work possible and, of course, to eat lots of ice cream and cheese!

Check out our calendar of events - we hope to see you soon!

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Making a Mural for Greensboro Bend

On May 16th, the art room at Lakeview Union was abuzz from 8 am until the end of the day. Students, kindergarten through 6th grade, were all contributing to a 4 x 8 mural that they inspired through sense of place drawings.

In February, WonderArts Executive Director Ceilidh Galloway-Kane visited each Lakeview art class to help students visually brainstorm what they loved about their community and what came to mind when they thought of Greensboro. Students were encouraged to fill the page with ideas. There were lakes, rivers, people, forests, mountains, unicorns, lots of animals and of course farms, the school, Willey’s, and more. Teaching Artist Tara Goreau then took the drawings that students made and composed a magical image that highlights the play, imagination, and curiosity expressed by the children.

The mural that Tara designed was sketched out for students to fill in and they did so with glee and focus. Not every animal fit into the painting but there was room for the unicorn! Lakeview Art Teacher Jayne Donahue reflected, “mural artwork was awesome and Tara is amazing! A fun experience for our school!” WonderArts hopes that by providing students with opportunities to celebrate community and be creative, we can make a positive difference in our community!

The mural will be installed at the Greensboro Bend Park (next to the post office). Stay tuned for a celebration this fall.

The project was funded in part by the Greensboro Association.

Summer Camps are Upon Us!

Campsers and counselors alike are excited that camps have officially started for the summer! The first week of camp was a wild ride, full of creativity and exploration.

Ceilidh Galloway-Kane leads Public Art and Parade Camp for ages 6-8, culminating in a parade through Greensboro. Kids spend a week experimenting with paper mache, beads and paint. At the Highland Lodge, Anne Hansen inspires pre-schoolers to explore nature during Critters and Community camp, where 3 and 4 year-olds get to hold salamanders, pet goats and hike to find wild strawberries.

Upcoming camps include: Tech + Tinker, Creative Dance, Puppets + Performance, and more!

As You Like it Lo Mein

This recipe was provided by WonderArts business manager Carol Fairbank, who recently taught a cooking class to students at Craftsbury Academy.

8 oz long noodles (spaghetti, soba noodles, any kind is fine) 1 tablespoon oil 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced 2-3 cups your choice of fresh vegetables, or a mixture (onions, cabbage, broccoli, sliced peppers, julienned carrots, greens, pea pods) 2 cloves garlic (or 1⁄4 teaspoon garlic powder) 1 tablespoon minced or grated ginger (or 1⁄2 teaspoon dried ginger) 1⁄2 cup chicken or beef, sliced very thin OR tofu or tempeh, diced (optional) 1 egg, beaten (optional) Tamari, to taste (or soy sauce, liquid aminos, miso, boullion, salt)

Cook noodles according to package directions.

While noodles are cooking, heat a large skillet or wok over medium-high heat. Add a little oil to coat the pan.

Stir fry protein (if using it) for 2-3 minutes until lightly browned.

Add mushrooms, garlic, ginger, and fresh vegetables. Stir fry for another 5-6 minutes, or until cooked to your liking.

Add beaten egg, if using, and toss for a moment until the egg is set.

Add drained noodles to pan, along with a little of the pasta water to moisten, and toss until well combined. Season to taste with your seasonings of choice. Serve hot!

Serves 2-4, and is easily doubled (or more) for families.
Supporting Young Entrepreneurs!
This school year, WonderArts partnered with Hazen Union to bring 12 local entrepreneurs to school to talk about what it means to own a business and how you get there. Over 50 students in middle and high school joined us to ask questions and talk with business owners. Students learned about specific skills and industries such as geology, photography, catering, cosmetology, videography, and more. Most importantly they learned that it is possible to take a wild or creative idea and access resources to turn it into a viable business right here in the NEK!

Bee-utifying Craftsbury
This spring, WonderArts joined forces with the Craftsbury Energy Committee at the 321 Community Greenspace to spread pollinator plants throughout our community! High Mowing Seeds and the Barton Seed Library donated hundreds of seeds, which were then distributed to families in the Craftsbury area to plant in order to give a helping hand to bees, butterflies and other important pollinators. Together we are increasing local pollinator gardens and improving the plant biodiversity, keeping our local flora thriving!

Spark Opens for Beta Membership!
On May 30th, Spark welcomed over 40 community members to the very first open house! Spark crew members shared information about Spark, did equipment demonstrations, and had lots of conversations. Individuals signed up to participate in Spark’s beta-membership. We are inviting interested business owners and entrepreneurs to use the space, equipment, and access resources to help identify what works, what needs tweaking, and what needs to be added in the coming months. This is just the beginning and we hope that you will join us in shaping the future of Spark!

Testimonial from a Spark member Beana Bern, Glover Vermont: “I’m excited by the prospect of having a hub where ideas are exchanged and realized using the talent and resources right here in our own community. I’m also excited by the prospect of having a co-working space where, as a freelancer, I can have an ‘office day’ or teach a class. Being able to access high-end technology could allow for me to develop aspects of my freelance business that might be prohibitively expensive to invest in. Economies of scale can be challenging for small business anywhere, but even more so in the NEK. Any lever that helps build critical mass with technology, talent and ideas will rise the tide for everybody. On a personal level, contributing time to developing this concept is satisfying me intellectually, socially and creatively. I imagine that, in different ways and for different reasons, it will have a similar impact on others that choose to get involved and build it.”

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We are looking for a diverse group that is interested in using equipment and testing systems. Come check out the space! Visit www.Sparkies.org or call 802.533.93

WonderArts - Summer Newsletter 2018
You are invited to our Summer Celebration!
Summer is here and what better way to celebrate than with music, food, libations, and friends! Join WonderArts as we celebrate all of the people and programs that make our work possible. **The Summer Celebration is on August 10th, from 5:30 - 8:00 pm at the Greensboro Barn at Turing Stone Farm.** All are welcome and we hope to see you there for the event of the summer!
The event will feature live music by Cookie’s Hot Club, a cash bar by the Craftsbury General Store, delectable finger foods from local producers, and a pie auction with Justin Lander of Modern Times Theater!!
Great conversation, and a celebration of our wonderful community!

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