Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, funders, and participants for making our work possible.
Summer Camp Refresh: Farm to Kids’ Table
Camps are underway and our new “Farm to Kids’ Table” lunch program is a success! Bringing campers into the kitchen to help prepare snacks and lunches is rewarding and fun, and the campers love taking an active role in preparing their own food and learning about nutrition and cooking. We owe a huge thank you to everyone who made the Farm to Kids’ Table program possible: Craftsbury Outdoor Center, Hill Farmstead, Pete’s Greens, Jasper Hill, Riverside Farm, Brown’s Blueberries, Stannard Farm, Sweet Rowen, Black Dirt Farm, and Snug Valley Farm. Thank you for making our summer nutritious and delicious! — Skye Livingston

New Team Members
WonderArts is excited to officially welcome three new members to our amazing team! Sherri Molleur joins us as our new Finance Manager, bringing a lifetime of financial, HR, and administrative experience in higher education and municipal government, most recently as CFO of Goddard College. Mary Collins and Lily McMurtrie are joining us as our summer Spark Coordinators: the friendly faces connecting community members to Spark’s tools and technology. Mary is a volunteer firefighter and will be entering her third year of college in August at the Colorado School of Mines. Lily recently graduated from Hazen Union, and is heading to Champlain College this fall. Stop by and say hello! – Carol Fairbank

Why Come to Spark?
I always assumed working from home would be the ultimate freedom. Turns out, it’s hard to get any work done, the internet is slow, and frankly, it gets lonely. These days, I work exclusively at Spark. The equipment and internet speed are excellent and I love surrounding myself with other creative professionals. I’ve made countless business connections and I’m much more productive. I’m actually sad that I’ll be taking a "maternity leave" because I love being here so much. But I’ll be back!
– Carey Crozier, Spark Member

More Community Classes Coming Soon
While we take a short break from community classes during the summer, we are busy planning an exciting season packed with more opportunities for creativity, connection and conversation, so stay tuned for more information soon!
– Skye Livingston
Greenspace Updates

We are excited to announce the Community Greenspace is a Certified Wildlife Habitat. The National Wildlife Federation encourages land owners in the United States to manage their properties with the goal of maintaining healthy and diverse animal habitats and ecosystems. The Greenspace offers food, water, cover, and a place for wildlife to raise young. We employ only sustainable practices in our gardening and land maintenance. In support of these efforts, we are proudly partnering with the Craftsbury Conservation Commission to install a pollinator garden, and make improvements to the hedgerow to make the space more wildlife-friendly. Be sure to stop by the Greenspace to see the progress we are making on these and other projects we hope will nourish our human visitors as well as our wild ones. There will be several opportunities to get involved over the course of the summer, so if you’d like to volunteer for a project, or even just an hour, let us know! – Carol Fairbank

Spark(ed) at Hazen Union

This spring, community members came to Hazen Union to share their wisdom about career exploration and entrepreneurial opportunities as part of Spark(ed). Students also heard from a series of local entrepreneurs, artists, and creatives as part of the Career Cafe. A smaller group of students took a deeper dive during the Startup Series where they explored their own business ideas and how to make them a reality. – Jake Lester, AmeriCorps VISTA

Jon Gailmor with some enthusiastic song-writers!

Here’s What Our Instructors Say!

Whenever I have the privilege of helping kids create musical masterpieces, the experience makes me a better person and enriches my life beyond words. There is nothing quite like childish creativity. The crux of my work is to honor the innate music of every every young human. My involvement with WonderArts reaffirms my career-choice and gives me hope. There is no finer gift! – Jon Gailmor, Songwriting

Students were guided by a project with initial instructions, but the beauty of printmaking is that there are so many ways to think outside of the box and explore different ways of creating. It’s amazing to see the ‘aha’ moments when students come up with new ways of doing something. That joy of creativity and problem solving not only fosters a love for the arts, but it is also a frame of mind that makes for strong future community leaders—people who can come up with innovative new ideas and solutions when faced with the many challenges of our time. – Liz Echeverria, Printmaking
Annual WonderArts Summer Celebration!

Come celebrate our 20th year of programming with an evening full of music, food, and friends!

**August 15th, 5:30 - 8:00 pm**
at Turning Stone Farm, Greensboro

Featuring live music by Cookie’s Hot Club, cash bar, local food, multi-prize raffle, and a pie auction.

Proceeds support our programs. **All** are welcome!

**Donations are greatly appreciated!**
Donate by mail or online at www.WonderArtsVT.org

We hope to see you soon!

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**Upcoming Events**

**July 25 | VT Suitcase Co. Performance**
7:00 - 8:00 pm @ the WonderArts Greenspace, Craftsbury

**August 10 | Film on the Greenspace**
6:30 - 8:00 pm @ the WonderArts Greenspace, Craftsbury

**August 15 | Annual Summer Celebration**
5:30 - 8:00 pm @ Turning Stone Farm, Greensboro

**Aug. 22 | Let’s Talk Film: One Town at a Time**
6:30 - 8:00 pm @ the Hardwick Town House, Hardwick

Interested in finding out more about Spark? Visit www.SparkVT.org

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**A Summer of Running**

From coordinating the 40th Anniversary Spring Fest Run and the Color the Kingdom 5K, to being the beneficiary of proceeds from the Outdoor Center’s Beer Run, the WonderArts team spent the first half of the summer literally running around! It’s been a blast staying healthy and active with our community and we look forward to more running next summer!