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November 2021

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The past weeks were full of activity for both Arts Alive! and the arts community in the Monadnock Region. The [Discover Monadnock Calendar](#) is chock full. For Fall fun and whimsical Winter happenings, check it out for events and activities! Remember, too, to share your event to the Calendar!

During November we hosted a virtual [Arts Ambassador](#) meet up. Learn more and consider becoming an Arts Ambassador to benefit the community! We have an end of the year meetup to look forward to as well on December 17th!

Support & Connection

Workshops & coaching & meetups!

Artist to Artist Workshops this Fall: We're offering a workshop on website critique.

Learn more and sign up!

Ongoing Coaching Sessions: Learn about the *resources* Arts Alive! has and the *community connections we can help you make*. 45 minute sessions are free and open to anyone!

Coaching: sign-up!

Arts Ambassadors Meetup: Join us on December 17th, 2021 and learn about the Arts and Loneliness and The Arts Table at the Monadnock Food Co-op! Bring a friend and a craft donation for the table.

Get your FREE ticket here

National Rural-Design Agency Advising Keene on Proposed Arts Corridor

"Together with Arts Alive officials, the CIRD representatives — municipal-design experts Omar Hakeem and Candace Maloney — also met with city officials and local business leaders about the arts corridor project.

Arts Alive was selected from a group of applicants earlier this year to receive technical aid from the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design, a Washington, D.C.-based agency that helps small communities enhance their quality of life and economic vitality." - By Caleb Symons, Sentinel Staff

Photo by Hannah Schroeder, Sentinel Staff



Read the full article here

Arts Ambassadors Advocates for the arts

At Arts Alive!, we wanted to expand the community who actively fights for arts & culture in our region.

On November 19th we hosted a **virtual Meet Up!** Jen Risely from the Monadnock Food CO-OP kindly joined us to speak on the importance of shopping local. Jen also shared opportunities for artists including TLC Monadnock, Shop Indie Local and Artist Sundays. You can learn more [here](#).



Meet our newest Arts Ambassador below, Graphic Designer, Shalem Bencivenga, of [Ollie Keene NH](#).

"Art was my first love and still is."



Become an Arts Ambassador

Arts Incubation Maxt Makerspace



When Peterborough native Roy Schlieben moved back to his hometown nearly a decade ago, he joined a committee exploring the idea of opening a makerspace there. He'd seen the impact one could have on a community, as his brother-in-law started his business in one of the original such spaces in Somerville, Mass.

The idea for what would become MAXT Makerspace was conceived, as it reads on the organization's website, "in basements, event halls and board rooms" by community volunteers throughout 2014-2015. The idea was

simple, it goes on: people in the region were creative and talented but needed affordable resources. [How could he get started quickly and raise the funds and donated he needed to launch the space?](#)

[Learn how here!](#)

Arts Spotlight

Becky Karush

Becky Karush is a seasoned writer whose nearly 20 years of experience includes freelancing copywriting for several clients and magazines, and working for a weekly newspaper. Over time, and boosted during the pandemic, Becky dedicated more of her time to hosting Gateless Writing drop-in salons open to everyone at Nova Arts Block in Keene (every Tuesday) and started a business,



[Read to Me](#), based on this method. [She offers 20-plus salons each month \(including free online salons\), twice-weekly work-in-progress sessions and weekly coworking/revision one-on-one sessions, monthly online writing retreats, and a semi-weekly podcast \(also called Read to Me\) that includes readings and author interviews.](#)

We spoke with Becky about how she empowers people through writing and makes writing accessible to all.

[Read the full article here](#)

Arts and Loneliness and The Art Table

We are looking forward to sharing how Art is a tool in combating loneliness and disconnection. We've been talking about this study all year and people that come to this event will get a [SNEAK PEEK](#) at the data!

We are also looking forward to hosting Artist, [Erin Sweeney](#) who runs the [Art Table](#) at the Monadnock



Food Co-Op in Keene!

Erin will also be sharing about the Art Table and how it helps the artistic community to combat loneliness. Please bring a craft donation for the table!

It is being hosted at the [Peterborough Public Library!](#)

Get your FREE ticket here

Winter Artist to Artist Workshops

Unique learning!

Enriching workshops this Fall and Winter.
With more to come!

[Website Critique Session](#)

with Alison Wilder of Punkt Digital Marketing
December 7th, 2021



Learn more & Register

Discover Monadnock

Arts & cultural events are happening!

Make sure to promote your event on the *Discover Monadnock Calendar* - the Region's own tool dedicated to spreading the word about arts and culture events throughout the Monadnock Region. With an ever-growing audience, it's becoming the go to place to learn



of arts and community events. [Add your event today!](#) The *Discover Monadnock Happenings* e-newsletter highlights live and virtual events from the Discover Monadnock Calendar.

Subscribe to learn about the wealth of creative activity this region offers!

[Add events to our free calendar](#)

[Discover monadnock events via email](#)

On the Discover Monadnock site, we have nearly 5,000 views on our popular calendar page. It's totally worth the time to plug your events into this beautiful calendar! And we are here to help you personalize or make edits to your event! Did you know we've been running the Discover Monadnock website and calendar since its launch in 2015?

Thank you GFA Credit Union

Many thanks to the [Greater Keene Peterborough Chamber](#) & [GFA Federal Credit Union](#) for inviting us to table at their Business After Hours at their new location on Winchester Street! The Theme was "Thankful for our community and celebrating our new location!"

They kicked off the season of giving by requesting attendees bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food pantry!



Arts Alive! is supported by:

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