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Greene County Awardees

- Community Project Grantees

Horton by the Stream Theatre Co.- “Horton by the Stream Theatre Co. 29th Season”- This 29th Summer Season, Horton by the Stream Theatre Co. brings the plays of Horton Foote to the stage of the Doctorow Theatre, Main Street, Hunter, NY.

Lucid Dream Minigolf and Athens Cultural Center- “Lucid Dream Minigolf: In Search of Lost Time”- This project aims to spark a sense of delight and playfulness across Greene County by creating a uniquely immersive storytelling experience that uses the medium of minigolf as guerrilla performance theater and interactive narrative. We are creating a new mobile course and expanding the storyline with deeper themes of agency, shared connection, and overcoming a sense of lost time.

Greenville Community Partners (CPOG)- “Greenville Community Concert Series 2023”- Idyllic Greenville comes alive on Tuesday evenings in the summer. People of all ages gather around the gazebo for a night of music, dancing, and food. Residents and friends from neighboring communities come to hear performances from local favorites or be introduced to new talent.

Windham Arts Alliance- “Coming Together Through the Arts”- During 2023, Windham Arts Alliance plans 4 revolving art exhibits at the Main Street Community Center with up to 30 local artists in each, highlighting a variety of mediums. Each show will be accompanied by a free, hands-on workshop, demonstration or lecture and musical event presented by an experienced local artist to encourage community involvement and exposure to the arts.

Hunter Stone Carving Seminar and the Town of Hunter- “Hunter Stone Carving Seminar”- Learn the Ancient Art of Stone Carving, free! No prior artistic experience or ability required. Join this project for a moment, an hour, a day, or the whole week. While there, stroll through the sculpture park and enjoy the over 250 carvings created by the students over the last 15 years.

Catskill Mountain Shakespeare- “Catskill Mountain Shakespeare Summer Season 2023”- Catskill Mountain Shakespeare announces its 3rd Summer Season with a 3-week outdoor production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It". CMS presents classic works in fresh and modern ways in immersive and natural settings.

Athens Cultural Arts Center- “Free Film Series: Third Saturdays”- Athens Cultural Center presents monthly film screenings from May to September at Athens Riverfront Park set on the banks of the Hudson River with the Athens Lighthouse within view. Expanding on last year, each film will include conversations, filmmaker Q&A, and additional events.

Michael Moss and the Town of Prattsville- “Family Threads”- Michael Moss conducts his Bows Ensemble for Strings and Piano to perform three original compositions to join forces with choreographer Judith Moss who dances her solo UNDOCUMENTED/CROSSING BORDERS to present a music and dance concert infused with the history of the Holocaust and the spirit and remembrance of family members.

Main Street Community Center- “Share Your Story”- The Main Street Community Center is proud to offer this unique songwriting series with the help of The Four26 Studios.

Hudson-Catskill Housing Coalition- “Healing Through Art”- The Healing through Art workshop series is an art program for people wanting to process and heal from intergenerational trauma. By engaging with a variety of art modalities we explore how undertaking a creative process can open pathways to healing. Through vulnerably discussing the art we create, this project facilitates understanding and compassion between different groups within our community.

Catskill Wheelhouse- “Creatopia: Building an Imagined Future”- This program will create a forum for children's creativity to blossom during school vacation weeks. Teaching artists will provide instruction in fine arts skills across three disciplines, then use these skills to create culminating projects in which children express their imaginings of their own future lives and worlds.

Judd Weisberg and the Town of Prattsville- ‘Woven Currents’ - Woven Currents explores the swirling currents and musical pitches of Northern Catskill Mountain streams through a multi-media collaboration between artist Judd Weisberg and pianist Yi-heng Yang.

Zachary Wellstood and the Greene Land Trust- ‘The Third Annual Great Blue Heron Flight with the Rookery of Revelers’- Catskill's Great Blue Heron returns for her Third Annual Fall Flight with the Rookery of Revelers! The Fall Flight features a 7'-tall Great Blue Heron sculpture made of natural materials and recycled adornments. She is paraded through Catskill, accompanied by the Rookery of Revelers – costumed celebrants, who escort the Heron and perform the "Catskill heron myth" along the way.

Kris Seto and the Mental Health Association of Columbia and Greene Counties- “MoveFest on Main”- MOVEFEST ON MAIN is an annual week of dance and movement workshops that bring together world-class practitioners to the youth of Catskill, NY. Young people will receive a week of diverse, rigorous training, followed by a public performance. On the last culminating Day of Dance, the public will be invited to participate in open workshops and watch the performance.

Blackdome Music Festival and Windham Rotary Foundation- “Blackdome Music Festival”- The Blackdome Music Festival features both emerging and distinguished artists while exploring various genres of music, and the contrasts, influences and relationships between them. The festival hopes to bridge the gap between diverse styles creating a distinctive offering of musical experiences in Windham, NY.

- **Arts Education Grantees**

Heermance Memorial Library- “Community Enrichment Through the Arts”- As a hub for free activities and information, the Heermance Memorial Library will offer free art programs to the community throughout 2023.

Main Street Community Center- “Beyond the Bell: Creative Arts Enrichment for Middle School Students”- This program offers pre-teens the opportunity to explore various crafting genres. This program consists of multiple sessions focusing on similar areas of creativity.

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Maeve McCool- “A People’s History of Labor”-This project investigates the underlying history of working people, abandoned places of labor, and the lasting impact of industry in Greene County, NY. This project invites the community to contribute family stories, myths and tall tales, which will be paired with archival research in a series of paintings and drawings exhibited at the Athen's Cultural Center.

K. Velis Turan- “Hiding in Plain Sight”- This project will seek out and capture un-noticed and unappreciated views of Greene County. These works, urban and rural, will be rendered in a unique mixed-media approach.

Lisa Thomas- “Gothic Spaghetti Western”- This project is a new music video / film novella created in conjunction with Ryder Cooley and Jon Woodin of the Dust Bowl Faeries that will be shot on 35mm film and will premiere at the Prattsville Arts Center in conjunction with a live performance in the Fall of 2023.

Philip Howie- “Rip van Winkle Sculpture & Exhibition”- This project is inspired by the rich history of Catskill, NY, especially the rich folklore of the Rip Van Winkle stories. Community members are invited to the artist’s studio to view a weekend-long exhibition and artist talk of the finished work.

Columbia County Awardees

- **Community Project Grantees**

Winds in the Wilderness Concerts- “Winds in the Wilderness Concerts”- Winds in the Wilderness Concerts is a music ensemble of six instrumentalists, who perform on flutes, oboes, violin/viola, trumpets, guitars (sitar, pipa) and bass. Our multicultural programs include classical, jazz and world music that we research, arrange and compose, forging new sounds, building cultural bridges that educate and inspire our listeners.

North Chatham Free Library- “Literature and the Arts”- In 2023, the North Chatham Free Library hosts a 5-part series of arts programs with the theme: "It's Splendid When Tradition Meets Modern."

Jazz and Classics for Change- “Jazz and Classics for Change Outreach Program”- Jazz and Classics for Change offered two concerts: 1) A chamber music concert for young adults with special needs at the Triform community with musicians from the Orchestra of St. Luke's and two young artists. 2) A family concert at Mettabee Farm and Arts with three musicians and a visual artist.

Hudson Area Association Library- "Hey DJ Keep Playing That Song"- Hudson Area Library, Sarah Van Buren, and an impressive list of guest DJs will share an all-ages music performance, eight dynamic youth DJ workshops, and a youth-centered final performance. Participants will gain knowledge and skills related to digital and analog music-making, a collection of their own vinyl records, and the chance to take home their very own record player.

Germantown Library- "Intro the Fiber Arts Workshops and Exhibitions"- A series of three, 3-hour hands-on workshops on (1) handspun yarns using a drop spindle; (2) using handspun yarn and other materials to weave a fiber crown; and (3) using wet felting and handspun yarns to create artistic fabrics; culminating in a fiber arts exhibition at the library for the community.

Emily Rubin (in partnership with Roeliff Jansen Community Library)- "Write That Story!"- This project features a series of creative writing workshops run by author and Columbia County resident, Emily Rubin. These workshops are offered at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library free of charge to the community.

Juvenile Justice and Media Network- "Columbia Collective Billboard Initiative" - Artworks by incarcerated young adults exhibited on billboards throughout Columbia County.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library-"Roeliff Jansen Community Library's Adventures in Music Series"- The Roeliff Jansen Community Library will offer a series of seven free concerts between April and October, at the library and outdoors at the Roeliff Jansen Park.

Claverack Free Library- "Art Amongst the Stacks: An Intro to Artistic Mediums"- An introductory series of art classes for teens and adults designed around teaching the basics of drawing, painting and other art mediums and techniques, and providing guidance on the use of various tools and materials. The concepts of visual understanding and perspective and how to translate them to the preferred artistic medium will be covered.

Roving Actor's Repertory Ensemble- "Live Theatre & Performing Arts In Underserved Eastern Columbia County"- Roving Actor's Repertory Ensemble is teaming with the Copake Grange & Claverack Free Library to provide a full year of live theater, music, and theatrical events. This will include Zoom-based staged readings in addition to in-person theater performances & music events. Our proactive plan to address potential COVID restrictions includes expanding our successful ZOOM-based Staged Readings Series.

Camphill Hudson- "Collaborative Theater Program"- The Camphill Hudson Players, the theater program of Camphill Hudson, is creating our annual original multi-media theater production. For this production, "Happiness," we are collaborating with Hudson youth as our co-producers. School-aged teenagers will be involved in costume design, choreography, workshops, film editing, and performances.

Valatie Community Theatre- "Valatie Community Theatre Artistic Programming"- This project will provide support for musicians and artistic staff for 2023 music and theatre programming at the Valatie Community Theatre.

Open Studio Hudson (in partnership with Time and Space Ltd.)- OPEN STUDIO HUDSON 2023 is pleased to return this Fall for the fourth year of our well attended open studio tours. Hudson's artists, both emerging and professional, welcome aspiring collectors, neighbors and art enthusiasts into their private studios for a conversation about artistic process and purpose. Additional venues will offer exhibition space for artists that do not have accessible studio space.

Lightforms (in partnership with Hawthorne Valley Association)- "Remixing Our Wardrobe: Wearable Art Exhibition"- "Remixing our Wardrobe" is a project focused on using various painting and sewing techniques to create new, recycled pieces of wearable art for every day. Loki Anthony will lead this workshop. Loki is a fashion designer with many years of experience in creating wearable art. He will show participants ways to transform pre-loved clothing and accessories into statement making pieces.

Nancy Rothman (in partnership with Flying Deer Nature Center)- "Improv in the Park"- This project features a camp-long series of improv workshops for school-age students. Workshops are held at Crellin Park in Chatham, NY.

Purpose Cooperative- "Purpose Making Arts and Crafts Workshops" - A series of hands-on arts and crafts workshops. Based out of Purpose Making, a makerspace created through Purpose Cooperative, we aim to facilitate multi-week workshops on a variety of topics, including filmmaking, printmaking, animation, creative storytelling, and music production.

Columbia County Sanctuary Movement- "Immigrants Tell Our Stories" - Columbia County Sanctuary Movement will present "Immigrants Tell Our Stories", a series of profiles on the pride, heartbreak, and beauty of being an immigrant in Upstate New York. Filmed by videographer and CCSM's Artist-in-Residence Tony Ramirez, the profiles will share personal stories of crossing borders and their experiences in the places they call home.

Hudson Sloop Club- "Waterfront Wednesdays 2023" - Waterfront Wednesdays, now in its fourth year, seeks funding to continue to develop its unique and community-forward cultural programming. Through a strategic partnership between The Hudson Arts Coalition, The Hudson Sloop Club, Operation Unite New York, and Schooner Apollonia, Waterfront Wednesdays creates a family-friendly community celebration featuring food, activities, and live entertainment.

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I AM: Projects (in partnership with Perfect Ten Hudson)- "Amplify II" - Building on the momentum and established groundwork from our 2022 project, Amplify II is a process-based, arts-integrative workshop series that teaching storytelling in a way that honors the complexity of this multi-layered and deeply personal craft. Through individual and collaborative writing, artmaking and sharing experiences, girls will learn strategies for building storytelling skills, creative habits, and confidence.

Mental Health Awareness and Creative Arts Gallery- "Collective Community Collage Project" - Four art teachers coming from various art backgrounds will teach collage-making skills to a group of 12 students. There will be (4) two-hour classes in total as well as a final assembly of the finished project to be put on display for the public.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library- “Photo Composition: Three Sessions to Better Photos”- The single most important route to great photography is composition. In this 3-workshop course, participants will learn the principles of composition--rule of thirds, frame within a frame, painting with light, depth of field, storytelling, and more, learning by viewing other photos and by taking their own. The class will be followed by an exhibit of the students in the library.

Brian Karas (in partnership with the Mental Health Awareness and Creative Arts gallery)- “Peers, Tears, and Pages”- This project introduces students to the joy of book making. Books are often-overlooked forms of high art. Colors, descriptive moods, illustrative content, drawings, collages, paintings, photographs, narrative structure, use of archival materials, fonts, textures, and page layout can all be orchestrated to create a book's elemental artistic impact. Hand sewn book binding techniques will be taught so completed illustrations and graphics can be bound into a complete book.

Mark R. Rowntree (in partnership with Free Columbia INC.)- “The Philmont Fire Pit”- Working in the Free Columbia ceramics studio, using local earthenware clay, the Philmont Fire Pit workshop is an opportunity to design, build and fire your own ceramic vessels in a supportive community setting. Participants will learn to collaborate and cooperate while constructing and firing the pit-kiln and have the opportunity to show their finished work in a local Philmont gallery.

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Heatherlyn Martin- “Canned Food” - In this project the artist will be creating artistic packaging labels for food cans, which would explore issues of food and culture in a thought-provoking way that is also fun, whimsical and engaging. It would open up the possibility of allowing participants from the public to interact with the project and influence designs.

Kate Laity- “The Claverack Giant” - Did giants roam the Hudson Valley once upon a time? When folklore meets fake news, how will history remember the players? The Claverack Giant will be a digital media project encompassing text, visual images, audio and video to bring to life this ancient artifact and its popular reception both to amuse and inform.

Schoharie County Awardees

- **Community Project Grantees**

Cobleskill United Methodist Church- “Community Art Project and Block Party” - The block party takes place in September. The Church will be creating a community art project incorporating the themes of justice and inclusion in a sculpture to be displayed outside where everyone can enjoy it. Additionally, they will invite local musicians to provide entertainment and promote their craft.

George Landis Arboretum- “Full Moon Concert Series” - The project involves multiple live performances occurring at Landis Arboretum between the months of June through September. Performances include multiple genres of music in alignment with the full moon each month.

Jefferson Historical Society- “Maple Museum Free Music and More” - The Jefferson Historical Society is presenting a stellar line-up of music and programming for 2023, opening the doors of the Maple Museum for the community's enjoyment of music and dance.

Schoharie County Historical Society- “A Driving Force in Schoharie County: The Rambler Turns 120!” - A concert celebrating the 120th birthday of the car believed to be the first car owned in the village of Schoharie. The 1903 Rambler Touring Car, Model E made its way to the county from NYC after being purchased by Mayor Perry Taylor. The vehicle was donated to the museum in 1936 by his widow, Eleanor, and his family.

Middleburgh Library- “Beaded Embroidery and Embellishment” - Through two workshops and one lecture, nationally recognized quilter, and fiber artist, Betty Pillsbury will teach participants the basics of bead embroidery at the Middleburgh and Schoharie libraries.

Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association and Depot Lane Theatre- “Exploration of Eastern Europe Through Music and Folklore”- Children & youth will be introduced to & explore the the cultures of Eastern Europe through music, songs, stories, dances, folktales and foods. Two camps will be offered; Vocal/theater camp for students entering 2nd - 6th grades and Band/Instrumental camp for students who've completed at least 2 instrumental lessons.

Sonny Ochs (in partnership with the Middleburgh Library)- “Not So Quiet Concert Series”- This project features a monthly acoustic concert series featuring national artists.

Gilboa Historical Society- “Gilboa Historical Society Community Outreach”- This project includes three major performance events during the summer season to entice diverse, younger people to our society, the Gilboa Museum, Nicholas J. Juried History Center, and Dorothy Cox Juried Pavilion. Additional major attractions (two psychic fairs, hiking extravaganza, a wellness day, and Gilboafest) will have local musicians perform, advancing Gilboa as a tourist center for Schoharie County.

Gallupville House Association- “Music at the House” - The Gallupville House Association endeavors to build a sense of community and promote culture, art, and history through music. The stage at the Gallupville House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is the perfect setting for contra dances and bluegrass music, both historical genres of this small rural area.

Community Library- “2023 Summer Reading Performances for Children” - The Community Library brings musical and theatrical performances to youth and families at the library for our 2023 Summer Reading Program. Will Parker presents live, energetic music that gets kids involved in the performance. Traveling Lantern Theatre Company helps kids find their voice with their play, "Rhonda Appleseed and the Tree that Learned How to Speak."

Schoharie Free Library- “Arts All Together” - The Schoharie Library invites you to participate in our series "Arts All Together." Explore creativity with fiber artist Sally Ziegler's needle felting and Shibori silk scarf dyeing workshops. Tap into your imagination with artist Thom Breitenbach's fantasy creature illustration class. Enjoy music and dance with performances by acclaimed acoustic duo Ash & Eric and Cajun favorites The Rubber Band.

Theater Project of Schoharie County- “Theater Project 2023 Season” - The project season for 2023 is diverse, nostalgic, and fun. Theater Project of Schoharie County’s theme for this year has turned out to be a focus on shows that will have multi-generational appeal. March Melodrama will harken back to the silent film for inspiration and be over-the-top silly. The Seven Year Itch is such a classic it's hard to find new words to describe it. It's poignant, serious, ridiculous, and family-friendly.

Timothy Murphy Playhouse- “Matilda (the Musical)” - Timothy Murphy Playhouse will produce and perform Matilda. This will be a full length production featuring local kids and adults. The show will be the second weekend in August, 2023, with a performance on Friday and Saturday night and a Sunday matinee. Timothy Murphy Playhouse has been putting on summer musicals since 1995. Matilda will be our 32nd musical.

H. Douglas Guevara (in partnership with the Middleburgh Library)- “2023 Poetry Series” - This new poetry series will present live poetry events with readings by established poets at both the W. Whitman Bookstore and Middleburgh Library.

Upper Catskill String Quartet (in partnership with the Jefferson Historical Society)- #1 The Upper Catskill String Quartet will present three free summer performances throughout Schoharie County.
Two free Masterworks music performances will be presented by the Upper Catskill String Quartet in Fall 2023.

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Schoharie Free Library- “Studio Art Classes at the Schoharie Library” - The Schoharie Library will offer an expanded program of art classes in 2023, welcoming students of all ages. Maeve McCool will teach a series of weekly drawing classes on Thursdays in February, following with printmaking on Thursdays in March. Joel Bramer will teach Life Drawing/Portrait Study weekly in July.

Theater Project of Schoharie County- “Playwriting for Performance” - This class is for students who are teens to adults, who are familiar with plays. Six classes will be held in September and October, culminating in three performances in November to December.

Community Library- “Stronger Together” - Capitalizing on patrons' expressed interest in prior crafting programs, we will offer advanced, sequential instruction through two separate fiber arts classes, each meeting for three sessions under the guidance of a master fiber artist. Three-part courses in felting and weaving will use progressively challenging projects to build practical skills and encourage creative expression in crafts that can become lifelong hobbies.

- **Individual Artist Grantees**

Leila Crockett- Back to Where We Came From” - This project aims to explore the starting point for some long time Schoharie residents while addressing an oft expressed fear of the newcomer. I plan to use benchtops made of recycled barnwood as a substrate for image transfer and Kolrosing. I will use these techniques to render images and maps related to information gleaned from interviews with elderly residents.