



2024 SCR Grantees

CREATE Council on the Arts is the administrator of the Statewide Community Re grants (SCR) Program, a regrant program in partnership with NYSCA (New York State Council on the Arts) with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

We are proud to announce that this year \$162,000 is being awarded and distributed to the projects listed here across Greene, Columbia and Schoharie counties.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

[Free Columbia](#), “*Philmont Clay Collective Pop-Up Programming*” - Philmont Clay Collective (PCC) Pop-Up Programming is a mobile ceramics studio working in collaboration with a number of local community health organizations. PCC Pop-Up will deploy at their venues across Columbia and Greene Counties and engage with their diverse audiences, offering wheel-thrown and hand-built ceramics classes that will be taught consciously, relationally, and with intention and care for the body and mind.

[Valatie Community Theatre](#), “*Theatrical Program Support*” - The Valatie Community Theatre will employ directors, musical directors, and a collaborating playwright for six theatrical productions: two youth theater, three community casts, and one world premier.

[Columbia County Youth Theatre](#), “*Children’s Theatre Festival*” - Columbia County Youth Theatre (CCYT) will promote four family friendly Summer Musical Theatre Workshop productions, which will take place in July and August. The project will culminate in a Summer Children’s Theatre Festival.

[Germantown Library](#), “*Annual Germantown Library Fiber Art & Yarn Bomb Display*” - This project will engage Hudson Valley-based fiber artists and include workshops that are open to participants of 5 years

of age and older who are existing or potential patrons of the Germantown library and our neighboring Mid-Hudson library branches. The workshops result in a finished fiber arts piece.

[Hudson Sloop Club](#), "*Waterfront Wednesdays 2024*" - This project will be a weekly series throughout multiple weeks in July with activities and workshops that encourage participation and engagement from attendees. These may include interactive art installations, hands-on workshops, and community-led projects that invite attendees to contribute and co-create the event experience.

[Time and Space Ltd / Jane Ehrlich](#), "*Open Studio Hudson 2024*" - OPEN STUDIO HUDSON is a three day celebration of the arts in the vibrant town of Hudson, NY. During the event the general public and art enthusiasts are invited to visit individual studios offering a first-hand opportunity to engage with artists in their working environment. The event provides all Hudson artists an opportunity to showcase their work alongside their peers to a wide audience.

[Claverack Free Library](#), "*Art Among the Stacks*" - This project will offer classes that allow people to mix mediums and create original pieces of art using a multitude of different disciplines. One of the classes offered is a collage class with a focus on telling a story or preserving a memory. Another class is a Japanese Shibori dyeing class and embroidery class which then can be used together to create beautiful embroidered cloth.

[North Chatham Free Library](#), "*Literature and the Arts*" - The theme of this year's 6-part series is "Meet your neighbors and go beyond through the arts." Each program relates to issues important to the community, including the perception of beauty revealed in nature close to home and in the people around us, Gospel music alive in the Capital Region, exploring an intergenerational and collaborative creative process through storytelling and an illustrator's response, the writer's journey, race relations and grassroots activism in the past and today.

[Hudson Catskill Housing Coalition](#), "*Juneteenth Black-in-the-Day*" - This project features an exhibition that includes new works by artists committed to the theme of home and belonging. This project integrates homelessness and housing insecurity, connecting to the mission of Hudson Catskill Housing Coalition (HCHC), nonprofit community service organization, and the present-day challenges of rural BIPOC people living in Columbia County. The exhibition's programming will include crucial community conversations to support interpretation, problem-solving, and visioning for our community's future, as the exhibit's success lies in the artwork itself and the connections and conversations it sparks.

[Camphill Hudson](#), "*Forgetful Divas*" - Led by acclaimed theater director Jody Brookes and co-led by trained Bollywood dancer Bharat Armuddan, the Camphill Hudson Players are teaming up this year with kids from Beautiful Racket and Operation Unite to put on a unique production exploring meaningful themes with experimental comedy.

[Super-Stories, Inc.](#), “Free Drop-In Art Sessions and Guided Workshops” - This project includes two components, free drop-in art sessions at the Kinderhook Farmers Market and Guided Workshops, which focus more specifically on different art forms. In the free drop-ins, these sessions are based on the Teaching for Artistic Behavior philosophy of art education, which prioritizes open exploration, creative problem solving, and self-guided project outcomes, all done with the support and feedback of a teacher. The Guided Workshops will include drawing, printmaking, multimedia art, robot making, and more.

[Roving Actors’ Repertory Ensemble](#), “Multiple Performing Arts Events in Underserved Eastern Columbia County” - The 2024 Season of the Roving Actors’ Repertory Ensemble will include fully-staged productions, virtual readings, live-staged readings, an in-person and virtual audiences. Some performances include A SHAYNA MAIDEL, IT’S ONLY A PLAY, MAN OF LA MANCHA, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, AND NUTCRACKER BALLET.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

ARTS EDUCATION

[Perfect Ten After School Inc.](#), “Amplify III” - This project is a ceramics and portrait-based workshop series that works to offer new experiences in clay while promoting personal expression. Inspired by American indigenous artist, Raven Halfmoon, the techniques and style of Palissy ware, the participants will create a two dimensional image of themselves (self-portrait) on an oval clay slab with a three-dimensional decorative, border, akin to a fancy wall mirror. Upon completion of the piece, each participant will create a reflective poem to accompany their work. Images of the ceramics and the poems will be submitted to kahani magazine for publication.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS

[Laura Coe](#), “Common Ground” - This project expands on prior research into the artistic performance potential of the The Magical Musical Mat (MMM), an interactive musical instrument activated by physical contact. The project will engage with local farms and venue PS21's PATHWAYS series for a collection of site-specific workshops and performances. Highlighting the implications of the instrument for non-traditional methods of collaboration and environmental awareness, this project connects two principal but often separated sectors of Columbia County: agricultural and arts, starting with the common ground as a model for interaction and a medium for collaboration.

[Sarah Hazelke](#), “Resonant Vessels: Taking Pottery from Silence to Song” - Sarah Hazelke, will create a new body of work made up of 25 functional ceramic vessels that make sound. Upon completion, Sarah will exhibit the work in her storefront studio space in the Village of Chatham. The public will be invited to

interact with the artwork and participate in one of two free 90 minute workshops in October where they will create their own piece of percussive pottery.

[Karl Frederick Mattson](#), *“Hudson Limits”* - Hudson Limits is a short proof-of-concept documentary focusing on the City of Hudson's present-day communities, landscape, and developments in juxtaposition to the city's past. It closely observes lifelong residents navigating their day-to-day lives in a city constantly in transition.

[Maureen Beitler](#), *“To the Bone”* - This project follows the Kress family on their small family farm in Columbia County. This project will document the struggles and challenges of small farming encountered by this family led by a single mother and her young daughters. Photographs will be publicly available in book form.

[Lawre Stone](#), *“Invasive Beauty: Painting The Displaced Species of Columbia County, NY”* - The artist will create a series of 8 paintings that explore the impact of invasive species on the local environment. These paintings will celebrate the natural beauty that surrounds us, while reflecting on climate change and its impact on our environment. This project will expand my practice of combining natural imagery and the language of abstraction in otherworldly landscapes that explore relationships between interior worlds and outer experience.

[Pauline Decarmo](#), *“The Identity Project”* - This project will use visual art to bring together the artist's Guyanese heritage and growing-up years in Queens, helping the artist share their full self with the Hudson community and reconnect with NYC's Guyanese community. Their work hopes to convey the experience of coming to a foreign country, adjusting to a new culture, and understanding. This project will include small and large paintings, drawings in various media, and a full-scale Skelly game for audience interaction.

[Margaret Pate Peterson](#), *“Portals Series”* - Portals are gateways. In an abstract sense, they are a window to our imagination. “Portals Series” explores this concept by utilizing silk botanically printed with local flora and foliage, encased within discarded window frames. These thresholds are an apparition of the Natural World, enlisting Nature as artistic collaborator. They are a snapshot of a moment in time—the fingerprint of Mother Nature as one season fades into the next. The artist would like to urge the viewer to see the magic of Nature, with a desire to inspire dialogue on environmental conservation.

GREENE COUNTY COMMUNITY PROJECTS

[Plant Community INC](#), *“Youth Seed Packet Design”* - Workshops of middle and high school- aged students will get together for a few hours each day for a week to do a deep dive of a specific plant. A different art medium will be used each day to teach them about this particular plant and at the end of the week, we

would all vote on a work of art that would be used on one of the seed packets in the seed library at the Greenville Seed Library. The created artwork will be made available to the public through the Greenville Seed Library.

[Earth Arts Initiative / Miriam Atkin](#), "*Verbatim: Text Sound Expo*" - This project is the 4th annual Verbatim: Text Sound Expo, a small press / record label fair and performance festival featuring 20 small presses and record labels from the Hudson Valley.

[Mountain Top Library](#), "*More Than Books*" - "More Than Books," is the slogan of Mountain Top Library. This project consists of a combination of distinct programming, which will utilize books and words as a means of creative expression, as a physical medium, and sometimes as both. There will be programming including poetry, paper folding, journaling, and bookbinding.

[Athens Cultural Center](#), "*Athens Cultural Center's Summer Music Series*" - The Athens Cultural Center celebrates its 20th Anniversary with a free summer music series at the Athens Riverfront Park. Showcasing the diverse musical landscape of the greater Hudson Valley, this series presents Juma Sultan's Aboriginal Music Society, the Slambovian Circus of Dreams, and neo-soul ensemble Lady Moon & the Eclipse. Students from Coxsackie-Athens middle and high school as well as those served by programs for at-risk youth will be invited to shadow artists and production staff prior to performances, and to interact directly with the musicians during Q&A sessions.

[Catskill Mountain Shakespeare](#), "*Catskill Mountain Shakespeare Summer Season*" - Catskill Mountain Shakespeare announces its 5th Season with a 3 week outdoor production of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, directed by Michael Alvarez, opening Saturday July 13, 2024. CMS presents classic works in immersive and natural settings. Our summer season also includes our third annual LGBTQ+ Midsummer Social, Pay What You Can Performances, a Community Book Club, farmers' market arts and crafts pop-ups, free acting workshops, free and discounted performance tickets, and The CMS Youth Company: a week long summer intensive workshop for the local community.

[Community Partners Of Greenville](#), "*Greenville Summer Concert Series 2024*" - Held at the gazebo at the corners of Rte 32 and 81, neighbors and newcomers meet in Veterans Memorial Park to experience free live concerts, food trucks, and ice cream in a safe family friendly atmosphere. The 7 week series from July 9th through August 20th will present an array of musical genre for everyone's preferences.

[Heermance Memorial Library](#), "*Library Facilitated Artistic Exploration*" - The Heermance Memorial Library will offer five, free unique art classes with three Greene County artist/instructors. Participants will have the opportunity to learn new techniques and experiment with a variety of materials. Classes will include drawing, mixed media plasterwork, Chinese brush painting, and collage.

Town of Hunter / [Kevin VanHentenryck](#), *"Hunter Stone Carving Seminar"* - In this project, students will be able to learn the Ancient Art of Stone Carving for free. No prior artistic experience or ability required. Join for a moment, an hour, a day, or the whole two weeks. While there, stroll through the sculpture park and enjoy the over 300 stone carvings created by the students over the last 16 years.

[Mountain Top Arboretum](#) / [Horton by the Stream Theatre Co.](#), *"Horton by the Stream Theatre Company's 30th Summer Season"* - This project will present "Texas Town" and retrospective scenes from Horton Foote's plays, along with a special bonus documentary film screening with live commentary from his surviving daughters, actress Hallie Foote, and playwright, Daisy Foote. Presented free to all, donations appreciated.

[Athens Cultural Center](#)/[The Catskill Comedy Festival](#), *"The Catskills Comedy Festival"* - This project will create an annual multi-day festival in Catskill, NY, showcasing a variety of comedic genres appealing to all audiences. This project will establish workshops for attendees to train with professionals in the comedic arts with the opportunity to apply those skills in front of live audiences as well as for local youth to participate in free comedy workshops, teaching them how humor can boost self-confidence, diffuse conflict, and inspire creativity.

GREENE COUNTY

ARTS EDUCATION

[Boundless Arts](#), *"Boundless Arts @ Hunter Day Camp"* - Boundless Arts will provide nine Art Through Nature workshops in partnership with the Hunter Day Camp, in the Village of Hunter. This program will take place during the six-week camp session offered in July and August 2024. This program will provide three distinct sequential workshop series, each one including three workshops, for 65 school aged children in grades K-5. Taking into consideration the diverse age groups represented at the Hunter Day Camp, children will be broken into small groups during workshop sessions to ensure that the instruction is age appropriate.

[Cairo Library](#), *"Full STEAM Ahead"* - This project fuses STEM into the Arts, allowing children the chance to experience art forms not traditionally taught in schools including but not limited to architecture, pottery, and printmaking. Each week the art form changes giving many different educational opportunities. The culmination of this project is an art opening where participants show their work to the public.

GREENE COUNTY

INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS

[Meredith Kooi](#), *"I'm just trying to be a kid (again; or, maybe for the first time)"* - This project is a performance, video, and zine project that uses playgrounds and noise to convey the (sometimes)

heaviness of play. It grapples with the difficulty of childhood through an unapologetic return to the playground. Technically, the project transforms playgrounds into noise instruments using microphones, transducers, and other technologies in order to sonify the sounds of play. Audience members are encouraged to expand their aesthetic range (e.g., unfamiliar sounds, bodily movements, etc) and engage playgrounds in a new way to reclaim childlike imagination for healing.

[Lucy Bohnsack](#), *“This Work They Call Love”* - The artist will host multiple local mothers (Catskill and surrounding areas) and their children in their studio for a photoshoot. Select images from the shoot will be turned into large mixed media pieces for display at Joust Cafe on Main Street in Catskill. The work will be on view for a few months, open to the public during Joust's regularly scheduled business hours. The opening will be held on Mother's Day where the artist will host an artist talk followed by an open mic event where women can share their experiences as mothers as it pertains to the work.

[Jackie Fischer](#), *“Nostalgia”* - This project will be a series of clay sculptures capturing iconic objects and sparking childhood memories: discontinued Good Humor bars, Mr. Potato Head, early MP3 players, VHS tapes, beach toys, floaties, early cell phones and a magic 8 ball. Culminating in a public exhibition, the sculptures aim to foster intergenerational dialogue and community engagement. The exhibition will feature an artist talk and invite visitors to share their own nostalgic objects, fostering a collective exploration of the past and its significance in the present.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY COMMUNITY PROJECTS

[Schoharie Free Library](#), *“Adventures in the Arts: Building Community, Creativity, and Joy”* - This multidisciplinary series is designed to foster community connection, introduce people to new art forms, spark imagination and creativity, and explore and enhance artistic skills. There is something for everyone, for all ages, abilities, and interests. The community will benefit from these programs in many ways by having opportunities for music, dance, and creating art that would otherwise not be available or accessible; for exploring their own powers of expression and awakening or encouraging their own imagination and creative flow; and for interacting and connecting with each other and with the artists and performers.

[Jefferson Historical Society](#), *“Maple Museum Free Music & More 2024”* - This project reflects JHS's interest in supporting local artists and providing access to a variety of arts-based experiences. Spanning two traditional forms of music, the first concerts in the series will be the “City of the Hills Sweet Adelines”, a local a cappella group and the “Upper Catskill String Quartet” with their informative program of classical compositions representing different countries. In the week leading up to Jefferson Heritage Day, the Maple Museum will be open to people of all ages to create costumes and floats to be

featured in the Heritage Day Parade. The festivities will culminate with the Blues Maneuver, marking a day of celebration for the Town of Jefferson with music and dance.

[The Community Library](#), *“The Community Library Ukulele Experience”* - This program comprises three separate parts, all of which are dedicated to the goal of increasing direct participation in creating and appreciating the arts—and, in particular, music—in the region. The first part will be a sequential series of six introductory ukulele classes offered for free to patrons over the course of two months. Part two of this program will be a public recital performed by the students at the end of the workshop sequence. Finally, at the conclusion of the performance, the ukuleles and music stands purchased to support the program will be added to the circulating collections of the library, enabling any registered library card holder in Schoharie County to check out a ukulele to practice with, learn on, and play.

[Panther Creek Arts](#), *“Panther Creek Arts Presents 3 Events”* - This project will present three events in Schoharie County. The first program to be presented is the Fenimore Chamber Orchestra (FCO), the second is the VBK Band, and the program will conclude with the Andy Gaukel Workshop: Introduction to Stop Motion Animation

[Middleburgh Library](#), *“The Not so Quiet Concert Series”* - This project will bring high quality, nationally-recognized folk artists to the area to perform in the rural community of Middleburgh and the surrounding communities. This concert series focuses on social justice and awareness bringing a new and different musical perspective to local audiences.

[Gallupville House Association](#), *“Music at the House”* - This project will create artistic programming on the stage at the Gallupville House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This venue is the perfect setting for puppet shows, contra dances and music concerts. This project includes programming that is geared towards children and families, bringing members of the community together.

[Conesville Historical Society](#), *“Conesville Historical Society Square Dance Series”* - The Conesville Historical Society will provide three square dance experiences to the public over the summer months of July, August and September. The first event will be a program sharing the tradition and history of Eastern Square dancing in the Catskill tradition including a participatory experience to learn some of the dance steps. The next two events will be traditional square dances held in Conesville for all to enjoy with music and calling by the Tremperskill Boys.

[Timothy Murphy Playhouse](#), *“Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka”* - This year, Timothy Murphy Playhouse will put on a production of Roald Dahl’s “Willy Wonka”. The program will include a spectacular set and will be using special lighting and effects. The project will also be featuring over-the-top costumes pieces to provide for the cast. This production will also include a full, live orchestra to perform the musical components of the production.

Breakabeen Grange, *“Breakabeen Grange Contradances”* - This project will support a number of contradances with live musicians and callers which have attracted community members of all ages, from youth to seniors.

[George Landis Arboretum](#), *“Full Moon Concert Series”* - This project involves three live performances occurring at Landis Arboretum between the months of July through September. Performances include multiple genres of music in alignment with the full moon each month.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY

ARTS EDUCATION

[Casey Beal](#) + [Middleburgh High School](#), *“Leaving Your Mark, Printmaking on Fabric Workshop”* - This project will provide a specialized 8 week Printmaking Workshop for Middleburgh High School students. This workshop will be open to all students Grades 9th-12th. Students will create at least one design to screen print and one design to block print. In the end they will have printed one t-shirt with each method, as well as printed a variety of useful fabric items ranging from sew-on patches, to reusable hand towels, to a drawstring bag, and a bandana.

[Schoharie Free Library](#), *“The Power of Observation: Nature Art Journaling”* - Instructor Casey Beal will guide participants through the process of observing the natural world and expressing their observations through art. They will learn about the Elements of Art, Basic Color Theory, and the use of pencils, pens and gouache as they fill their journals with the wonder and beauty found in Schoharie County's fields and forests. This series is offered at no cost, and is open from ages 12 through adult.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY

INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS

[Amy Silberkleit](#), *“Printmaking Workshop”* - In this project, participants will be seated at work tables and given plexiglass plates. Brushes, brayers, scribes, embossing materials, etc. will be supplied. Also present will be reference books and examples of monotypes. The artist will talk about the process beforehand and show examples. Next, participants will create images on their plates, then print them on the artist's press. They will have the opportunity to make several prints with new or reworked plates. They will have made monotypes on archival paper using professional grade materials and equipment under the guidance of an experienced artist and printmaker.