

Library Arts Center

CASE FOR SUPPORT

an endowment-building initiative

Who We Are

The Library Arts Center is a creative gathering space where friends, family, neighbors and visitors can connect and share in a celebration of artistic inspiration, creative vision, and community spirit—in the true sense of “community arts.” Founded in 1967, the LAC is a non-profit arts center, gallery and studio located in the heart of downtown Newport, NH.

In the past 50 years, the Center has grown from a small gallery space in a former rustic carriage house to a thriving center in the region that offers a tremendous number of **exhibitions, performances, classes and workshops annually**. It attracts artists from both inside and outside the region—and features artwork that is both beautiful & accessible, as well as art that pushes creative boundaries.

The Center enriches the cultural, economic and social vitality of the greater region. The Library Arts Center is an important part of the growing “creative economy” in Newport and surrounding communities. The Center provides a place of excellence for local artists to present their work, and, through creative collaborations with cultural organizations and regional art networks, the Library Arts Center has launched programs that help to drive residents and visitors to Newport’s historic downtown throughout the year.

More than 5,000 residents from the greater region, including children, families, and seniors enjoy Library Arts Center exhibits, performances, and classes. All of the Library Arts Center’s programs are provided at little or no cost. The Library Arts Center currently serves as a presenting venue for approximately 325 artists annually and provides arts education and access for more than 2,500 school-age children in and around Newport.

The Library Arts Center operates as an affiliate of the Richards Free Library, and is housed in the library’s former carriage house. However, the Library Arts Center raises its funds separately and is governed by its own board of directors. The Library Arts Center receives \$7,500 annually in town tax support, however, it is primarily funded by membership donations, business sponsorships, grants from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: Upper Valley Region and other foundations, fund-raising events and interest paid from an endowment fund.



A LEGACY OF COMMUNITY ARTS

since 1967

1967

Marjorie Dorr envisioned a community arts center and gallery for the Newport community. She had an exceptional vision to transform the aging carriage shed adjacent to the Richards Free Library into a space that could help the arts flourish in the region. The Library Arts Center opened its doors and volunteers were hosts for summer art exhibits.



*Library Arts Center
Founder*
Marjorie Dorr

1970

Marjorie passed away, but before her passing, she finished plans for the studio in the lower level of the carriage house.

1972

The first classes took place in the studio that was built downstairs.

1975

The Arts Center hired its first paid director—Douglas Duchin.

1980s

While the exact date is not known, the directorship at the Center became a full-time, year-round position.

1989

Doris Nelson was hired as the Center's director—a position that she held until 2007—making her tenure run for almost half of the organization's history at that point.

1992

The Center's first "holiday boutique" took place, which was later developed into the modern day Gallery of Gifts Exhibit during the holidays.

1993

The Apple Pie Crafts Fair & the Richards Free Library Festival joined forces to have both major events on the same day.

2002

The "Back Stage Gallery" was redone and re-named the "West Gallery" in memoriam of Tom St. Martin.

2006

The Children's Summer Program was developed into a two-month series by Caitlin Mauser (Rowe) and Kate Niboli (Luppold).

2008

Kate Niboli (Luppold) was hired as the Center's new director upon Doris Nelson's retirement. Fran Huot was hired in a new position as program coordinator—adding another staff member to the Center's roster for the first time in more than 40 years.

2013

A capital campaign was begun to update the Center's gallery spaces. Once funding was secured, the gallery lighting was updated with energy-efficient LED light bulbs, and the gallery carpet was later replaced with wood flooring in January of 2015.

2017

The Library Arts Center is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary year! A full schedule of programs is planned to celebrate. Additionally, 50 people who had an impact on the Library Arts Center will be honored in 2017.

What We Believe

The arts are for **EVERYONE**.



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Our Vision

The Library Arts Center constitutes the artistic core of our community through cultural and creative educational experiences that stimulate appreciation for the Arts and encourage creativity.

Our Mission

Our mission is to sustain a vibrant, inclusive and highly visible arts community that provides a wide variety of engaging, enriching events and accessible educational experiences for both artists and patrons of the arts.

We believe in the power of the arts to inspire and inform, as art has the unique ability to inspire positive transformation both in individual lives and entire communities. We are driven by our belief in the intrinsic value of the arts and artists, and what they can do. We strive to help our community take hold of this value by providing highly inclusive opportunities to get up close and personal with art and the creative process.

The Library Arts Center is an enduring local treasure, and a pillar of strength in our community, enriching the cultural, economic and social vitality of the region. We enhance the quality of life in Newport and the surrounding communities of Sunapee, New London, Croydon, Grantham, Claremont, Unity, Goshen, Lempster, and other towns throughout the Upper Valley, helping to attract and retain residents in our communities. We help to stimulate the local creative economy by offering a presenting venue for more than 300 artists and craftspeople annually, as well as to attract visitors and residents to the downtown region throughout the year.

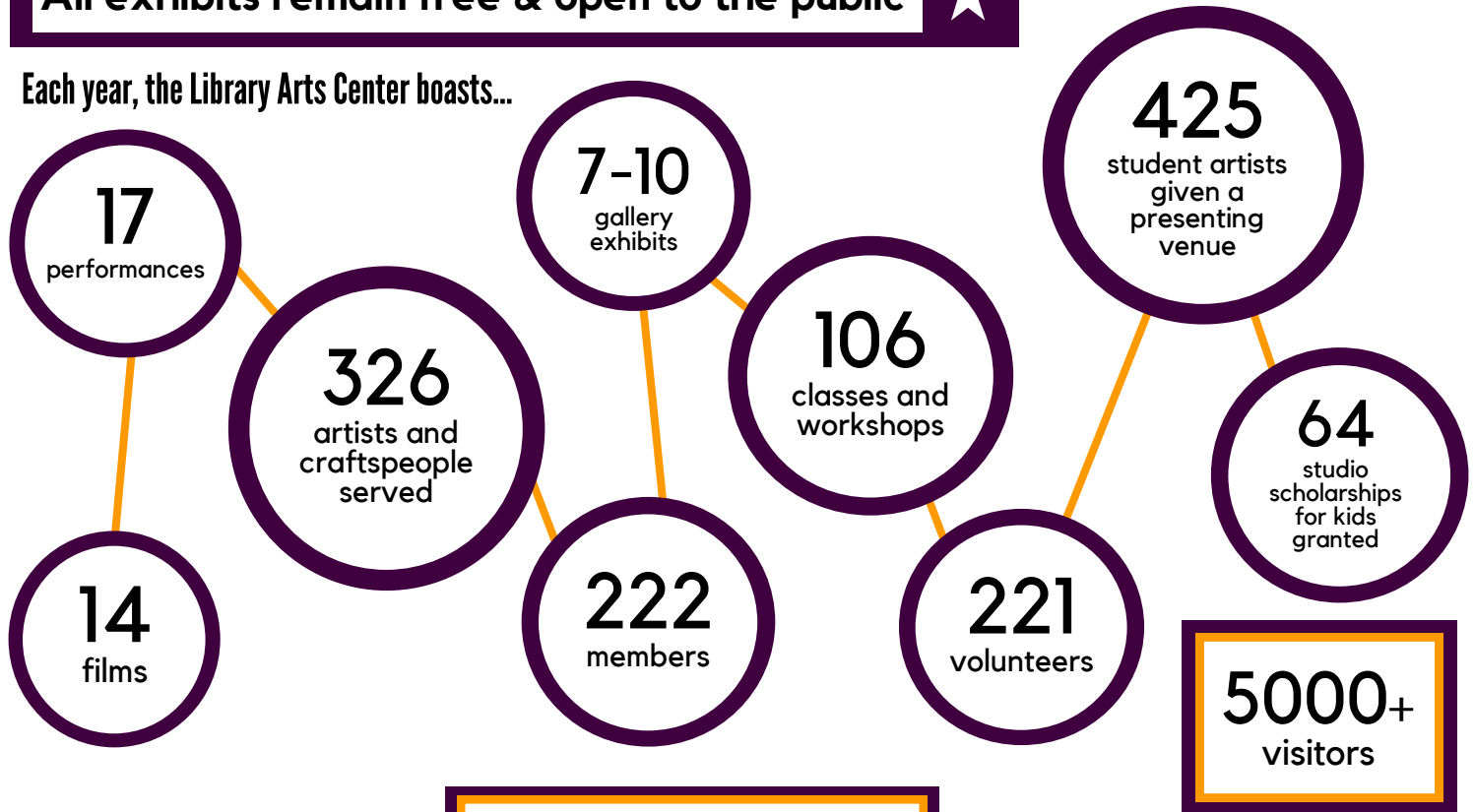


Library Arts Center **By the Numbers**

COMMUNITY ARTS

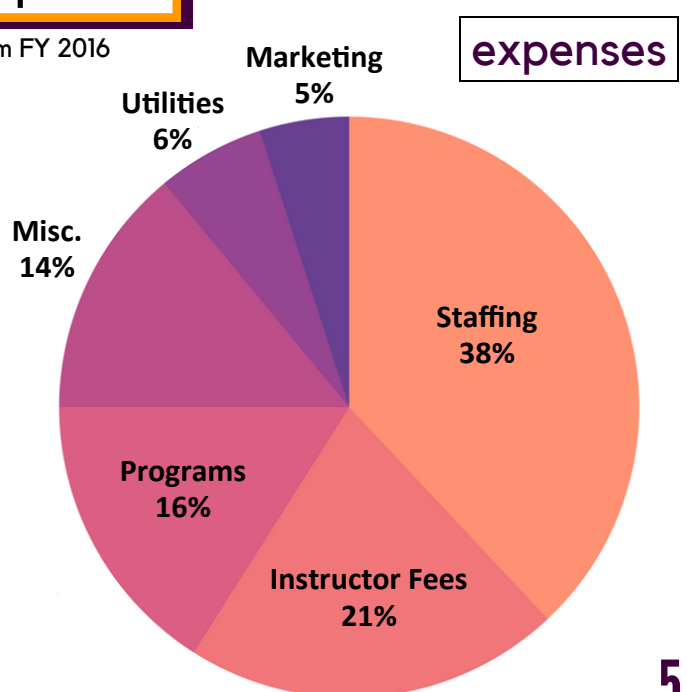
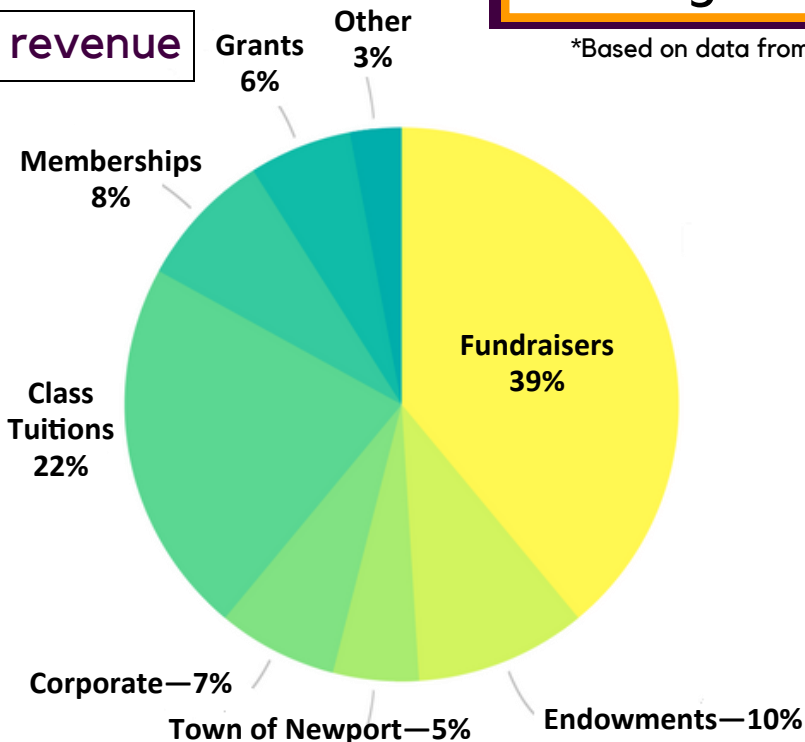
All exhibits remain free & open to the public ★

Each year, the Library Arts Center boasts...



funding snapshot

*Based on data from FY 2016



What sets us apart?

- Our gallery exhibit space is unique for a small town setting and allows for us to diversify the types of exhibits we offer.
- More than 150 community volunteers commit more than 1,000 hours a year to the Library Arts Center.
- Similar arts organizations typically rely heavily on a few large funding sources, but the Arts Center draws its funding from a wide range of donors, including individuals, corporate sponsors, families, and foundations.
- Our annual budget and staff is smaller than most comparable organizations in the area, yet we have created extraordinary programming through creative use of funds, and collaboration with other area organizations.

Here is a statement from director Kate Niboli Luppold that captures the importance of our organization well...

"A visitor to the gallery the other day commented while leaving the gallery: 'You know, I can't think of a single other place in the region that would showcase this. It is fabulous, and it is refreshing that right here in this little town is something so special.' This visitor nailed it. When you stop and think about the greater region, how many places like this can you think of? —places that both showcase the best of what is being created in the greater region, while also highlighting local talent and accomplishments? Places that bring in incredible performances and art classes, all for the most reasonable prices around (often even free) and all with incredibly high standards of professionalism? How many other small non-profits do you know that pull off major events like the *Apple Pie Crafts Fair* and *Gallery of Gifts*—each presenting 100+ crafts people and artists with a high standard of market venue, undeniably adding to the area's creative economy? This place is more than special; it is a crucial piece of the cultural fabric of our community. This is an accessible and inspiring community center for both artists, patrons of the arts and all community members. The compliment this gallery visitor paid us reminds us not only of the vital role this organization serves, but the importance of protecting that for generations to come."



Why Support the Library Arts Center?

The Center is a leader in promoting the value of community arts and greatly enhances the quality of life in the greater region. It serves as a vibrant catalyst for community strength and economic development through:

Artistic Excellence

The Center attracts exceptional artists, musicians and arts instructors from both the local and the greater region, making it a regional hub for quality exhibits, performances, and arts education.

Community Accessibility

As a non-profit, our central focus is to ensure our arts programming is accessible to all. The Arts Center ensures this by offering exhibits free and open to the public, un-matched affordability with class tuitions (as well as some free classes & workshops), and numerous class scholarships awarded annually.

Educational Impact

We offer a broad spectrum of over 100 classes and workshops each year that are attractive to both seasoned artists, and to those who have never taken a class. Additionally, we present numerous opportunities for the public to discover, appreciate, and participate in the arts. The Arts Center partners with the local public schools to help present a special exhibit of student artwork for more than 400 students annually, and the Center's central location enables students the ability to visit top-notch gallery exhibits year-round within walking distance from several area schools.

Economic Impact

In addition to employing a number of arts instructors and gallery attendants, the Arts Center provides a presenting venue for 300+ regional artists and craftspeople through a year-round schedule of gallery exhibits, the *Gallery of Gifts Exhibit of Handmade Craft*, and the *Apple Pie Crafts Fair*. **Collectively, gross sales for artists and vendors at these venues top \$100,000 annually, greatly helping to boost the local creative economy.** Additionally, the many exhibits, concerts and events at the Center help drive both residents and visitors to the region—providing revenue for local businesses and restaurants.



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Securing a Strong Future

A Lasting Legacy of Community Arts—Growing the Endowment in our 50th Year

Marjorie Dorr was the creative force behind turning the carriage house behind the Richards Free Library into the Library Arts Center. Her vision, paired with her unstoppable enthusiasm and determination was the force that brought the Library Arts Center into being back in 1967. To ensure that her vision lasted and grew, Marjorie worked to create an endowment for this organization. Many community members added to the endowment fund over the years, and those funds have been crucial to both the survival and growth of this organization. This being our 50th year, we want to honor Marjorie's work to create this Center and this fund by adding to it to ensure the well-being and growth of this community organization for the next 50 years and beyond.

The Library Arts Center Fund is a permanent endowment fund held by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and interest from the fund provides annual support for the organization.

This fund is how we have decided to prudently set money aside to make our future secure. We're not talking about squirreling away some funds just in case we encounter tough times down the road, and we're not talking about a "money—in, money—out" approach to covering our day-to-day operating expenses. We're talking about securing our organization's future, expanding our programs, and extending our mission to better serve our communities with community arts programming. We're talking about building endowment.

In our 50th year, our goal is to grow our endowment fund to \$750,000 to help secure a strong future for the Library Arts Center.

Why give?

We are committed to this community, and we desire to cultivate quality arts opportunities to enhance the quality of life for area residents for another 50 years and beyond. This restricted permanent endowment provides continuity of purpose, and supports existing and new initiatives, creates and sustains new resources for the Center, and stabilizes funding for the organization. Growing the fund will ensure that we can adapt to new challenges while keeping our true spirit strong.

Why now?

As we look into the future at the Library Arts Center, our vision is to increase our impact by engaging our constituents with a wide variety of relevant arts experiences. In a season where funding for the arts is uncertain on the federal and state levels, it is imperative that we ensure the health of the Library Arts Center in our local region so that our cultural heritage is preserved and so we might continue to leave a lasting legacy of community arts for generations to come.

Thousands of people have helped, in many ways, to grow this organization over the last half century. To commemorate our 50th anniversary, please consider helping us further reach the potential of Marjorie Dorr's full vision for this organization ***in the next 50 years to come*** by donating to the endowment.

Campaign Goals

and What Funds Will Be Used For

GOAL: Grow the balance of the Library Arts Center's endowment fund to \$750,000

Our goal is to raise \$500,000 during this campaign to build up the endowment fund, and secure a reliable funding source to support the Arts Center in the next 50 years and beyond in order to:

- Ensure the financial health of the organization in the decades to come, and support sustainable growth
- Transition organization focus from fundraising to programming
- Retain and attract dedicated and professional staff
- Improve the visibility of the Library Arts Center, both physically and through enhanced marketing initiatives

Together, we will secure a strong future for the Library Arts Center.



How to Make a Gift

to the 50th Anniversary Endowment Campaign

Current & Pledge Gifts

Give a cash gift this year, or make a pledge to support this endowment campaign with contributions over the next three years.

Deferred Gifts

- Bequest in your will or provision in your living trust
- Designation in your IRA or qualified retirement plan
- Gift of a new or existing life insurance policy
- Provision of a beneficial interest in a charitable remainder trust

Contact

To help us continue in our mission for community arts, and become part of a legacy of giving to the Library Arts Center, contact us to make your tax-deductible contribution or pledge.

Checks should be made payable to the:

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

in the memo: **Library Arts Center Fund #4489-3**

Gifts may be given in remembrance of, or in honor of someone. Gifts or pledge cards should be sent or brought to the LAC office.

Library Arts Center Gallery & Studio

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All gifts made as a part of this campaign will be deposited into the Library Arts Center Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Because of the complexity of estate law, please consult your tax advisor or legal consultant for specific questions relating to charitable contributions.

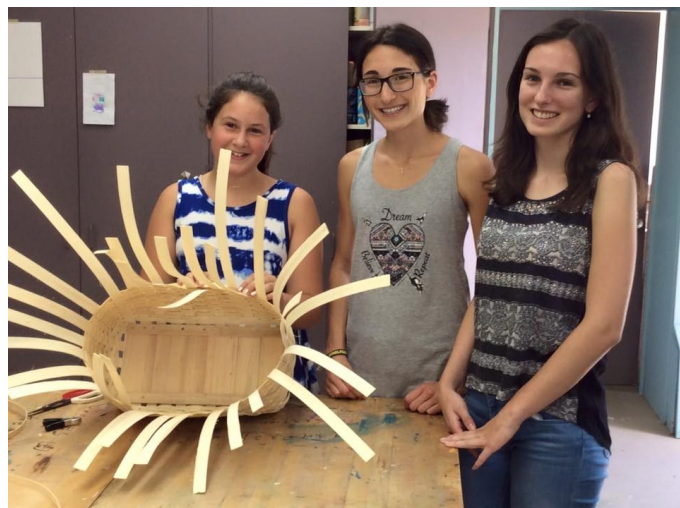




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Leadership



Kate Niboli Luppold

Executive Director

Kate Luppold oversees all aspects of the Library Arts Center's programs, working directly with artists and instructors to create exceptional arts programming, along with general organization of the non-profit. Since 2008, Kate has been responsible for the planning of all exhibits and studio classes, as well as executing all fundraising for the Center. Kate is a native of Newport, and is proud to continue in the director's position that was once held by her grandmother, Marie Bugbee, continuing the legacy of promoting community arts. She is a graduate of the BFA program of the University of New Hampshire.



Fran Huot

Marketing Coordinator

Fran Huot has worked at the Library Arts Center since 2008. From website design, to creation and production of all marketing materials, including show cards and newsletters, she works make the Arts Center's programs visible in the greater community. Fran works on several committees, and with the board of directors, to help develop, organize and produce the organization's community arts programming and fundraisers. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College.



LIBRARY ARTS CENTER

GALLERY & STUDIO

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Gallery Hours: Tues.-Fri. 11am-4pm Sat. 10am-2pm

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