

Arts Council Priorities

Evaluate and identify spaces that can bring people together through art

- Inventory potential spaces for arts programming and community gatherings
- Create a communications plan to promote opportunities and participation
- Schedule additional arts-related events

Increase opportunities for youth involvement in the arts

- Partner with schools to expand participation
- Identify effective ways to engage older teens and young families

MEETING AGENDA

Londonderry Arts Council

Thursday March 12, 2026

7:00PM Sunnycrest Conference Room

1. Membership update
2. New and Old Business
 - a. Right To know training – Wednesday, March 25th 6:30 PM
 - b. Teen Art Program - Wednesday, March 25 4:30 – Cyndi
 - c. Potential Program Venues - Larry
 - d. Potential Guests
 - i. Civic Life & Belonging Grant – Becca Berezin Leach Library
 - ii. Hope After Heartache - Ella Geraci
3. Program updates
 - a. Youth Art Contest – Karen, Cit, Cyndi
 - b. Wild Apples - Dasha
 - c. Concerts on the Common - Stephen
 - d. Senior Jam - Greg
4. Strategy and Goal Setting Follow-up - Kirsten Hildonen

Initial thoughts from January meeting:

 - a. Steph - Bring back Art on the Common. Getting/finding a public space/facility for art.
 - b. Cyndi – more outreach to students in the schools.
 - c. Cit – have a centralized location for common activities. Be able to invite performing arts. Reach out to a theatrical group she just heard about.
 - d. Elaine – a facility for the arts.
 - e. Karen – create an inventory of facility locations that could be used for an arts event.
 - f. Stephen – facility for arts.
 - g. Greg – facility for arts. Outreach to schools to involve students in the arts.
 - h. Dasha – publish the 3rd edition of Wild Apples and have a launch party. Create a logo for the LAC.
5. Other Business

- *We could do a recruiting event. Larry will work on this.*

Old Home Day (Larry Casey, Steph Miville)

- No update.

Notes from Previous Meetings

- *None.*

Plein Air Artist Event (Larry Casey, Steph Miville)

- No update.

Notes from Previous Meetings

- *Larry and Steph met with John Shevenell from NHAA (NH Artists Association) to organize a plein air event in Londonderry.*
- *Held on Wednesday May 15, 2024.*
- *Larry is hoping that this will be an annual event for us.*

Senior Center / For the Love of Music (Greg Descoteaux , Larry Casey)

- Next event is Sunday, May 17th.

Notes from Previous Meetings

- *Greg is interested in finding a way to move the music amplification from musician to musician to amplify each person. Cyndi suggested the cable access program to see if they have equipment they can suggest. Steph suggests the high school and that Greg connect with Serge Beaulieu (Schools Music Director). Greg will look into it.*
- *Greg will send out a reminder to the musicians 1-2 weeks before the date.*
- *This event is held quarterly.*

Strategic Plan / Goal Setting Initiative – Town of Londonderry (Committee)

- Kirsten came to the meeting.
- The goals we set are for FY2028.
- We need to set action items and KPIs.
 - *For example – Action: Create a sub-committee to work on a specific issue. KPI: Hold (3) meetings.*
- Becca had a suggestion of an “art walk”. Paint night at a restaurant led by an artist. And more...
- Proposed goals/actions discussion:
 - Outreach to other Town groups.
 - Facility for arts.

- Get younger people involved in art events/activities.
 - Dasha – target young adults and families, not just youth and seniors. Becca – there are a lot of Millennials that aren’t going to have kids. How do we reach/attract these folks?
 - Build a partnership with the schools.
- Evaluate inventory “space” options to bring people together for art events.
 - Communicating our goal to the public. Becca suggested using (3) Facebook pages for this. Kristen – make a communications plan.
- **Larry asked Kristen to share her notes with the LAC and we will discuss them next month.**

Notes from Previous Meetings

- *Our general goal is to find public space for our events and art.*
- *Larry discussed the survey that the Town sent out last summer asking residents to give input on the Master Plan. Larry was pleased to hear the points residents want the Arts Council to continue to promote:*
 - *Supporting Apple Way. The Andy Mack tree project feeds into this.*
 - *Arts Council events.*
 - *Promotion and expansion of public art installations.*
 - *Expansion of youth focused art activities.*
 - *Cyndi talked about related issues that she, Cit and Karen discussed in an offline meeting.*
 - *Maybe talk with the guidance counselors and art teachers about getting more kids involved and finding out what classes/programs the school is offering to kids.*
 - ***Dasha suggested creating an LAC mentorship program. They would get credit for helping with the LAC. EVERYONE loved this idea. We need someone to drive this on the LAC. Paige offered to help get the framework together for this with someone, as she managed interns at a previous job. Paige said the Town will most likely require that vet our members to work with younger people. Does the Town have a process to do this?***

Wild Apples Literary Journal (Dasha Bulatova, Larry Casey)

- Dasha is working on the layout of the journal. A lot of work.
 - Greg offered to help with this task.
- Larry will help manage getting the journals printed at Alpha Graphics.
- Party will be early June at the latest. Need to set a date so Dasha can work backward on publishing the journal, etc.
- The release party will be at the Parmenter Barn again. Everyone enjoyed the space a lot.
 - Larry will reserve the barn.
- We discussed getting food for the release party.
 - Becca said to submit a letter on official letterhead to Shaw’s at least one month before the party. They almost always will donate food. Becca has the contact info of the person at Shaw’s. Karen will help with this.