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Thank You!



Frumie Selchen

**2018 Dick Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award
New Hampshire Travel Council**

This edition of the Dandelion is dedicated to Frumie Selchen, our longtime arts advocate and cultural ambassador for Northern New Hampshire. Frumie has served as the Executive Director of the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire (AANNH) since 2000. She is starting to refocus her priorities on family, especially her grandchildren. It's not that she has ignored them, but she tells us that she will now shift them to front and center stage and place her professional responsibilities closer to the wings. Yes, shift happens.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Frumie on her most recent award, the 2018 Dick Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Hampshire Travel Council. Previously, in 2009, she received the Profile Award for her contributions to the state in preserving New Hampshire's heritage, culture, resources, traditions, and history, and in 2013 she was recognized for Distinguished Arts Leadership with a Governor's Arts Award.

Frumie has many wonderful attributes. We are thankful that she has provided so many arts opportunities for northern New Hampshire. In closing, we proudly share the **testimonials** that were part of the Dick Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award nomination process. These remarks demonstrate how much our state appreciates the good work that Frumie has contributed to New Hampshire and the arts.

Frumie has assured us that this isn't the last we'll be seeing or hearing from her. No doubt, we will continue working and partnering with her and with AANNH, and we look forward to introducing their new executive director in our fall edition of The Dandelion.

*Julianne Gadoury, NH State Council on the Arts
Marcia McCaffrey, NH Department of Education*

Congratulations!

Pelham Student is a Finalist in the Google Doodle 4 Competition

Representatives from Google came to Pelham Elementary School to announce the New Hampshire winner of their 2018 Doodle 4 Google competition, first grader Molly Baker. Her inspiration for her piece: "Outer space inspires me because of all the cool things about outer space. From a constellation, to a shooting star, an astronaut, a space shuttle, and the planets in outer space. I hope some day that I become an astronaut and explore space!"



We Want to Hear from You!

Send us your arts learning news, events & photos so we can share them on our website and in the next Dandelion.

Consider writing a short **spotlight** of your successful arts program.

Send to:

NHArtsLearningNetwork@gmail.com

We have a new website! Check it out!



The NH Arts Learning Network has **recently redesigned our website**. We have all the same great content, in an easier to read format.

Congratulations to NH Poetry Out Loud Participants

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts announces that Alana Hoskins from Souhegan High School is the winner of New Hampshire's 2018 Poetry Out Loud High School Championship, which took place at the State House's Representatives Hall on March 9. Eleni Spiliotes from Holderness School was selected as alternate champion, and represented NH at the National Finals in Washington DC in April. In New Hampshire, approximately 9,000 students from 44 high schools take part in the program each year; there is no cost to compete and all materials are provided to enrolled schools. A map of schools that participated in the 2018 program is available in the Poetry Out Loud section of the NHSCA's website, nh.gov/nharts.

Grants, Awards, Artist & Job Opportunities

Job, jobs, jobs

It's that time of year: There are still a few art and music jobs posted on www.edjobsnh.com. Employment opportunities include full-time/part-time jobs, all grade levels, and in various parts of the state from northeast to southwest.

Main Street Art Looking for Teachers

The non-profit art school in Newfields, NH offers classes for adults and children. The teacher application can be found [here](#).

Call for Proposals for Christa McAuliffe Conference

Christa McAuliffe Transforming Teaching Technology Conference has re-opened their call for proposals. Go [here](#) to submit a proposal. It would be great to have more of an ARTS presence at the conference. Submit for STEAM or other great 21C and digital classroom ideas. Many of you are integrating technology into your curricula. Showcase your good work at this highly attended New Hampshire conference.

Search for Next NH Poet Laureate Under Way

Nominations are due by July 20 for the **next New Hampshire poet laureate**. Current Poet Laureate Alice Fogel will complete her term in March 2019, after five years serving as an ambassador for New Hampshire's poets and raising the visibility and value of poetry in the state.

General Project Grants

Communities benefit from a lively arts and cultural sector both socially and economically. The NH State Council on the Arts offers **General Project Grants for Community Engagement** that are designed to help not-for-profit organizations, Main Street Programs, municipalities, and schools bring arts presentations and activities into communities to enhance the quality of life for citizens, attract visitors, and help stimulate local economies through the arts. This competitive and matching grant category supports a wide range of activities. Deadline: July 27, 2018 (for projects between November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019)

Media & Technology Grants from Best Buy

Funding opportunity for out of school programs offering media and technology programs for youth within a 25 mile radius of a Best Buy.

CERF+'s Artist Get Ready Grants - Deadline for next cycle: May 15

Up to \$500 to individual artists working in craft disciplines to conduct activities that will help safeguard their studios, protect their careers and prepare for emergencies.

NEA Announces Grants to Support the Arts and Innovation

In pursuit of its commitment to advance the creative capacity of people and communities across the nation, the National Endowment for the Arts announces its second round of funding for FY 2018. This funding round includes annual partnerships with state, jurisdictional, and regional arts agencies as well as the categories of Art Works, Creativity Connects, Our Town, and Research: Art Works. The NEA will award 1,071 grants totaling \$80.5 million to support programs that provide jobs to artists, administrators, and other creative workers and arts experiences for millions of people.

Upcoming National Endowment for the Arts Grant Deadlines:

July 12: **Art Works**

August 9: **Our Town**

Informational webinars for both grant categories are available.

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Advocacy

DHHS Announces Public Hearings and Releases Draft of FFY 2019-2021 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Federal Plan for Public Comment

A Public Hearing on the FFY 2019-2021 Child Care and Development Fund Plan will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Brown Building Auditorium, Governor Hugh Gallen State Office Park, Concord, NH. The Hearing will be preceded by a one-hour informational session on the content of the Plan. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration (Bureau) is preparing to submit the required Federal Plan regarding the use of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). These Federal funds support working families with low incomes to access child care through the NH Child Care Scholarship Program, and to improve the quality of child care in NH.

Notice of Public Hearing

June 11, 2018

5:00 P.M. – Informational Session Begins

6:00 P.M. – Hearing Begins

NH Department of Health and Human Services

Brown Building Auditorium

129 Pleasant St.

Concord, NH 03301

Directions to Brown Building

Or **GoToWebinar**

For **full draft plan**

Title IV-A Re-cap

The Student Support and Enrichment Grant round of Title IV-A competitive funds has concluded. Please check [here](#) to learn which schools and programs were awarded funding. Click on

Symphony NH visits the Kearsarge School District

This spring, students at **Sutton Central and Kearsarge Regional Elementary Schools**

were treated to performances and learning with Symphony NH. The organization collaborates with teachers to plan and implement interactive and engaging lessons with an emphasis on creating and exploring music through the framework of current curricula. Elementary school students learn how wind instruments create sound and music.



Performances at All State Music Festivals feature hundreds of NH students



Congratulations to the **hundreds of NH students** who participated in statewide festivals organized by the NH Music Educators Association. And congratulations to all who helped with the coordination and preparation of these amazing young musicians!

the “Awards list” link at the top of the webpage. Several grants were funded this round that involved using Arts Education to provide a well-rounded education. Bring your arts-related needs and ideas to the table by joining your district Title IVA team to be involved in future funding opportunities.

Arts Advocate of the Year Award 2018

NH Citizens for the Arts invite you to an advocacy training and awards ceremony Tuesday, June 26, 2018, Kimball House, Capitol Center for the Arts. From 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.: Training for the Summer Campaign Season with the goal of educating candidates running for all races on the impact of the creative sector on the economy and vitality of NH. 5:30 p.m.: News conference, award presentation and reception. [RSVP here](#)

Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 New Hampshire High School Short Film Festival!



JURY AWARD:

THE WAITER (6:38, Drama) Briana Demers, Grace Lumley, Nate Magoon - Salem High School

JURY AWARD RUNNER-UP:

THE LETTER (4:12, Drama) Kenny Sullivan, Nick Hurman, Brandon Depew - Pinkerton Academy

JURY AWARD FINALISTS:

CAPTAIN DAB (6:59, Comedy) Joshua McDevitt, Kellen Sheehan, Tyler McCallum - Nashua Technology Center

GOD'S ACRE (7:00, Documentary)

Brenden Nault - Salem High School

WORTHLESS (3:31, Drama)

Autumn-Rose Bogdan, Rheannon Rodriguez - Salem High School

PSA AWARD:

DRIVE SAFE PSA (0:59, PSA) Jeff Lybarger, Myles Ditkoff, Johnny Chavira, Sarah Eaton - Keene High School



Professional Development: Conferences and Workshops

Putting the Creative Youth Development National Action Blueprint to Work

June 19, 12:00 - 1:00pm ET

Free; pre-registration required

Learn more about how you can use the recently released Creative Youth Development (CYD) National Action Blueprint as a resource in your work to advance the role of creativity in youth development. Led by the Creative Youth Development National Partnership and a cross-sector coalition, this one-hour, interactive forum is designed for CYD practitioners and alumni, funders, researchers, and allied youth sector leaders.

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Online Summer Courses in the Arts – National Core Arts Standards

Are you looking for self-paced professional development in the arts? Are you wondering if there's a way to get professional development hours/credits in the comfort of your home or without having to leave your summer beach get-away? The State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education (SEADAE) has a solution for you. Check out the library of arts courses from SEADAE hosted by Pepper. These courses are designed to help you understand and apply the National Core Arts Standards in your classroom. **Two courses – *Curtain Up, An Introduction to the National Core Arts Standards and Artistic Literacy* – are authored by Marcia McCaffrey, NH Dept. of Education** (College credit option for accumulated courses).

Go [here](#) for more information on the specific courses.

Go [here](#) to enroll in and pay for the SEADAE library.

The one-time payment gives you access to all courses for one year. The library currently contains four courses, with a fifth course in animation anticipated for fall 2018.

Funding options: **Title II**

Bulk enrollment discounts available. If your district is interested in providing courses to its entire arts staff, contact Marcia McCaffrey (marcia.mccaffrey@doe.nh.gov). View the [full course catalog here](#).

Telling Our Stories in Pictures and Words: Creating Identity Texts in the Multilingual Classroom

NH Humanities Council partners with the Center for the Advancement of Art-Based Literacy and Southern New Hampshire University to offer a 5-day Summer Institute June 25-29, 2018 for NH teachers who have at least some English learners in their classrooms. Spaces are limited so early registration is encouraged. [Description and registration form](#). The project may be previewed [here](#).

Participating teachers will be required to implement the project with students between July 1, 2018-August 31, 2019. As part of the matching funds, participating schools will be asked to cover the costs of an art materials kit (\$500) so as to insure implementation. As a Tier II Moderate Evidence-Based Model under ESSA, the use of Title I, Title II, or Title III funds to cover the cost of materials is permitted. Custom multi-classroom kits can be designed for schools that have more than one participating classroom. For more information, <mailto:Beth.Olshansky@comcast.net>.

PEACE CHILD Musical Opportunities for Students & Teachers

Students ages 8-14 can sing, dance and create visual art for five days June 25-29 with a public performance June 29 at 7pm. Adults can earn three Plymouth State University graduate credits for assisting in this integrated arts experience for young people. If interested in more information about PEACE CHILD or our MED in Integrated Arts or our CAGS in Arts, Leadership and Learning for those who already have a masters, please contact Trish Lindberg, PhD at plindber@plymouth.edu.



Dandelion Newsletter

A bi-monthly newsletter of the New Hampshire Arts Learning Network
nhartslearning.org
nhartslearningnetwork@gmail.com

The New Hampshire Arts Learning Network is a collaborative of individuals, organizations and groups with a common interest in arts education, working to support quality arts learning for all students in New Hampshire by sharing information, resources, and services. It is about connecting people, places and ideas so that all our students have access to the arts.

Join the NH Arts Learning Network. It's free.



Little Kids Rock Modern Band Summit

Fort Collins, CO, July 8-11, 2018

This four-day professional development conference includes teacher-led workshops, special guest speakers, and nightly jam sessions that foster creativity and community in a peer network of more than 2,000 Modern Band practitioners nationwide. Little Kids Rock trains public school teachers and donates all of the instruments, curricular resources and support they need to ensure that their kids receive the right to rock.

[More](#)

Performance Assessments for Deeper Learning

July 18-19, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, \$199 per person

The New Hampshire Department of Education in collaboration with the NEA-NH, the Center for Assessment, and New Hampshire Learning Initiative and Center for Innovation in Education invite you to attend Performance Assessments for Deeper Learning. Learn or deepen your existing knowledge about how to use research-based tools and processes to design high-quality performance tasks and rubrics. Educators and school leaders will leave the workshop with high-quality performance tasks and tools for continuing this work in their own schools, while district and state leaders learn how to create policy structures to implement and sustain this work in their schools. THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: July 1, 2018.

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Summer Arts Integration & STEAM Retreat.

August 6th, 7th & 8th on the ocean at the Ashworth by the Sea on Hampton Beach. The Inspired Classroom offers workshops that are teacher-centered, STEAM related, arts-based, and built by teachers and artists who want to inspire YOU so you can be inspiring to your students.

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Teaching Artist Institute

August 13-14 Audubon McLane Center 8:30am-3:00pm

Join the NH State Council on the Arts for a two day professional development opportunity that builds community, skills,

and strategic mapping for teaching artists in New Hampshire. We will explore the role of teaching artists as facilitators in educational and community settings and strengthen our ability to engage learners of all abilities. An experienced teaching artist and faculty for the HOT schools since 1999, **Christopher Eaves**, will be at the helm of the institute guiding us through using multiple intelligences for cross disciplinary arts integration. **The Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire** and VSA NH will present on Universal Design for Learning (UDL). We will walk away from the institute better connected to our community of teaching artists across the region and better informed on applying the creative process to diverse settings. Space is limited. The opportunity is open to all teaching artists, but preference will be given to artists on the **Arts Education roster** from the **NH State Council on the Arts**.



Honing Your Afterschool Program Director Skills

This institute will return next year. Are you interested in participating? Email your name, program and location to acrossnh@seresc.net. Participants are given opportunity to develop their own leadership style and focus on the practical skills needed to be an effective leader of an afterschool program. This institute is designed to give participants the strategies to lead and empower those you work with to develop a program that motivates and inspires everyone.

Get Connected! Professional Educational Associations

NH Music Educators
Association

NH Arts Education Association

NH Dance Alliance

New Hampshire Association
for Health, Physical Education,
Recreation and Dance
(NHAHPERD)

NH Educational Theater Guild

NH Media Teachers

Dear Art Teachers:

What supports and services
do you need as an art teacher
in our state?

Click Here for the Survey

Your voice is important to
us in reaching our goal of
providing excellent service
to every art educator in
New Hampshire. The New
Hampshire Art Educators
Association would like to
hear from all art teachers at
all schools, all grade levels,
whether a current, past, or
non-member. **As our way
of saying "thank you," you
will receive a \$10 discount
for the 2018 NHAEA Fall
Conference for completing
the survey.**

Thank you for your help.

The second annual Arts Leadership Connector

will be held on August 15, 2018 from 8:30am -12pm at the **Audubon McLane Center** in Concord, NH. This is an opportunity for members of arts educational and other stakeholders including teachers and artists in media, music, visual arts, dance and theatre to strategize on how we can collectively strengthen arts education in NH in the 2018-2019 school year. We will also celebrate our achievements from 2017-2018 and brainstorm for Youth Arts Month. [Register on Eventbrite](#)

Arts Leadership Connector



Fourth International Teaching Artist Conference

Sept. 13-15 in New York City, convenes teaching artists, organizations and researchers, among others, to explore key issues of participatory arts practice. This year's conference will explore the theme of "Artist as Instigator: The Role, Responsibility, and Impact of Artists in Global Communities" through workshops, keynote addresses, site-specific observations and roundtable discussions.

[More](#)

Arts in Inclusive Learning and Arts in Early Learning Summer Workshops

The Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire and VSA New Hampshire continue their series of Arts in Inclusive Learning and Arts in Early Learning professional development opportunities across the state this summer, offering workshops for educators at all grade levels and in all subject areas. The programs, offered under a contract with the John F. Kennedy Center, focus on Universal Design for Learning through arts integration. Watch for details Programs include "Arts Integration & Personalized Learning: Assessment and Inclusion for All Students" on July 9; "Teaching the Arts to Students with Special Needs"; "Teaching Music to Students on the Autism Spectrum"; and more. Email programs@aannh.org to receive program details.

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Opportunities, Activities & Scholarships for Students

2018 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Hosted by the Museum of the White Mountains and Plymouth State's Community Education Program, offering a variety of fun-filled, enriching camps for kids of all ages and interests.

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YASS! YOUTH ARTS SUMMER SESSIONS

NH Institute of Art Youth Arts Summer Sessions in Manchester, NH (YASS) are designed to support young artists, creatives, writers, actors, makers and DIYers (ages 13-18) build their artistic practice and individual style while offering exposure to new concepts, materials and techniques. All ARTLABs consist of artistic skill building studios (areas of focus) in the morning and collaborative projects in the afternoons. Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm with an optional breakfast starting at 8:30am and open studio time available until 5:00pm.

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Experiential Learning & Summer Fun at Marlboro College, VT

Aimed at rising juniors and seniors (ages 15-18), this experience allows students to get a taste of liberal arts education and to discover what college learning is all about. College credit available.

[More](#)

Community Chamber Group in the foothills of the White Mountains

The Chamber Group meets every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Campton, NH, and includes both adult and youth members who play at an intermediate level or beyond. If you have a child looking to have an ensemble experience, or if you are an adult who has been thinking of dusting off that cello in the closet, this is a fun and welcoming space to do so. Please contact Jessye Bartlett at fiddleheadfield@gmail.com for more info.



Pat Picciano Brings the Art of Puppet-Making to South Londonderry School

South Londonderry School celebrated 15 years of implementing artist-in-residence programs for students with the art of puppet-making this year. Puppeteer Pat Picciano entertained students at several school assemblies with his variety of puppet characters along with explaining the puppets mechanics of how they were built.

Pat worked exclusively with 5th grade students over a 2-month period by meeting with them once a week to construct rod puppets from raw materials. Students paper mached, painted, made accessories, wrote scripts and performed in small groups in front of their peers. They worked diligently to capture the likeness of the person who inspires them the most and participated in a writing assignment prior to Pat's residency in which each student wrote about a someone who inspires them. Their puppet likenesses ranged from a parent to a teacher to a professional sports player to a historical figure.

Students in the other grade levels made their own hand held puppets in art classes with Mrs. Connors or Mrs. Cowan. The residency also was a great opportunity for many parents to volunteer their time in the art room and enjoy the art of puppet-making with their child.

News from Our Partners

White Mountain National Forest AIR

This year's White Mountain National Forest artists in residence will both be offering opportunities for interested participants to engage in forest-focused artmaking. Los Angeles-based Lorri Deyer will be creating a Field Guide to the Unnoticed: Walks through the WMNF, using illustrations, anecdotes, sound, and pictures and inviting the public (including youth) to accompany her on outings and to contribute their own observational art. Community members and Forest visitors will also be invited to join sculptor Quinn Morrisette in creating a sculptural tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Forest. Learn more about Lorri and her residency [here](#), and about Quinn and his work [here](#) and email programs@aannh.org if you'd like to be included in notices about WMNF AIR programs, including opening talks and field trips.

The Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire (SAANH)

is a statewide association of art educators, artists, and visual arts institutions who strives to foster creative expression and artistic achievement in all students, grade 7 through 12 who are eligible for the program. Since 1923, The Scholastic Art Awards have offered millions of students the opportunity to display their art works for regional and national recognition. Their objective is to foster the confidence of young artists and to invite students to broaden their horizons with opportunities to receive national recognition. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the largest and longest running programs of their kind in the country.

The SAANH is a non-profit organization and a Regional Affiliate of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc. The all-volunteer board is composed of elected officers and appointed members of the art education community who have extensive experience with junior and senior high school art programs in public, private, and parochial schools.

Twenty NH students representing twenty-five works of art received national recognition through the 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.:

Art educators should watch for a mailing about the 2019 program year beginning in mid-September. Students in grades 7-12 in all NH schools are eligible.

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SAFETEEN Film Festival holds first annual contest

On May 29 the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH hosted the [first annual SAFETEEN film festival](#). This unique festival featured films made by high school students from around the state that showcased current issues of teen safety. All genres were welcome to submit.

NH Media Teachers launch new website

The recently formed educational professional organization, NH Media Teachers has launched a [digital home](#).

Their mission is to advance New Hampshire's media industry by creating an environment that encourages faculty and students to thrive; to create a statewide collaboration of media teachers; and to be recognized as New Hampshire's go-to organization for the advancement of media education.

Sunapee teachers present on STEAM to the School Board

Teachers from industrial arts, computer science, and art and digital media presented on [their integrated STEAM programs](#) to the school board on May 3. Classes visited Crown Point Cabinetry to see their computer aided drafting and routing in action, and the school hopes to purchase a CNC program in the future. Students also visited Hypertherm. The school is actively trying to recruit more female students. Sunapee also has a Destination Imagination team who placed first in the state and will proceed to the Global Finals.

BridgeUP: Theater in the Schools

Northern Stage of White River Junction, VT, sponsors BridgeUp. This year 16 teaching artists will go into 8 area schools, serving nearly 300 students over a broad geographic radius, with a special focus on school districts where the arts are needed most. Additionally, the program includes a newly created BridgeUP: Musical Theater in the Schools.

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Resources & Articles for Students, Teachers & Parents

Project Based Learning powered by STEAM

New Hampshire Schools are making pretty exciting leaps in educational pedagogy. Worksheets and rote memorization are going by the wayside and teachers are embracing [project-based learning in all subjects](#). The shift toward more PBL will allow for deeper connections to content through hands-on learning and real-world application of knowledge.

STEAM- Arts Integration in our Communities

[Read how one employee](#) of the US Environmental Protection Agency uses his background in Art and design to inform his current work. ArtPlace America has many case studies and spotlights on how the Arts have been integrated through community development.

What does STEAM in New Hampshire look like?

STEAM champions innovation through achieving competencies in each subject area of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics. Through project based learning, these subjects are integrated to present a more holistic learning experience. STEAM challenges students through the application of 21st Century Skills: creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration. [Here's what STEAM looks like in NH.](#)

Just Published! Music Matters

In this [updated resource](#), made possible with generous support from the CMA Foundation and the NAMM Foundation, AEP builds on the first release of Music Matters in 2011 and explores the importance of music on student learning outcomes through research studies identified within [ArtsEdSearch](#). This resource highlights the demonstrated effects of music education and how it helps students learn, achieve, succeed and develop the foundational capacities for lifelong success.

2018 AEP State Policy Symposium Resources Now Available

AEP is pleased to share resources from this event, including panel discussion presentations and materials from the day's six workshops, that AEP partner organizations and all arts and education leaders and stakeholders can utilize and share.

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• Join Ashland/Holderness Tug O' War
& sign our "Peace Promise"
• Kids Art Sale Fundraiser for our schools

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JULY 1ST
4:00-7:00 PM**
Squam Science Center
Holderness, NH

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Financial Management by Ashland Area Rec. Association
Proceeds to benefit both Ashland & Holderness School Art Programs

Just Released! Preparing Educators and School Leaders for Effective Arts Integration

AEP celebrates the many ways to meaningfully incorporate the arts into education, from arts instruction to after-school programs and beyond. In this [new report](#), made possible with guidance from AEP's Higher Education Working Group and generous support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, AEP explores successful practices for arts integration, with a focus on educator and school leader professional development. This resource also provides an overview of research highlighting the impact of instructor preparation and professional development on student outcomes.

Summertime YouTube Playlist:

[The Economic, Educational, and Emotional value of music](#)
[Encourage Creativity: Teach the Arts \(facts, figures, action\)](#)
[Arts Education Changes Perspectives and the World](#)

Podcasts

Teacher Voice & Design Thinking
Hip Hip! [Let's hear it for teacher voice! Listen to one district's approach to strategic planning](#) that puts teachers at the center of [designthinking](#).

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COMICS + endangered species= conference notes we actually want to read!

Teaching Artist [Marek Bennett](#) digested conference highlights from [Plymouth State University's](#) conference on Bicknell's Thrush. You can print your own or view online.

Franklin School District uses state grant to fight dropout rate, save theater arts programs.

[More](#)

Report Urges more integration between STEM, the Arts, and Humanities

Here's more [important evidence](#) about how the arts benefit learning and work-force outcomes. This National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine consensus report urges the integration of the arts and humanities within STEM higher education.

Longitudinal Analysis of Music Education on Executive Functions in Primary School Children

by Erik Scherder et al

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Community Singers Join Student Choruses at Spring Festival

"As a choral director and lifelong singer, I have always believed that singing is the most powerful, personal and incredibly moving gift we have as humans," says Woodsville High and Haverhill Cooperative Middle School music educator Christina Plateau. "Through song we can demonstrate our willingness to come together as a community even in challenging times." This year she again invited community members to sing with her students at the Spring Arts Festival. The combined voices sang "Sisi Ni Moja" - a Swahili phrase that translates to "We Are One" - at the Festival on May 17th.

Plymouth High Media Students Make Documentary



Plymouth Regional High School students had the honor of spending time with local community members as they shared their stories of the efforts to save the artifacts and the historical Old Webster Courthouse in Plymouth, NH. Students prepared and conducted individual interviews discussing the building. They heard stories of the past and explanations of how this building served its community for many years. The students wanted to share the heartfelt anecdotes of those who wish to save this important structure. The Media Production team unveiled their findings in a short documentary on the Italian Farmhouse property on March 9th. Click here to see the [AFTER EVENT VIDEO- BY PRHS MEDIA STUDENTS.](#)