



WHAT WE DO

Anderson Valley Arts (AVArts) is committed to increasing access to arts education and art experiences for all Anderson Valley residents.

With the generous involvement of many talented local artists, craftspeople, businesses and donors, the projects and events AVArts sponsors serve the dual purpose of reinforcing community spirit and making the arts a more visible and important presence in our community.

SCHOLARSHIPS

AVArts awards scholarships to talented high school seniors who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing the arts and arts education in college.

AVArts also provides scholarships to students in 3rd-12th grade to attend special arts-related classes, workshops and events in the *Visual Arts* (printmaking, painting, drawing, photography, ceramics and sculpture); the *Performing Arts* (theater, drama, music and dance); the *Literary Arts* (fiction and poetry); and the *Multimedia Arts* (mixed media, design, audio and video).

ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS

AVArts provides grants for supplemental arts education programs and experiences in the Anderson Valley schools. Studies show that the arts create rich learning environments which foster innovation, culture and engagement in school and the community.

COMMUNITY ARTS EVENTS

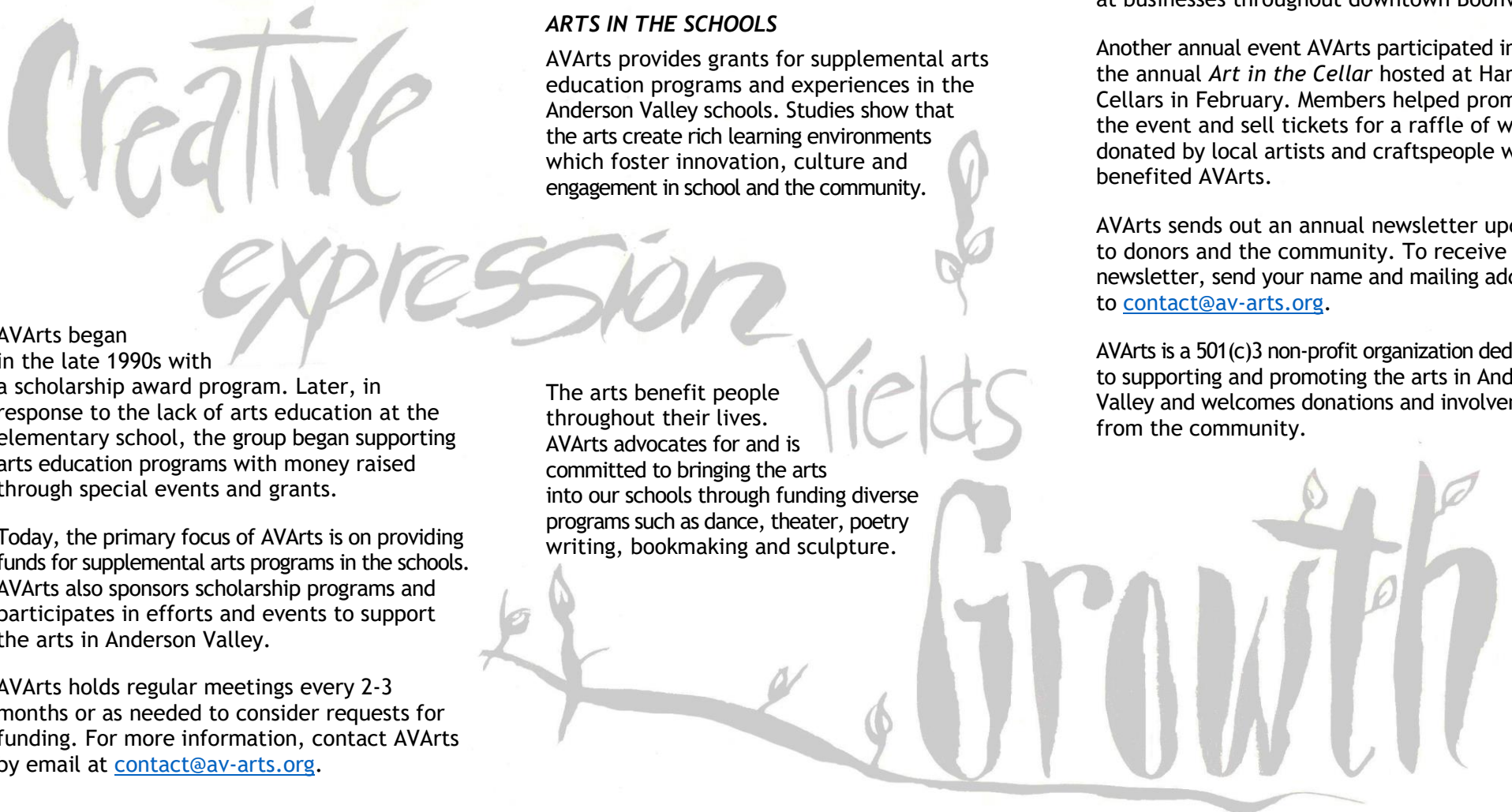
AVArts has a long history of sponsoring a variety of entertaining and successful community arts events such as the legendary *Cluck Art, Come and Get Your Just Desserts, Hands on Art* and *Sweet Chair-i-ty* and, more recently, *Pie in the Sky* and *It's About Time*.

For many years AVArts, with the support of the Anderson Valley Chamber of Commerce and local merchants, brought together the *Boonville ArtWalk*—an annual fun one-day event held in early July which showcased the work of local artists and craftspeople at businesses throughout downtown Boonville.

Another annual event AVArts participated in was the annual *Art in the Cellar* hosted at Handley Cellars in February. Members helped promote the event and sell tickets for a raffle of works donated by local artists and craftspeople which benefited AVArts.

AVArts sends out an annual newsletter update to donors and the community. To receive the newsletter, send your name and mailing address to contact@av-arts.org.

AVArts is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the arts in Anderson Valley and welcomes donations and involvement from the community.



AVArts began in the late 1990s with a scholarship award program. Later, in response to the lack of arts education at the elementary school, the group began supporting arts education programs with money raised through special events and grants.

Today, the primary focus of AVArts is on providing funds for supplemental arts programs in the schools. AVArts also sponsors scholarship programs and participates in efforts and events to support the arts in Anderson Valley.

AVArts holds regular meetings every 2-3 months or as needed to consider requests for funding. For more information, contact AVArts by email at contact@av-arts.org.

The arts benefit people throughout their lives. AVArts advocates for and is committed to bringing the arts into our schools through funding diverse programs such as dance, theater, poetry writing, bookmaking and sculpture.