

As we bid farewell to an extraordinary year, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support you have provided to Lost Province Arts. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones and made a lasting impact, not only for LPCCA, but for our community.

Your contributions last year enabled us to:

Increase our pottery program enrollments and studio capacity with the addition of three pottery wheels and three wash stations. Remodel and outfit a room specific for hand building with clay. Outfit a glaze room with 20+ glazes and a full complement of chemicals cataloged and organized for classes. Acquire an additional kiln. Acquire a hand-pie making machine that will complement our culinary program and assist our fundraising. Add handrails to the stone walk leading to the stone school building and improve lighting in the building. Hire a studio coordinator to accommodate and continue growth of our studio potters. Repair windows on the north end of the brick building. Expand our programs to include barn quilting. And host multiple visiting Artisan Workshops that will continue into 2024.

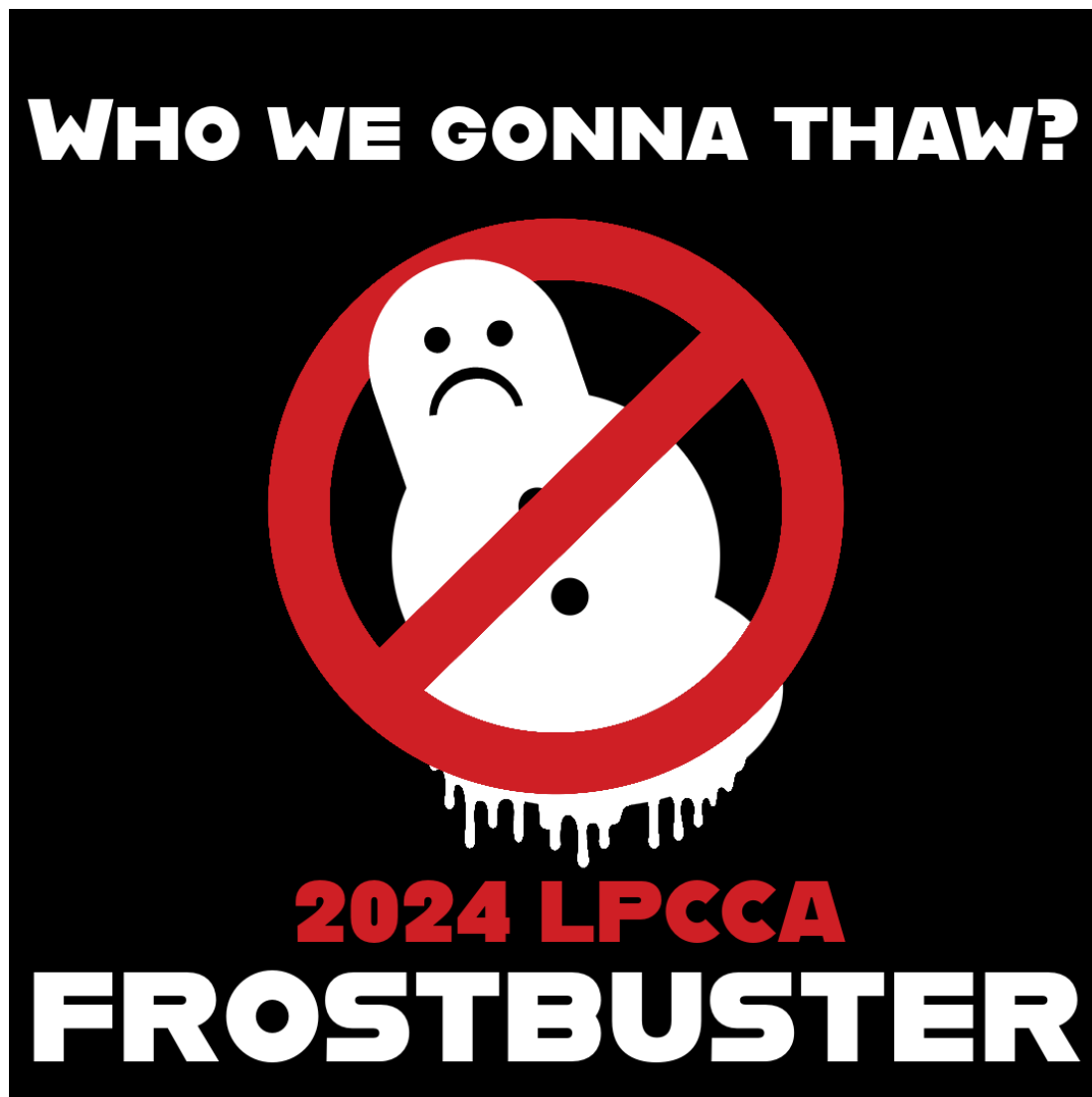


A special thanks to [NC State Employee Credit Union Foundation](#), [Windgate Foundation](#), [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#), [Marion Stedman Covington Foundation](#) and [Fifth Third Bank](#) for your generous grants which helped with all of the above and more. And a big thank you to [Molley Chomper Hard Cider](#) and other local businesses who continue to be our neighbor, friend and supporter.

Additionally, we strengthened our relationships with Ashe County leadership, Wilkes Community College, [Blue Ridge Opportunity Center \(BROC\)](#), and Insight North Carolina to further develop our job training programs and community involvement. We are leasing space in our brick building to enrich our community

with [Taekwondo](#), [Qigong](#), BROCC and other local businesses. And we continue to add to our already talented instructor group.

We are excited to share that with the addition of the handrails, lighting and other small upgrades, we have started to utilize the stone building for meeting and venue space. In fact, we will host our first event of 2024 (the Frost Buster 80's Dance Party) in the stone building. Stay tuned for ticket sales, the event is February 24th, and we look forward to seeing you there. [Click here to get your tickets](#), space is limited!



Late in 2023 we introduced our Membership Program. This offers class and merchandise discounts, early purchase opportunities for classes and events and more. You can start your LPCCA membership today - [LPCCA Membership Program Click Here!](#)

Our collective efforts have not only enabled the growth of LPCCA as an outlet for artisans, but they have also strengthened the town of Lansing and the growth of small businesses by being a hub in the community. Your dedication and generosity are instrumental in achieving our vision of being a local gathering spot and we are excited to build upon this foundation in the coming year.

Additional plans for the coming year are to continue expansion of community events and class offerings. This will include live music to expand upon our practical offerings. We seek to become a destination for local and national artists, building our community and support base as we grow. This will not just benefit LPCCA - it will benefit the full Ashe community. We will also introduce the David Bridge scholarship for our pottery

program and wish to research the use of solar heat exchangers on sun facing surfaces of the brick building to reduce our expenses and carbon footprint.

We are excited to partner with [NC Growth of The Kenan Center](#) at UNC-Chapel Hill this year in the development of a Business Plan, Market Analysis, Marketing Plan and Pro Forma to strengthen our fundraising portfolio with the goal of attracting major investment for renovations. If you are not aware, our project qualifies for historic and new market tax credits. Should these be of interest to you, we would love to discuss further.

As we embark on these and many more challenges and opportunities, please know that your continued support is invaluable. Together we can achieve even greater things and make a lasting difference in the town of Lansing and Ashe County.

Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey. Here's to another year of making a positive impact together.

With heartfelt appreciation and warmest regards,

Mara Burdick, Chair
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