



SPOTLIGHT

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ARTS ON THE GREEN

Sunapee Harbor welcomes local and regional artists

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 17 is the 10th Annual Arts on the Green at Sunapee Harbor. Organized by the Center for the Arts (CFA), this exhibit of arts and fine crafts is the perfect way to while away a beautiful summer morning or afternoon. The harbor will be bustling with activity. Along with the artwork, there will be demonstrations and a chance to meet some wonderful local and regional artists. Afterwards, you can relax with a coffee or smoothie, have lunch by the water, or enjoy the views with a walk by Dewey Beach.

ARTS ON THE GREEN

Sunapee Harbor
July 17, 10am-4pm

NATURALLY NEW ENGLAND

The Livery on Main Street in Sunapee
July 17-25
Opening reception July 17, 5-7pm



Helping Artists Excel

CFA has been around for more than a dozen years and is dedicated to connecting artists to the community and the community to the arts. In addition to many talented visual artists, CFA supports musicians, dancers, actors, poets, and writers.

The mostly volunteer organization (CFA has one employee, a part-time administrator) is powered by a long list of hardworking artists and friends of the arts. Jean Cronin Connolly of New London is one of them and chairman of the CFA board of directors. “The region is filled with incredible talent,” says Jean. “Throughout the year, our diverse offering of programs showcases these gifted individuals. From poetry readings and musical programs to exhibits and contests, CFA provides venues and opportunities for artists to excel.”

Overlooking Sunapee Harbor, Arts on the Green is an all-outdoor event. The juried show is curated to include a combination of different artwork and crafts. This year, you’ll find paintings, photographs, metalwork, ceramics, jewelry, and stained glass. There is also a good mix of new and returning artists. “We’ve been getting wonderful feedback about the show,” says Jean. “People have been cooped up all winter, and it’s been worse than usual because of COVID. Everyone is happy that something artsy is happening.”

Painters Luci Lesmerises and Debbie Campbell and glass artist Kathleen Curwen are delighted to be back again this year. “It’s a great show,” says Luci. “People in Sunapee are friendly and appreciate art.” Debbie adds, “In spite of the pandemic, Jean and the volunteers did a wonderful job last year. It was great to be outside sharing art with the local community.” Kathleen agrees: “Thank you CFA for all you do for in the Sunapee region!”





Clockwise from top: Artist Tatiana Yanovskaya-Sink explains her technique to a visitor. Sunapee Harbor. Photo by Susan Nye. Artist Debbie Campbell with her artwork. Photo by Susan Nye. Visitors view paintings at one of the tents at the show.



**SWING-SWING-SWING
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA
JULY 8, 6:30PM**

Support our local students! CFA has provided more than \$28,000 in scholarships over the past few years. The annual summer gala plays a critical fundraising role to provide resources to young dancers, artists, poets, and writers. Unfortunately, the coronavirus shut down the 2020 event.

Now, the gala is back and better than ever with the Bedford Big Band. This year's gala will take place in and outside the Phillips Barn at the New London Historical Society. There will be safely prepared complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts as well as a cash bar. Pod reservations and socially distanced tables and seating are available.

Tickets can be purchased at Morgan Hill Bookstore, Tatewell Gallery, and online at www.centerfortheartsnh.org. (Tickets also include one complimentary beverage.)

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Supporting Artists and the Community

In addition to Arts on the Green, *Naturally New England* will be on view at the Livery on Main Street. This fine-art exhibit runs from July 17 to 25. The show features artists from New Hampshire and Vermont and highlights New England's spectacular landscapes and wildlife. You will enjoy a variety of painting, drawing, prints, photographs, and mixed-media works. The artists explore different styles from realism to abstract. If you're free, don't miss the opening reception on the evening of July 17.

Along with showcasing some of the region's finest artists, Arts on the Green and *Naturally New England* play a role in CFA's ongoing fundraising efforts. The artists contribute a portion of their sales to CFA's community programs. Each year the CFA donates a portion of the proceeds from sales to a local nonprofit in the Lake Sunapee Region. This year's recipient is Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

The list of CFA's community outreach and activities is long. Throughout the year, CFA sponsors poetry readings and lectures, weekend artist workshops, grants to local teachers, the quarterly microgalleries at local businesses, and more. The CFA has a new home and MiniGallery at the New London Inn. During the pandemic, many programs were forced online. With vaccinations continuing to ramp up and expand, CFA is looking forward to bringing the community together—live—for exhibits and performances.

Learn more about the Center for the Arts and its many and diverse programs at www.centerfortheartsnh.org.

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