



# Annual Report, 802ARTsHouse, for Business Year, November 2023 - 2024

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The **802ARTsHouse** Board THANKS Alyson Chase for bringing our group together after we learned that VHC was dissolving. Alyson scheduled several ZOOM meetings to get the work of this new organization started. When it was time to find 6 Board members for **802ARTsHouse** she stepped forward again. Alyson led the Affiliate Gallery program securing our first affiliates. Alyson stepped off the Board in July. So very much of **802ARTsHouse** has come from this special artist! Thank you, Alyson.



# 802ARTsHouse Board

## Board Members

President, Ellen A Thompson, Fiber & clay artist, 3 year term

Vice President, Dee Christie, Painter, 3 year term

Secretary, Gary Walz, Wooden Pens, 2 year term

Treasurer, Zoie Parent, Jewelry, 2 year term

Jim Holzschuh, Wood, 1 year term

Alyson Chase, Mixed Media, 1 year term (resigned in September, 2024)

Jonathan Hart, Photographer, appointed by Board to fill Alyson's term

## 2024 Board Goals

1. Ensure responsive communication with 802ARTsHouse members, to include:
  - a. ART CHAT, newsletter bi-monthly
  - b. Meeting notification and minutes to membership after approval by Board
  - c. Affiliate Organizations, input - output 3-4 times per year
  - d. More
2. Share the work and fun with more 802ARTs members:
  - a. [Committees](#)
  - b. Chairperson
  - c. Work plan
3. Provide at least 2-4 regional state show options for members beyond Celebrate Vermont
4. Maintain position on the Starbird Events Art Advisory Board
5. Maintain and build collegial interactions with other show producers in the region in order to secure more options for the membership
6. Provide workshops/retreats for and by the membership on topics of interest to include, but not limited to:
  - a. Marketing
  - b. Web development
  - c. Social media use
  - d. Art(s) development - sharing our expertise.
  - e. More
7. Create a charitable campaign: Example: Encourage and support young artists in the 802ARTsHouse region by providing them the opportunity to grow within their chosen art medium with mentorship from 802ARTsHouse artists in both the creation and the marketing of their artwork.
8. Create a charitable campaign for show development?

## [Board Meeting Schedule](#)

# President's Report

Dear 802ARTsHouse members,

I have had the great fortune to lead our organization with our fabulous Board of Directors during our first year of incorporation as an 501c(3) arts entity. It has been a rollercoaster of a year. I will highlight a few of our accomplishments and needs in this report.

## Accomplishments:

- As a new Board we centered much time on getting ourselves names and incorporated, with input from you. We also worked hard to research and become a 501c(3) charitable organization. This would not have been possible had we taken on the reins of Vermont Hand Crafters. Switching business designations would have been difficult and even more time consuming.. We decided on a fresh start with a new name. We incorporated officially on October 25, 2023 and we received our 501c(3) designation on November 14, 2023.
- November, 2023 Craft Vermont Show (last VHC show) became our launching vehicle to talk with past members about the opportunities ahead for our new organization. At this time, we had also been working with Charley Dooley of StarBird Events in regard to the 2024 show at the DoubleTree Hilton. BOTH StarBird Events and the 802ARTsHouse Board realized that by collaborating together, we could create a vibrant new show. We worked hard to let the public know that while the previous organization was not producing the next show, we were, as a group of artists, committed to making sure the new show ran with our members in it. Charley agreed to fill the show Exhibition Hall with 802ARTsHouse members only and to brand it as such. Our goal of getting name recognition had begun!
- By December your Board was developing new programs, created bylaws, and an online jury process. The jury process was active and we were bringing in new artists to the organization. We also surveyed our new members and were reaching out to past members and more across the state. We saw our membership numbers growing each month. We put together two smaller shows at Smiley Manse in Springfield for May and at RiverLedge Farm in Grafton for August. Neither show ran, but we did generate interest from our members. The Board was (and is) trying to address having shows in the southern portion of the state. The Board also voted to increase our Vermont Region by including the contiguous states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, and Quebec. 802ARTsHouse has several new members in these areas.
- Under the leadership of Alyson Chase, our affiliate program was developed and we brought on several affiliate galleries. They are:
  - The Smiley Manse, Springfield
  - Artist in Residence, St. Albans

- Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild
  - Milton Artists' Guild
  - Frog Hollow Gallery
  - Artisans Gallery, Waitsfield
  - North Branch Pottery, Randolph
  - MoRae Gallery, Grafton
  - The Depot Street Gallery, Ludlow
- In June, our organization was approached by Tim Ciancola of Craftproducers. Tim asked if our group might collaborate with him about the Southern Vermont Art & Craft Festival in August. The Board agreed and we began promoting the show. In return, Time offered us free booths for artists who had experienced damages in the July floods. He also gave us a 20x20' tent to use at the show at no cost to 802ARTsHouse. We worked the gate and also helped with parking. All workers were paid by Tim. At this event, we set up our first 802ARTsHouse gallery, showcasing and selling multiple members' arts at the show. We talked with customers and artists alike, letting them know who we are and what we hope to do. Our FOUNDATIONal Campaign was started right before this show and we solicited art pieces from members to fill two raffle baskets. We sold tickets and accepted donations at this show and will do the same at the Celebrate Vermont Festival.

Also in June, we launched our *Celebrate Vermont...A Bird's Eye View* program with affiliate galleries. This has been a great success! More information is later in this report.

- Our website is chock full of our work and we have created a presence on social media with our Instagram account followers growing daily! Monthly ART CHAT newsletters have been emailed to 802ARTsHouse members and our entire mailing list. Many, many (too many) emails have been sent to members in regard to our programs, the work of the Board, and more. Our Board is committed to maintaining an open communication channel!
- In working with StarBird Events, we are already thinking about next year's November show! Our two organizations have benefitted from our collaborations. StarBird Events has planned with us a brand new tented show in Quechee for next September 26-29, 2025. We are excited to see what is next!

This is only a sampling of what the 802ARTsHouse Board has been up to this year. We are energized by you all. Your support has been invaluable. It is only up from here!

Respectfully submitted:

Ellen A Thompson, Ed. D.  
802ARTsHouse, President

## Vice President Report

I have to start out my report by saying what a great group/board I have worked with this past year. Not knowing anyone and us becoming such a cohesive team has been a truly positive experience. On top of that, we are a total volunteer board, so having everyone giving the time and energy into this organization has been extremely rewarding.

The past year we have had a new logo for our new organization created, and worked through the iterations of that, along with creating graphic designs to promote our organization. Stickers, signs and brochures have been all part of the process. We will continue to grow and develop **802ARTsHouse** as we go, and we are starting to be known in our state through our media presence.

One of our affiliates, The Smiley Manse, in Springfield has been willing to work with us to create events down in Southern Vermont, offering their space to hold small events. We are hopeful one of these ideas comes to fruition in the near future but are thankful to have a place in the southern part of the state to possibly create a "Happening" for our 802ARTs House members.

We are also in the process of creating fundraisers for our FOUNDATIONAL campaign to help allow all our ideas to have a financial base to run on. We are looking for help with the raffle baskets that are being raffled at the show. If you can sell some tickets, buy some tickets or think of other ways to grow our campaign funds we would welcome your ideas.

We had success with the birdhouses raising awareness to 802 ARTs House, the artists that participated, and the galleries that hosted our birdhouses. We are hoping to do this again next year, so if you are interested please let us know. OR, if you have another idea similar to the birdhouses we would also love to hear what your ideas are.

Lastly, I want to thank each and everyone of you for believing in us as a board, and know that we appreciate all of you. We always want to hear what you think (positive or negative), so we continue to grow! Thank you for your trust.

Respectfully Submitted:  
VP Dee Christie

## Secretary Report

- 1) 802 ARTs House LLC was officially registered with the State of Vermont on October 25, 2023, with Ellen Thompson as the Registered Agent
- 2) 803 ARTs House held their organizing meeting on November 14, 2023. At this meeting:
  - a) An initial slate of Board members were unanimously elected, consisting of:
    - i) Ellen Thompson
    - ii) Jim Holzschuh
    - iii) Dee Christie
    - iv) Gary Walz
    - v) Zoie Parent
    - vi) Alyson Chase
  - b) The Articles of Incorporation, as filed with the Vermont Secretary of State, were unanimously approved.
  - c) The 802 ARTs House Bylaws were unanimously approved
  - d) Nominations for officers were made, and the following slate of officers were unanimously elected:
    - i) President - Ellen Thompson
    - ii) Vice President -
    - iii) Treasurer - Zoie Parent
    - iv) Secretary - Gary Walz
  - e) Motions were made and unanimously passed on the following topics:
    - i) Exemption from Federal and State Taxes
    - ii) Conflict of Interest and Gift Acceptance Policies.
    - iii) Creation and Maintenance of a Corporate Records and Minute Book/File
    - iv) Initialization and Authorization of a Bank Account, with the aforementioned officers as signees.
- 3) Additional Board Meetings were warned and held on the following dates:
  - a) November 28, 2023
  - b) January 9, 2024
  - c) February 6, 2024

- d) March 16, 2024
  - e) April 18, 2024
  - f) May 11, 2024
  - g) June 4, 2024
  - h) September 3, 2024
  - i) October 7, 2024
- 4) Copies of Board Meeting Minutes may be viewed on the 802 ARTs House website at:

<https://802artshouse.org/802artshouse-board-meeting-schedule/>

- 5) A member meeting will be held Sunday morning of the Celebrate Vermont show at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Burlington, Vermont from 8:30 to 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary W. Walz, Secretary



# Financial Reports

Approved Budget 2024 - 2025

802ARTsHouse					
FY 25 Budget					
July - June, 2025					
Balance Forward: \$ _____					
Description	Current actual, 2023-24	Budget	2024-25 Actual	Over/under Budget	Percentage of Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>Membership Income</b>					
Membership dues (going forward @\$50)	\$5,125.00	\$7,500.00			
Affiliate Gallery membership @\$35	\$70.00	\$350.00			
802 Merchandise sales	\$0.00	\$500.00			
<b>TOTAL Membership Income</b>		<b>\$8,350.00</b>			
<b>Craft Show Income, 802ARTs</b>					
Booth fees		\$500.00			
802 Merchandise sales		\$500.00			
Show Income (collaborative income		\$1,000.00			
<b>TOTAL Craft Show income</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>			
<b>Charitable Campaigns</b>					
Young Artist Development Fund		\$2,000.00			
802 ARTsHouse Show Foundation Fund		\$25,000.00			
<b>TOTAL Charitable Campaign income</b>		<b>\$27,000.00</b>			
<b>Misc Income</b>					
		\$1,000.00			
<b>Interest Income</b>					
Interest Earned		\$5.00			
<b>Total Interest income</b>		<b>\$5.00</b>			

<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$37,355.00</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Event Expense</b>					
Craft Shows Site Expense		\$4,000.00			
Young Artist Booth Expense	\$0.00	\$750.00			
Classes/Workshops/Retreats	\$0.00	\$2,500.00			
Vendor accouterments - water, bagels...	\$0.00	\$500.00			
Signage	\$0.00	\$750.00			
Liability Insurance	\$470.00	\$500.00			
<b>TOTAL Craft Show Expense</b>		<b>\$9,000.00</b>			
<b>Scholarship Expense</b>					
Young Artist Scholarship	\$0.00	\$1,000			
Other	\$0.00				
<b>TOTAL Young Artist Expense</b>		<b>\$1,000</b>			
<b>Publicity</b>					
Printing	\$171.19	\$300.00			
Digital advertising	\$0.00	\$100.00			
Advertisements - radio/TV/newspapers	\$0.00	\$1,000.00			
Flags / Banners	\$0.00	\$750.00			
Merchandise	\$0.00	\$750.00			
<b>TOTAL Publicity Expense</b>		<b>\$2,900.00</b>			
<b>Board Expense</b>					
Mileage @.67 (802 meetings, etc.)	\$0.00	\$300.00			
Software expenses (ZOOM)	\$0.00	\$80.00			
Legal & Professional fees	\$0.00	\$200.00			
<b>TOTAL Board Expenses</b>		<b>\$380.00</b>			
<b>Website Expense (expires - 10/24)</b>					



Domains: 802ARTs, 802ARTsHouse	\$42.00	\$42.00			
<a href="#">Web hosting - Netfirms</a>	\$366.41	\$375.00			
		<b>\$417.00</b>			
<b>Bookkeeping &amp; Accounting Expense</b>					
Bank & Credit Card Expenses		\$100.00			
Professional fees	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Bookkeeping Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Tax Preparation	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Quickbooks Online Subscription Fees	\$0.00	\$500.00			
<b>TOTAL Bookkeeping &amp; Accounting Expense</b>		<b>\$600.00</b>			
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$14,297.00</b>			
<b>Potential earnings</b>		<b>\$23,058.00</b>			

Banking Reports

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# Profit - Loss

802 Arts House, LLC  
Profit and Loss % of Total Income  
December 1, 2023 - November 4, 2024

	TOTAL	
	DEC 1, 2023 - NOV 4, 2024	% OF INCOME
<b>Income</b>		
Billable Expense Income	0.00	0.00 %
Membership	4,929.30	63.84 %
Services	817.88	10.59 %
Uncategorized Income	1,974.74	25.57 %
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,721.92</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$7,721.92</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising & Marketing	1,821.17	23.58 %
Bank Charges & Fees	1.75	0.02 %
Insurance	417.00	5.40 %
Job Supplies	380.00	4.92 %
Legal & Professional Services	525.00	6.80 %
Office Supplies & Software	79.27	1.03 %
Other Business Expenses	738.88	9.57 %
Reimbursable Expenses	20.00	0.26 %
Uncategorized Expense	190.00	2.46 %
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,173.07</b>	<b>54.04 %</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,548.85</b>	<b>45.96 %</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,548.85</b>	<b>45.96 %</b>

Accrual Basis Monday, November 4, 2024 12:58 PM GMT-05:00

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Respectfully Submitted:  
Zoie Parent, Treasurer

## Jury Chair Report

2024 Jury Report, November 1, 2024

The Jury process starts when an interested artist visits the 802 Arts House website and selects the Jury Application page. Once the application is filled in and completed it is added to the Jury Application Google form. This form is checked daily for any new additions. The application is checked for valid information and I also ensure that I have received at least 8 to 10 pictures of the artist's work in my email.

I will then single out at least 4 or 5 current members of 802 Arts to review the application and the pictures of the work. I try to select jurors who have been in 802 Arts for a longer

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period of time, especially those who have been past members of Vermont Hand Crafters. I send these prospective jurors the application, all the pictures and a Google evaluation form for their input. If at least 3 of the jurors return their evaluations in the affirmative I will send the artist a congratulatory email which contains the link to join 802 Arts. Once they join, Ellen then sends them the link for the November Art, Craft, Sip and Taste Show. Their email address is also added to the list of members who receive monthly/weekly mailings from the board.

If the evaluation forms come back with less than favorable reviews I send the info to other jurors for their review, trying to get a positive consensus opinion of the work. I have on occasion picked up artwork so that jurors could examine the work first hand. This usually results in a positive review. I have on occasion gotten back to the prospective member with some of the comments from the jury however it is thought that this practice should be done at a minimum.

Since the inception of 802 Arts House we have had the following results from the Jury Process.

- 70 Jury Applications Submitted
  - One from a VHC member who did not need to submit an application - she was immediately admitted
  - Two from a "joint" applicant that should have submitted only one application
  
- 68 Valid Applications
  - 56 Applications approved and applicant joined 802 Arts House
  - 5 Applications were approved and applicant has not taken the last step to join
  - 2 Applications where applicant was repeatedly asked to send pictures and has not done so
  - 1 Application where applicant was asked clarification questions and they did not follow through
  - 1 Applicant when asked to send more pictures and information decided to not finish the application
  - 3 Applications still in process
  
- The 56 approved applications by media type
  - 8 Fiber - Knits, Weaving, Surface Design, Clothing, Felt Sculpture
  - 3 Glass - Fused, Stained
  - 3 Wearable Art
  - 11 Framed Art - Pastels, Watercolors, Acrylics, Oils, Printmaking, Posters
  - 6 Wood - Turning, Cutting Boards, Scroll Saw Work, Carving, Furniture

- 9 Clay - Pottery
- 3 Photography
- 8 Jewelry
- 2 Metal Sculpture
- 2 Candles & Soaps
- 1 Paper Arts, Quilling

Respectfully Submitted:

Jim Holzschuh, Jury Chair

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## Membership Report

171 members as of November 10, 2024

116 current members were past members of VHC

Membership Dues: \$50

Membership dues will be solicited in 4 quarters of the year to accommodate varying sign on dates.

July-September: Membership Renewal = August

October - December: Membership Renewal = November

January - March: Membership Renewal = February

April - June Membership Renewal = May

## Affiliate Chair Report

Terrific opportunities for 802 ARTsHouse to reach out and partner with other Vermont show producers, event managers, businesses, collaborative & cooperative galleries, art & craft councils, clubs, classes, workshops, extraordinary artists, makers, and creators around the state. The eager and committed volunteer will sit on the 802 Board as a member and new Affiliate Chair focused on engagement with talented people and organizations to discover mutual benefits as affiliates.

Jonathan Hart, Interim Board member

## Communication

Members and Communication to larger art community

Our website is chock full of our work and we have created a presence on social media with our Instagram account followers growing daily!

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- Monthly ART CHAT newsletters have been emailed to 802ARTsHouse members and our entire mailing list.
- Many, many (too many) emails have been sent to members in regard to our programs, the work of the Board, and more.
- Our Board is committed to maintaining an open communication channel!

## 802ARTsHouse 2023-2024 Year at a Glance

### Programs

#### Celebrate Vermont...A Bird's Eye View

The online silent auction for Celebrate Vermont...A Bird's Eye View is open for bidding now.

These birdhouses are fabulous! If you have not seen them in their gallery locations, take a peek at the auction. Please share widely: <https://802artshouse.org/product-category/auction/>

The birdhouses will be located in the Diamond Room during the show.

### Shows

#### Smiley Manse Show

##### **1st Annual 802ARTs -Smiley Manse Spring POP UP Craft Show, 2024**

at The Smiley Manse, an 802ARTsHouse affiliated venue

485 Cherry Hill, Springfield, VT 05156

Saturday, May 18, 10-4:00 pm

802ARTsHouse and the Smiley Manse are hosting our **1st Annual 802 -Smiley POP UP Craft Show, 2024**. This show will take place from 10-4:00 on Saturday, May 18, on the grounds of The Smiley Manse @ 485 Cherry Hill, Springfield, Vermont, <https://the-smiley-manse.com/>. Tents will be set up on the Manse's grounds and tables for vendors will be in the barn. Come support our 802ARTsHouse artists! Thunderstorms will cancel this event - no rain date.

This show did not meet the minimum needed to go forward with it..

#### River Ledge Farm Show

##### **802ARTs - Riverledge Farm Spring POP UP Craft Show, 2024**

Riverledge Farm, 2060 Townshend Road, Grafton, Vermont

Saturday, August 24th, 10-4:00 pm

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802ARTsHouse is hosting our **802 - Riverledge Farm POP UP Craft Show, 2024** at Riverledge Farm in Grafton, Vermont. This show will take place from 10-4:00 on Saturday, June 8th, on the grounds of Riverledge Farm @ 2060 Townshend Road, Grafton, Vermont, <https://www.riverledgefarmvt.com>. Tents will be set up on the Farm grounds and tables for vendors will be in the barn. Come support our 802ARTsHouse artists! Thunderstorms will cancel this event - no rain date.

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Southern Vermont Festival, Craftproducers

August 6-9, Manchester, VT

802ARTsHouse will:

- supply members to help with the gate each day. 802ARTsHouse workers will have a labeled donation jar for our upcoming Capital Campaign. Donation from Craftproducers for time spent.
- create an 802ARTsHouse tented space 20'x20' to house a member art show, silent auction, gift basket raffle, and membership materials.

802ARTsHouse and Craftproducers will:

- add "branding" to future advertising "presented with 802ARTsHouse"
- Time to address the artists at the Saturday night after hours meeting about 802ARTsHouse

Celebrate Vermont Festival with StarbirdEvents

The entire Exhibition Hall and front lobby of the show is filled with 802ARTsHouse members. We will have a table in the lobby for 802ARTsHouse promotional materials. Upstairs there are more members of 802ARTsHouse in the Promenade, top of stairs and in the Emerald Room.

There will be an **802ARTsHouse** Gallery space at this year's *Celebrate Vermont Festival!* Starbird Events is not charging us for the space. We have the entire Diamond Room! It will provide lots of room to display member artwork which we will sell as well as our 29 painted birdhouses for the *Celebrate Vermont...A Bird's Eye View* program with affiliate galleries.

Advertising:

- There will be ads in Seven Days starting this week!
- Spots on Vermont Public are in the works.
- Cheryly Dooley and I will be on Across the Fence, airing November 21st at noon.
- Jack Thurston from channel 5 is going to do two video spots - 21 before the show, 1 during the show.
- Road signs will be added to much traveled roadways starting November 17th,

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- The show BANNER will be going up this week at the DoubleTree Hilton.
- Social media postings are everywhere. If you have not “liked” or “followed” **Celebrate Vermont Festival** or **802ARTsHouse** – please do so now!

The online silent auction for Celebrate Vermont...A Bird’s Eye View is open for bidding now. These birdhouses are fabulous! If you have not seen them in their gallery locations, take a peek at the auction. Please share widely: <https://802artshouse.org/product-category/auction/>  
The birdhouses will be located in the Diamond Room during the show.

## Foundational Campaign

**CAMPAIGN TITLE: 802ARTsHouse FOUNDATIONal Campaign.**

**GOAL: \$25,000**

### WHY DONATE:

**802ArtsHouse** is a community of artists cultivating a high level of artistry and creativity through collaboration, promotion and advocacy for the arts.

Our work began when 30+ current members of Vermont Hand Crafters (VHC) gathered together to chart a new future for the group. Vermont Hand Crafters retired after over 70 years as a leading Vermont arts organization. Many of the original artists of VHC developed this new arts entity with a 501(c)3 designation as a charitable organization to support the arts and artists. We are excited and energized to support artists in our Vermont Region. Members are juried into **802ARTsHouse**, and as such they reap the benefits! Watch for 802ARTs shows, affiliate offerings, classes, workshops and more. We are just getting started!

Six members of the original group volunteered to be the founding board members for this new corporation. They are:

Gary Walz  
Zoie Parent  
Alyson Chase  
Dee Christie  
Jim Holzschuh  
Ellen A Thompson

Currently this group is working on several avenues at once. We set up the corporation, **802 ARTs House, Inc.** We created bylaws, determined Board member roles and set up a website at <https://802artshouse.org>. We have populated the website, developed a new jury procedure, set the membership cost and benefits as well as set board goals for this first year. Our application to become a nonprofit charitable 501(c)3 corporation after our official incorporation meeting has been accepted. We are more than excited. This IS happening!

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We have the members... 157 as of today. We have the ideas and we have the energy. What we do not have is the MONEY to produce a BIG show. Our members deserve a show that will make their artwork sparkle, a show that brings in multitudes of shoppers looking for that unique handmade gift made in the Vermont Arts Region. Large shows situated in hotel conference centers require huge upfront payments to lock in the event.

Historically, most of our current members who were Vermont Hand Crafters had such a show held in the Burlington area for over 70 years on the weekend before Thanksgiving. This show had location, name and date recognition, and the assurance that the arts and crafts presented were the very best.

**802ARTsHouse** is growing its artist group and is expanding our Vermont Arts region to include all states contiguous with Vermont. We have created affiliations with many Vermont galleries and shops. Through the use of social media and collaborations with other arts organizations we are gaining our name recognition. We are proving our mettle to the Vermont arts world!

Before we can sign on to produce a large arts show, we need to have the money needed in reserve to contract with a location. This **802ARTsHouse FOUNDATIONal Campaign** will allow us to create the balance needed to support a show.

### **WE NEED YOU!**

Do you believe in the transformative power of art to inspire, educate, and connect people from all walks of life? We are dedicated to nurturing emerging talent, showcasing diverse artistic expressions, and fostering a vibrant arts community.

Your contribution can make a meaningful difference for the arts in several ways:

- Empowering Emerging Artists: Your support provides crucial resources and opportunities for emerging artists to develop their craft, gain exposure, and pursue their passion.
- Expanding Access to the Arts: By supporting our programs and exhibitions, you help us reach broader audiences, including underserved communities, and make the arts more accessible to all.
- Preserving Cultural Heritage: Your contribution aids in preserving our cultural heritage by supporting initiatives that celebrate and honor diverse artistic traditions and histories.
- Fostering Creativity and Innovation: Your investment in the arts fosters creativity, innovation, and critical thinking skills essential for navigating an increasingly complex world.

We understand that these are challenging times for everyone, and any amount you can give, whether large or small, will have a meaningful impact. Your generosity will not only help



sustain our organization but also contribute to the cultural vitality and enrichment of our arts community.

As a charitable 501(c)3 organization, **802ARTsHouse** can offer you tax deductible recognition for your gift, no matter the size. <https://square.link/u/zfoGdJR9>

## Future Projects

### Regional Art Shows

Fiber Retreat at the Smiley Manse

**Wrapped in Fiber... A Retreat for the Senses**

**When:** TBD

**Where:** The Smiley Manse, Springfield, Vermont

### **Description:**

Join us in a fiber retreat like no other! Are you interested in weaving, knitting, spinning, drop spindling and more? This retreat is for you.

Imagine yourself in a century's old farmhouse located on a sloping hillside in Springfield, Vermont surrounded by fiber and fiber folk! Cozy up to the hearth to take part in these offerings, or bring your own project to complete. Participants may stay overnight in the Manse or in the Hartness House Hotel just down the hill from Smylie Manse. Meals are included in the cost of the retreat.

### **Fiber Retreat schedule**

Friday, January 17, 2025: 5-9:00 PM

Meet and Greet with Soup & Spin

Saturday, January 18, 2025: 9-5:00 PM

9:00 AM - Gather & Discuss

9:30 -12:00 PM - Workshop Choice

Hand Spinning with a Drop Spindle

Branch Weaving

Knitting a Winter "Roll of the Dice" Shawl

12:00 - 1:00 PM GROUP LUNCH

1:00 PM Gather & Discuss

1:30 - 4:30 PM

Drop In Spinning

Drop in Weaving

Drop In Knitting

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4:30 - 5:00 PM Gather & Discuss  
7-9:00 PM Fiber Stories and Participant Sharing

Sunday, January 19, 2025: 9-1:00 PM

9:00 AM - Gather & Discuss

9:30 -12:00 PM - Workshop Choice

Hand Spinning with a Drop Spindle

Branch Weaving

Knitting a Winter "Roll of the Dice" Shawl

12-1:00 PM GROUP LUNCH

1-1:30 PM Gather & Farewells

### Affiliate Gallery Collaborations

The 802ARTsHouse Board is committed to this work. The Celebrate Vermont...A Bird's Eye View showed us that there is interest and we can support each other in powerful ways. More ideas are in the works.

### Regional Ambassadors

This is a communication and recruitment role with/for members in a particular region. Ambassadors can email, have gatherings, pass out and let other artists know more about 802ARTsHouse. Invite new artists to join.

1. Calendar: Art shows, events, etc.
2. Sharing out 802ARTsHouse information (hub)
3. Go to person for regional questions
4. News stories, pictures for website and ART CHAT newsletter
5. Regional Art Event Production

Ambassadors will receive:

- ART CHAT newsletters
- Updates on 802ARTs Happenings
- Business cards and flyers for 802ARTsHouse
- 802ARTs Stickers to share!

### Large Collaborative Shows with StarBird Events

Celebrate Vermont Festival, 2025, DoubleTree Hilton, South Burlington

Quechee Festival #1, September 26-29, 2025, Polo Field, Quechee

We welcome your ideas! Send to: [info@802artshouse.org](mailto:info@802artshouse.org)

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