Thank you for becoming a member with the NWCT Arts Council this year!

Your work is what makes Litchfield County a unique and exciting place to live.

Our job as your Arts Council is to empower and elevate your creative endeavors. We want to help you realize your creative visions, then brag about you!

As you know, creative projects are all about collaboration. We hope that this resource guide sparks inspiration on ways to grow your influence in the community. We encourage you to use these resources to grow your creative potential.

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ABOUT THE NWCT ARTS COUNCIL

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to engage the public in building a strong and connected arts and culture community that is integral to the economic development and the collective well-being of our region. We believe that access to arts and culture is a universal human right, meeting both a social and psychological need. Through promotion and advocacy, we support a vibrant, vital, and necessary component of our community.

OVERVIEW

The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. It serves both the culture-loving public and the cultural community in its 25-town service area and surroundings by acting as a hub for all aspects of cultural information and resources to ensure that culture thrives in and around our region. The NWCT Arts Council is one of nine regional cultural service organizations in Connecticut.
YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS

- Exclusive inclusion in the monthly full-color printed Events Calendar; (dist. 10.5K/month). The calendar is inserted monthly into the Republican American. The calendar is also hand-delivered by volunteers to regional businesses such as libraries, shops, restaurants, galleries and more. (Inclusion is contingent on events being submitted by the announced print deadlines.)

- Premium listing in the online Events Calendar, which includes an image and a link to your website. The online listings appear on the home page, on the searchable Events page, and are included in weekly eblasts.

- All events listed on our site will also be automatically listed on DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com. Your listing is added on 2 calendars at once!

- 15% discount on advertising in the printed Events Calendar.

- Discounts to professional development workshops and events.

- Potential for inclusion in articles written for DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com and other regional tourism and economic development publications.

Other Member benefits will be offered throughout the year as opportunities arise. These may include discounts on tickets to Arts Council fundraising events and other area offerings.
Arts Council Events and Dates to Save in 2020*

February 13: Arts Night Out, Great Falls Brewery, North Canaan
March 18: Arts Night Out - Business After Hours, Northwestern CT Community College, Winsted.
April 21 & 22: Give Local/Spring Appeal
Late April/Early May: CT Office of the Arts 2020 Grant Info Sessions (Dates TBD)
May 15: Bourbon, BBQ & Bluegrass Fundraiser, Litchfield Distillery
June 11: Arts Night Out, Venue TBD
June 21: Make Music Day (Region-wide)
August 6: Arts Night Out, Venue TBD
August 15 & 16: Litchfield Hills Creative Weekend, Downtown Torrington (more info soon)
September 22: Community Festival of Hope & Wellness
October 8: Arts Night Out, Venue TBD
November: Fall Appeal/Membership Drive
November 20: Litchfield Hills Creative Awards, Warner Theatre Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, Torrington
December 10: Arts Night Out Art Gives Back, Venue TBD

*Dates subject to change.
GALLERIES & VENUES IN NWCT

BETHLEHEM/LITCHFIELD/MORRIS
550 Gallery
Litchfield Distillery (Event Space)
Serendipity Gallery - Litchfield
South Farms

CORNWALL
Souterrain Gallery @ The Wish House

FALLS VILLAGE
Center on Main
David M. Hunt Library Stairwell Gallery
Music Mountain

GOSHEN
Miranda Vineyard
Sunset Meadow Vineyard

KENT
Eckert Fine Art
Kent Art Association
Ober Gallery
Good Gallery
W. David Herman Gallery

NEW HARTFORD
Brewery Legitimus (Event Space)
Gallery @ Jerram Winery
Crescent Gallery - Thomaston

NEW MILFORD
Gallery 25
Makery Coworking
Merrill Center for the Arts
TheatreWorks New Milford

NEW PRESTON
Smithy Store Loft Gallery

NORFOLK
Infinity Hall
Norfolk Hub
Norfolk Library Gallery
The Music Shed (Yale School of Music)

NORTH CANAAN
Great Falls Brewery (event space)

SALISBURY/LAKEVILLE
Hotchkiss School Tremaine Gallery
Joie de Livres Gallery @ Salisbury Wines
The Gallery at Kinderhook Group
Trinity Church Lime Rock Gallery

SHARON
Standard Space
Sharon Playhouse

THOMASTON
Thomaston Opera House

TORRINGTON
CT Academy for the Arts
Coe Park Civic Center
Five Points Gallery Annex
Five Points Center for the Visual Arts Campus
Gallery 7/Jennifer Abbott-Tillou Studio
Gerald Incandela Studio (event space)
Good Company Coffee House
Hummingbird Cafe
Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts
Noelke Gallery
Social House (Event Space)
Warner Theatre

WINSTED
American Mural Project
Northwestern Connecticut Community College Art Department
Still River Studio Art Gallery

WASHINGTON
Byrde + the b (Gallery)
Gunn Memorial Library Gallery
Hen’s Nest Gallery
KMR Arts
Washington Art Association
LIBRARIES IN NWCT

Bethlehem Public Library
Burlington Public Library
Cornwall Library
David M. Hunt Library
Goshen Public Library
Harwinton Public Library
T M Hungerford Memorial Library and Museum
Kent Memorial Library
Oliver Wolcott Library
Morris Public Library
Licia & Mason Beekley Community Library
Bakerville Library
New Milford Public Library
The Norfolk Library
Douglas Library (North Canaan)
Plymouth Library Association
Minor Memorial Library
Scoville Memorial Library
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon
Terryville Public Library
Thomaston Library Friends
Torrington Library
Warren Public Library
Gunn Memorial Library & Museum
Beardsley & Memorial Library
Woodbury Public Library

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES & MUSEUMS IN NWCT

American Mural Project
American Museum of Tort Law
Barkhamsted Historical Society
Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden
Burlington Historical Society
Colebrook Historical Society
Cornwall Historical Society
CT Antique Machinery Museum
Eric Sloane Museum
Falls Village - Canaan Historical Society
Flanders Nature Center
Friends of Beckley Furnace
Goshen Historical Society
Gunn Historical Library & Museum
Institute for American Indian Studies
Kent Historical Society
Litchfield Historical Society
Lock Museum of America
Mattatuck Museum
Merwinsville Hotel
Morris Historical Society
New Hartford Historical Society
New Milford Historical Society
Norfolk Historical Society
Old Bethlehem Historical Society
Plymouth Historical Society
Plymouth Land Trust
Railroad Museum of New England
Salisbury Association
Seth Thomas- Bradstreet House Museum
Sharon Audubon
T M Hungerford Memorial Library & Museum
Torrington Historical Society
Warren Historical Society
White Memorial Conservation Center
Winchester Historical Society
ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CREATIVES

SUBMIT YOUR WORK
- Call for Entries (CaFE) - General opportunities for artists (international).

WEBSITE BUILDERS
- Squarespace
- Wix
- Wordpress

SOCIAL MEDIA
- Marketing Tips
- FB/IG Templates
- How to Gain Followers

CONTEMPORARY ART
- Juxtapoz
- Hi-Fructose
- Artforum
- UBU - Film & Video/Media art Archive
- EAI - Film & Video Art Archive
- Video Data Bank - Film & Video/Media Art Archive

FONT/DESIGN
- Blurb - Create a book of your art.
- Da Font - Download free fonts.
- What Font - Font recognition plugin for Chrome.
- Vectorizer.io - Vectorize images.

PRINT ON DEMAND
- VistaPrint - business cards/brochures
- Printful - clothing
- Spoonflower - custom fabric

PROFESSIONAL BASICS
- How to write a CV
- How to write an Artist Statement
- Press Release Template

FOR MUSICIANS
- Indie on the Move - To connect touring bands/venues.

FUNDING/OTHER PROGRAMS
- Fractured Atlas - programs for artists and arts organizations including finding fiscal sponsorships and spaces.
- ArtworkArchive - Complete list of 2020 grants and opportunities for artists
- ArtPlaceAmerica - focuses on Creative Placemaking & “artists, culture-bearers, and designers acting as allies to creatively address challenges and opportunities.”

ONLINE SHOP PLATFORMS
- Artnet
- Artpal
- Fine Art America
- Big Cartel
- Etsy

MISC.
- Pirate Ship - Print mailing labels from home.
- Sticker Mule - turn your art into stickers.
  *Pro Tip: Sign up for their emails to know when they have specific bargains.
LOCAL RESOURCES FOR CREATIVES

EVENTS/HAPPENINGS
- Arts Council Regional Events Calendar
- Discover Litchfield Hills - central location for tourism and happenings in NWCT
- Berkshire Style
- Happening in the Hills
- Rural Intelligence
- Torrington Collective

LOCAL ART STORES
- Jerry's Artarama (West Hartford)
- Blick (Plainville)

LOCAL FRAMING SHOPS
- Liberty Art & Framing
- Frames & Furnishings

LOCAL PRINT SHOPS
- Write Way Signs - large format printing
- Goulet Printing - high quality brochure, booklet, poster printing.

OTHER IMPORTANT RESOURCES
- CT Art List - Independent resource that shares all things arts related in CT, and more
- CT Office of the Arts - state grants, Fellowships & Opportunities
- New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) - funding opportunities for the arts/artists in New England
- CT Arts Alliance - Advocacy for the arts in CT
- Creative Ground (Through NEFA) - New England Cultural Directory
- Chamber of Commerce NWCT
- Sustainable CT - matching fund programs for artists and nonprofits.
- Northwest CT Regional Housing Council - Affordable Housing
- NWCT Regional Food Hub - Access to locally grown produce.

CO-WORKING SPACES
  Makery Coworking - 20 Bank Street, New Milford
  Warren Works - 10 Cornwall Rd, Warren
  YARDwork - 174 West Street, Litchfield
  Norfolk HUB - 2 Station Place, Norfolk
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