



## 2026 SCR Grantees

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*We are proud to announce that this year \$209,500 is being awarded and distributed to the 50 projects listed here across Greene, Columbia and Schoharie counties.*

### COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMUNITY PROJECTS

**Hudson Film Festival, Inc., A Sway Youth Moviemaking 101 Workshop — \$5,000**

This free outdoor, hands-on workshop will introduce youth participants to the job of location scouting, the challenges of shooting outdoors, behind the scenes jobs/tasks on an outdoor set, and shooting scenes under the instruction of local film industry professionals in a collaborative environment. Participants will shoot scenes with professional actors to create a short film using their newly acquired skills. The outdoor shoot will welcome non-participating viewers to observe and participate in the workshop while in session. The completed short will screen at the Hudson Film Festival in August 2026.

**Processional Arts Workshop with Friends of Hudson Youth, 7th Annual Hudson Mad Hatters' Parade — \$5,550**

The Mad Hatters' Parade is a handmade, human-powered parade of wearable art, drawing inspiration from global masquerade traditions and from Hudson's evolving history as a city of makers. Open to anyone and powered by a month of youth and community workshops, the Parade brings together the city's diverse communities in a shared celebration of ambulatory art, radical fashion, and Carnavalesque street theatre.

**Hudson Catskill Housing Coalition, Who We Be! Juneteenth — \$5,550**

Who We Be! Juneteenth is a community-rooted cultural justice initiative honoring Black freedom traditions through archival storytelling, intergenerational dialogue, music, and collective care. This event

expands beyond one day into a multi-component experience that includes community archiving, music and sound traditions, fireside political education conversations with Black feminist leaders, and free, public cultural gatherings.

**Jazz and Classics for Change (JCFC), *Three Public Concerts* — \$5,000**

A central part of JCFC's work has been to offer live-music programs to seniors in assisted living facilities, young adults, and adults with special needs. In the past few years, we have identified two new and underserved audiences within Columbia County — children of incarcerated parents and students from the Hudson Public School System.

**Mayuko Fujino in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties, *Beakucy: Meet Bird-Friendly Farmers in Hudson Valley!* — \$5,000**

A community-engaged art project developed with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties, offering hands-on workshops and a free art zine to highlight local agricultural conservation and explore coexistence and diversity.

**MovingPotential Inc, *What We Carry* — \$5,000**

What We Carry: A Collaborative Performance with the ReEntry Community is a performance developed by members of the ReEntry Columbia community in partnership with MovingPotential and professional artists. Building on a two-year relationship with ReEntry Columbia's Warm Nights program—where MovingPotential has been offering trauma-informed yoga—the project will unfold over a five-week creative process beginning in September 2026 and culminating in a public performance in October. Through movement, poetry, and collective authorship, participants transform lived experience into a shared work shaped by trust, care, and creative exchange.

**North Chatham Free Library, *"Literature and the Arts"* — \$2,500**

In 2026, the North Chatham Free Library hosts a series of six varied arts programs with the theme, "Strengthening Community Connections through the Arts."

**Camphill Hudson, *Behind the Curtain* — \$5,550**

The Camphill Hudson Players integrated theater group will return to the stage with a collaborative, action-packed community endeavor. Partnering with diverse community groups, "Behind the Curtain," will premiere March 21 at Hudson Hall in Hudson.

**Roeliff Jansen Community Library, *Adventures in Music at the Roe Jan Library* — \$5,000**

The Roeliff Jansen Community Library will offer a series of six free concerts between April and October, at the library. Genres will range from classical, to American Songbook and Broadway tunes, to bluegrass, providing something for just about everyone.

**Germantown Library, 8th Annual Germantown Library Fiber Art Display — \$5,000**

In 2026, the Eighth Annual Fiber Art Display will take place at the Germantown Library. This event includes an outdoor (yarn bomb) element, where the grounds of the library feature yarn art installations made of weather-tolerant fibers, and an indoor fiber art display showcasing creations made with finer fiber materials. Both displays remain up throughout the summer months (June-August), providing abundant opportunities for community engagement.

**Hudson Sloop Club, Waterfront Wednesdays 2026 — \$5,000**

Waterfront Wednesdays is a lively community initiative held weekly during the summer at Henry Hudson Riverfront Park in Hudson, NY. It offers free, family-friendly programming that celebrates cultural diversity, enhances food access, and connects participants with the Hudson River. Each event includes live performances, workshops, educational exhibits, and local food vendors, along with on-water experiences like fishing lessons and boat trips.

**Roving Actors' Repertory Ensemble, "Multiple Performing Arts Events in Columbia County" — \$2,500**

Roving Actor's Repertory Ensemble is teaming with Copake Grange #935, The Claverack Free Library, and Hudson Valley Academy of Performing Arts to provide our local underserved community a full year of quality & accessible live theater, music, and theatrical events. This will include 5 intriguing Zoom-based staged readings, 3 mainstage productions, and multiple theater & music events at local community venues. This provides our enthusiastic local audiences with affordable, accessible, quality theater; with No Participation fees for our aspiring local actors & musicians.

**Claverack Free Library, "Art Among the Stacks" — \$5,000**

An introductory series of art classes for older teens and adults designed around teaching beginner level techniques of Watercolor, Gelatin Art Printing, Collage methods in the vein of Henri Matisse and Artistic Hand Stitching with the theme of mapping memories. Artists/Instructors will guide program attendees in the proper use of materials, provide guidance and instruction techniques on how to visualize, create and translate their concepts into finished works of art.

**Vicky Boulay in partnership with Kinderhook Memorial Library, Columbia County Gather and Swing Square Dance Series — \$5,000**

A community-centered dance series consisting of seven beginner-friendly monthly square dances at venues in Kinderhook and Hudson.

**Columbia County Players Theatre Inc, Raising the Bar in Community Theater — \$5,550**

This August, Columbia County Players will offer a free, ninety-minute production of Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors, performed by a diverse company in front of diverse audiences, over at least one, and possibly two, weekends. Local actors, stage crew and other staff — some experienced, most amateur —

will represent a variety of races, ethnicities, religions, ages, genders, sexual preferences, disabilities and abilities. Free transportation will be provided from Hudson to the venue in Churchtown Dairy's circular barn, a post-and-beam construction that resembles the Globe Theatre in London.

**Columbia County Youth Theatre, *CCYT Children's Theatre Festival '26* — \$5,550**

The 2026 Columbia County Youth Theatre (CCYT) Children's Theatre Festival will deliver high-quality accessible theatre experiences for children and families.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**  
**ARTS EDUCATION**

**Friends of Hudson Youth, *Making Space: Visual Arts at the Hudson Youth Department* — \$3,000**

Making Space nurtures young people's creative impulses while introducing them to different art forms and ways of making. Students work with diverse materials and connect with Hudson's vibrant arts community, discovering that "the world is art"—and that they're part of it, both as creators and observers. The curriculum aligns with New York's Learning Standards/Visual Arts and weaves connections across disciplines. As students bring their own visions to life, they learn to think critically, work together, and explore new ideas—expanding their imagination, vocabulary, and sense of what's possible.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**  
**INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS**

**David Sokosh, *The Olana Project* — \$3,000**

Olana Project 2026" involves creating photographic art using the architecture, objects and landscape of Olana State Historic Site in Hudson, NY as subject. Images will be printed in the 19th century process of Cyanotype. By sharing pictures and information with the Hudson Valley community in the form of an illustrated lecture in November at Olana's Wagon House and in a printed zine, I'll show familiar features of Olana in a new way, reveal objects in the collection that have never been seen by the public, share my experiences working on the project and express how the collection has relevance today.

**Midnight Forman, *Commune Obscura | Mount Lebanon* — \$3,000**

Built by and for the Mount Lebanon, NY community - 'Commune Obscura' is an old-fashioned roadside attraction -- a camera obscura taking the form of a giant Shaker Oval Box.

**GREENE COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**Miriam Atkin with Phoenix Web Inc, “Verbatim: Text Sound Expo” — \$6,805**

The 6th annual Verbatim: Text Sound Expo, a small press / record label fair and performance festival will take place at Sugar Maples Art Center. Verbatim is an admission-free, day-long market and performance festival; a celebration of experiments in language, text, and sound, bringing together local and regional presses and record labels to sell their wares and curate 9 hours of live performance.

**Anna Cone in partnership with Cairo Public Library, All Are Welcome — \$5,000**

A multimedia, immersive contemporary art show curated by Niama Safia Sandy for Upstate Art Weekend, June 2026. The show will take place at Shadow Walls (formerly Eva’s Farm resort) within the Victorian home and grounds. The show honors the history of Catskills resorts creating a haven for marginalized and vulnerable identity groups. Through the decades when African American, Jewish and LGBTQ communities were barred from most resorts and faced bigotry at home they created their own refuges of joy, recreation and freedom. 10+ New York based artists with diverse voices and practices will exhibit work in response.

**The Catskill Glee Club, Catskill Glee Club 2026 Winter Concert — \$2,500**

The Catskill Glee Club presents its 2026 Winter Concert, scheduled for December 12, 2026, at Catskill High School in Catskill, NY.

**The Catskill Comedy Festival, “The Catskills Comedy Festival” — \$5,000**

The Catskills Comedy Festival is returning to create its annual multi-day, multi-venue festival based primarily in Catskill, NY (and surrounding areas). The Festival showcases a wide variety of comedic genres which appeal to all audiences (Stand-up/sketch/improv/drag/musical comedy/clown/storytellers/children’s programming/comedy films, etc.). In addition to performances we provide free workshops for local students wherein they can train with professionals in the comedic arts and storytelling with the opportunity to apply those skills in front of live audiences. The Festival will make Catskill and the neighboring areas a destination for comedic entertainment, culture, and inclusivity.

**Farm to Fable with Catskill Community Center, Farm to Fable — \$5,000**

Through theater games, movement, music and meals, children ages 5-10 will come together as a community to explore how to pause, breathe and nurture themselves. Children will attend one of two sessions of a five day summer program featuring creative movement to feed the spirit, food to feed the belly, music to feed the heart and theater to feed creativity. Sessions will be offered in July and August. Working together in an inclusive, non-competitive environment, children learn that they possess the tools and techniques to be their best selves, building skills to care for their bodies, minds and creativity.

**Catskill Wheelhouse, Saturday Family Arts — \$5,000**

Saturday Family Arts is a multi-generational arts education program that offers accessible, meaningful creative experiences for whole families. Each Saturday features four concurrent workshops for different age groups: children under five with caregivers, children ages 5–10, youth ages 10–18, and adults. Workshops emphasize age-appropriate exploration, skill-building, creative expression, and community connection. The program is taught by four different teaching artists working in varied media and offered in rotating two-week blocks, allowing participants to engage with new artistic forms over time. Saturday Family Arts strengthens family bonds, nurtures creativity across the lifespan, and affirms art-making as a shared, lifelong practice.

**Community Partners Of Greenville, Greenville Summer Concert Series 2025 — \$5,000**

Enjoy a summer Tuesday night listening and dancing to music in Greenville, at the crossroads of Rte 81 & 32 under shade trees at the gazebo in Veteran's Park to experience free live concerts, food trucks and ice cream. The 8 week Greenville Concert Series features the rich local talent of Greene County and Capital District favorites, some making their only Greene County appearance.

**Room Collaborative with Mountain Top Library — \$5,000**

Room Collaborative is requesting funding to offer life drawing sessions from a model as a time-tested artistic discipline for developing and maintaining technical skill as an artist, at no cost. We will also offer art tutorials, at no cost. Our chief aim is to reach an audience not previously served, by our lack of a fee, our community outreach, and our personal, social, and artistic networks.

**Kevin VanHentenryck with Town of Hunter, Hunter Stone Carving Seminar — \$5,000**

Learn the Ancient Art of Stone Carving, FREE! No prior artistic experience or ability required. It is not as hard as you think. Join us for a moment, an hour, a day, or the whole two weeks. While there, stroll through the sculpture park and enjoy the over three hundred stone carvings created by the students over the last seventeen years.

**Horton By The Stream Theatre in partnership with Phoenix Web Inc, Horton by the Stream 2026 Season — \$5,000**

Two one-man shows of original cutting edge work. A new fiction film made from the play THE ONE ARMED MAN by Horton Foote directed by Tim Guinee, with audience talkback. Three evenings of original New Play Readings by Ensemble Studio Theatre Artists.

**Mountain Top Library, "Follow Your Art" Weekly Art Club — \$5,000**

"Follow Your Art" will meet weekly at the library, and will give participants an opportunity to create with their friends & neighbors in a casual environment. The library will provide supplies to anyone who needs them, but participants are free to bring their own supplies and work on any project they like.

**GREENE COUNTY**  
**ARTS EDUCATION**

**Boundless Arts, *Boundless Arts Day Camp* — \$3,000**

The Boundless Arts Day Camp program will take place in July and August 2026. The Boundless Arts program will provide five distinct sequential workshops for 65 school aged children in grades K-6. Each workshop will be led by a professional Teaching Artist. Participants will be guided through the process of creating original works of art using nature, found objects, and provided materials. Children will learn printmaking, mosaic design, sculpture, and landscape painting

**Davi Cohen, *Catskill Catalyst Crew Conscious Dance* — \$3,000**

This project invites youth at the MHACG Catskill Clubhouse to unlock their creative potential by connecting with their own embodied experience. Using the 5 Rhythms and the Viewpoints, participants will learn structured movement improvisation practices to foster emotional intelligence and artistry. This approach demystifies dance, reclaiming it as a vital art form accessible to every body regardless of training or physical ability. Through this somatic inquiry, learners discover that their unique lived experiences are their most powerful artistic tools, fostering a deep appreciation for movement as a universal language for self-expression, community connection, and inspiration for creativity in daily life.

**Heermance Memorial Library, *Free Art Instruction and Creation Project for Greene County* — \$3,000**

The mission of the Heermance Memorial Library is to inspire lifelong learning and to support and enhance the cultural and recreational needs of our community. One of the ways we support lifelong learning is through our art programs. We use a variety of local, talented instructors each with their own unique teaching style. As a library we never charge a fee for our art programs, providing everyone regardless of economic status to have access to quality art instruction. Everyone who is interested in these programs can use art to transform what is in their imagination into reality.

**GREENE COUNTY**  
**INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS**

**Lisa Thomas, *Bucky and Beene's Close Encounter* — \$3,000**

Bucky & Beene's Close Encounter is a short film inspired by characters previously developed by the artist in The Misadventures of Bucky and Beene. The film which takes place in an airstream in upstate, New York on New Year's Eve follows two outspoken queer DJ's, Pepper Buckthorne (played by Ms. Peppermint of RuPaul Drag Race fame) and Jonny Beauchamp (of Stonewall and Thirsty) as they negotiate for world peace with aliens after local politicians botch things up so badly they almost get the human race annihilated.

**Laleh Khorramian, *Painted Portrait Project* — \$3,000**

A live, portrait-painting project I bring into public spaces like libraries, laundromats and community organizations. I set up on-site with a small easel and paint the person sitting across from me. Done on canvas or wood panels in under 30 minutes, each participant leaves with their portrait the same day, free of charge. The project treats portraiture as a form of recognition and an opportunity to make art accessible outside traditional venues. Grant support covers my artist fee, materials, admin, and a modest host honorarium. The portrait is documented with my phone and is consent-based.

**Nic Der, *Echoes of Old Gold Mountain* — \$3,000**

Established during the era of the restrictive Chinese Exclusion Act, Ginn Wall, my family's hardware store in San Francisco Chinatown helped facilitate my and other families' immigration. This project uses a wet-molding technique to create a series of leather sculptures that replicate products sold in the store: a wok, cleaver, teapot, paint can, etc. By casting the items of domesticity and labor in undyed leather (a fleshlike material with contradictory associations of both luxury and hyper-utility) they ennoble immigrants' struggle as well as speak to the dehumanizing views and policies employed against them.

**Gracelee Lawrence, *Signal//Surface* — \$3,000**

This project is the creation of a permanent glass beaded curtain installed on the exterior façade of Avalon Lounge in Catskill. Drawing from the shared histories of weaving, signaling, and early computational systems, the work translates digital patterning into a tactile, light-responsive surface. Hundreds of glass beads are threaded into a modular curtain that shifts with wind, light, and movement, activating the building as both architectural skin and public artwork. Visible from the street at all hours, the piece functions as an analog screen, reflecting Catskill's layered histories of nightlife, and gathering while offering an accessible, everyday encounter with sculpture.

**Taganyahu Swaby, *Street Memories* — \$3,000**

A public show of seven woodcuts called "Street Memories" in Catskill, NY, and an artist talk and a woodcutting workshop at the site. My woodcuts are at least eight square feet and explore perspective, specifically how we see the world and how it is reflected and distorted by the lens of the viewer. People of color, urban space, and street life will be the subject of my work. Community members will learn about woodcut printing-making through lecture and firsthand instruction.

## SCHOHARIE COUNTY COMMUNITY PROJECTS

### **Amy Silberkleit in partnership with Schoharie County Arts, *Three Art Workshops* — \$2,500**

As engagement with arts and culture continuously moves into digital platforms, AI generated content, and away from in-person meetings, it is critical for projects that bring connection to our neighbors and local communities. And what better way to bring people together than music. We believe live music and musical education should be available for anyone, regardless of their income, access to technology and instruments, or stigma around it. This year, we are undertaking a project to bring more live music and music classes to Columbia County, all offered at a no-barrier-to-entry sliding scale as we have done for 16 years.

### **Panther Creek Arts, *3 Musical Events at Panther Creek Arts* — \$6,945**

Panther Creek Arts has been producing events of music, theater, art, festivals, and food since 2010. With the continued vision of offering spirited cooperation from, and lively engagement for the community the following events:

1. Fenimore Chamber Orchestra on March 22nd with Sitarist and string orchestra
2. Rachel and Keve on Sept 19th with oboe and violin
3. Genticorum on Oct 3rd with accordion, fiddle, and guitar

### **Schoharie Free Library, *A Kaleidoscope of Arts* — \$5,000**

The Schoharie Library is bursting with arts opportunities! Our Kaleidoscope of Arts series and Summer Program start with great Cajun music from The Rubber Band on June 18. This summer, we'll offer Bubble Mugs (all ages) and Dot Mandala mugs (teens) with The Studio for Art & Craft; block printing on fabric with Casey Beal; watercolor classes with Amanda Chovan; Shibori-style silk scarf dyeing with Sally Ziegler; and an evening of cool jazz with the Burke Herrick Quartet. Fall projects feature figure drawing classes with Maeve McCool and a Crazy Quilt Heart workshop with Betty Fikes Pillsbury.

### **Schoharie Valley Singers, *Schoharie Valley Singers 20 Spring Season* — \$2,500**

We invite you to join us for our Spring concert season featuring some of our favorite hits by The Beatles and other popular artists. Our first rehearsal on January 20th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Central Bridge, NY. Registration will begin at 6:30 and our rehearsal will run from 7 - 9pm. We will rehearse each week from 7 - 9 at the Central Bridge location and concerts will be held on May 1st (7:30pm) and May 2nd (4pm).

### **Summer Youth Programs at Depot Lane, *Opa! Let's Go to Greece!* — \$5,000**

Journey to the sun-soaked land of Greece, where art, music, & stories have been shared for thousands of years. Students will explore Greek myths filled with gods, heroes, & magical creatures, discover traditional music and dance, and learn about the colorful art & architecture of this ancient culture. Guest artists will guide students through songs, stories, & dances from Greece, bringing history to life.

**Jefferson Historical Society, *Conflicts, Community, and Culture* — \$2,500**

#1: The Jefferson Historical Society (JHS) will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War with several free events. The theme of revolution in the War for Independence will be carried forward and expanded with additional events regarding our area's Anti-Rent Wars in the 1840's, and the impact of the Civil War here at home. There will be two dramatic presentations, an award-winning film, a walking tour, a book lecture, and other events.

#2: To help build our community spirit. JHS will offer a summer concert series, an art show, lectures, and other cultural events."

**Sonny Ochs with Middleburgh Library, *The Not so Quiet Concert Series* — \$2,500**

The Not so Quiet Concert Series is a series of folk music concerts booked by Sonny Ochs, with her extensive knowledge and connections in the field, and held at the Middleburgh Library.

**Breakabeen Grange, *Breakabeen Grange Contra Dances* — \$2,500**

This project will support a number of contradances with live musicians and callers which have attracted community members of all ages, from youth to seniors.

**Cobleskill Partnership Inc., *Cobleskill Art In Action Festival 2026* — \$5,000**

This inaugural Art In Action Festival, proposed by Cobleskill Partnership Inc., is a vibrant community-driven project designed to creatively engage residents of Schoharie County and surrounding areas. This dynamic festival will feature local artists demonstrating their craft live, interactive workshops for all ages, and public art installations, transforming the village park and sidewalks into an open-air studio and gallery. It is a commitment to fostering a stronger, more creative community by making the arts accessible and participatory, supporting arts-based community engagement.

**Conesville Historical Society, *Conesville Historical Society Summer Music, Stories and Dance* — \$2,500**

Two concerts and a square dance for the community. The Catskill Mountain String Band will make a return to Conesville after a very successful concert last year. A second concert will feature the Sondogs, a father-son duo with roots in Conesville. The final event will be a square dance with the Tremperskill Boys in September which allows the historical society to continue the tradition of square dancing that was so important to the town in times past and is enjoying a revival now.

**Upper Catskill String Quartet with Jefferson Historical Society, *Music Without Barriers* — \$5,000**

The Upper Catskill String Quartet will present a series of free classical concerts throughout Schoharie County, bringing high caliber performances to local venues to offer meaningful and accessible cultural experiences to county residents.

**SchoCo Pride in partnership with Cobleskill United Methodist Church, *SchoCo Pride 1st Annual PrideFest* — \$2,500**

SchoCo Pride is launching its first annual PrideFest on June 20, 2026 in Schoharie County. This free, family-friendly community arts festival will celebrate LGBTQ+ identity and belonging through live performances, music, community art-making activities, and community booths. PrideFest will increase access to inclusive cultural programming in a rural community where opportunities are limited, while strengthening community connection, visibility, and pride. Funding will support artist/performer stipends, materials for participatory arts activities, and production needs.