



The deadline is fast approaching for Chautauqua County artists and nonprofit organizations to submit applications for awards from the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County's 2021 Projects Pool Grants Program. One of last year's recipients, photographer George Wiedenhofer, used his grant to prepare his "Shades of Yosemite" photographs for exhibition, including this "Reflections at Stoneman Bridge."

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### ***News Release***

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## **April 15 is Deadline for United Arts Appeal Grant Applications**

Jamestown, N.Y. – Time is fast running out for Chautauqua County artists and nonprofit organizations to prepare applications for funding their art projects through the 2021 Projects Pool Grants Program of the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA).

The deadline for the online applications is Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Grants of up to \$500 may be awarded to quality arts programs and organizations as well as individual artists. Artistic disciplines can include but are not limited to crafts, dance, film, fiction, poetry, printmaking, sculpture, painting, video, play writing, performance, music composition and photography.

Awards to individual artists, who must have been a Chautauqua County resident for at least one year, are based on creative excellence and are to be used for artistic development.

Eligible organizations must have nonprofit status and may include libraries, municipalities, churches, and other community groups.

After applications are screened for eligibility and fulfillment of application requirements, they are reviewed by an advisory panel of Chautauqua County residents who are knowledgeable in the arts. The panel's recommendations are presented to the United Arts Appeal board for approval.

Limited funds are available, and priority will be given to first-time applicants, new initiatives from past applicants, and applications which seek to serve or extend art to a diverse and/or broad sector of the community.

Artists and community organizations interested in applying for funding through the UAA's Projects Pool Grants Program can obtain application information and funding criteria online at the Grants page at [UnitedArtsAppeal.org](http://UnitedArtsAppeal.org).

The 2020 Projects Pool Grants Program awardees and their projects were:

Organizations:

- Audubon Community Nature Center: COVID-19 Creativity - Nature Inspired Art Kits for Kids
- Citizens for a Better Cassadaga: Summer Concert Series on Cassadaga Lake
- Great Lakes FX: Blossoms and Blooms
- Jamestown Parks, Recreation and Conservation Dept.: 2020 Summer Bandshell Concert Series

Individual Artists:

- Audrey Kay Dowling: Printmaking course - "Pouchir and Gouache"
- Daniel Gage: Conga and Bongo Drums
- George Wiedenhofer: Shades of Yosemite
- Nick Weiser: What is Jazz? - A Concert for Children and Families at the Fredonia Opera House

Recipients must be able to complete their projects during their grant year. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 restrictions, not all of those were able to accept their awards and carry out their projects. Applicants in 2021 will have to address COVID's possible impact on their project.

The United Arts Appeal also provides operating support for six of the larger arts organizations in Chautauqua County: Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Community Music Project, 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, and Western New York Chamber Orchestra.

The UAA is supported by Chautauqua County, local foundations, corporations, businesses and individuals throughout the county.

For more information about the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County, call (716) 222-1602 or visit [UnitedArtsAppeal.org](http://UnitedArtsAppeal.org), with links to each of the member organizations' websites.

To support the arts in Chautauqua County, your contribution to United Arts Appeal, PO Box 754, Jamestown, NY 14702 would be greatly appreciated.

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