



The United Arts Appeal

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Photo caption: The United Arts Appeal is accepting grant applications from Chautauqua County artists and organizations for awards from its 2017 Projects Pool Grants Program. In 2016, grants were awarded to two individual artists and eight organizations. One of the funded projects was the Sinclairville Free Library's Positively Paint Program. Pictured are (from left) Dawn Cross, Mackenzie Perry and Allison Stewart with the paintings they created under the direction of local artist Penny Erb.

United Arts Appeal Accepting Grant Applications

Jamestown, NY – The United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) is accepting applications from Chautauqua County artists and organizations for its 2017 Projects Pool Grants Program.

As UAA president Shane Hawkins explained, “Every year a portion of the funds the United Arts Appeal raises is awarded to individual artists and artistic projects for the purpose of enhancing the cultural life of Chautauqua County.”

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

An artist who has been a Chautauqua County resident for at least one year and works in any artistic discipline, including but not limited to crafts, dance, film, fiction, poetry, printmaking, sculpture, painting, video, play writing, performance, music composition and photography, may apply for a Projects Pool grant. Awards are based on creative excellence and are to be used for career development.

Grants up to \$500 will be awarded.

Applications are submitted online and must be received by midnight on Saturday, April 15, 2017. All applications are screened for eligibility and fulfillment of application requirements.

An advisory panel of Chautauqua County residents who are knowledgeable in the arts reviews applications and presents funding recommendations to the United Arts Appeal board for approval.

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 www.UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

In 2016, UAA grants were awarded to:

Individual Artists:

- Michele Meleen: Professional Advancement in Writing for Children
- Brandy Noody: Slab Roller for Reestablished Personal Ceramics Studio

Organizations:

- Great Lake FX: Dusk and Dawn – Trees of the Lake Erie Shoreline
- James Prendergast Library: Family Concert by Nan Hoffman
- Jamestown Audubon Society, Inc.: Support for Art Camp
- Jamestown Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation: 2016 Summer Bandshell Concert Series
- North Shore Arts Alliance, Inc.: Chautauqua-Lake Erie Art Trail Publicity Support
- Patterson Library: Music Together at Patterson Library
- Sinclairville Free Library: Positively Paint Program
- Village of Westfield Recreation Department: Concerts in Moore Park Series

The United Arts Appeal also provides operating support for seven of the larger arts organizations in Chautauqua County: Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Community Music Project, 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Jamestown Concert Association, Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, and the 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, with links to each of the member organizations' websites, call (716) 484-7329 or visit www.UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

To support the arts in Chautauqua County, your contribution to United Arts Appeal, 715 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701 would be most appreciated.

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