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***News Release***

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Photo caption: Chautauqua County artists and organizations are invited to submit applications for awards from the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County's 2019 Projects Pool Grants Program. Last year, grants were awarded to seven individual artists and four organizations. Ceramic artist Lisa Eppolito created the display booth shown here with support from a 2018 Projects Pool grant.

## **United Arts Appeal Announces Grant Opportunities for Artists and Organizations**

Jamestown, N.Y. – The United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) received great positive feedback from those who received Projects Pool Grants Program awards last year, including:

“It really helped out - more than the financial contribution was the boost of confidence for me and the team knowing we were ‘backed’ by the United Arts Appeal's good will.”

“I can't tell you enough how very grateful I am for this opportunity.”

“Thank you for your generous support of this extremely successful and high demand program.”

The UAA is now accepting applications from Chautauqua County artists and organizations for its 2019 Projects Pool Grants Program.

As Board President Julie Newell explained, “In order to assist the careers of working artists and to enhance the cultural life of Chautauqua County, every year a portion of the funds raised through our fund drive is awarded to individual artists and worthy artistic projects.”

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 artistic development.

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

Grants up to \$500 will be awarded.

Applications are submitted online and must be received by midnight on Monday, April 15, 2019. 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 [UnitedArtsAppeal.org](http://UnitedArtsAppeal.org).

In 2018, UAA grants were awarded to:

Organizations:

- Audubon Community Nature Center: Enchanted Forest Costume
- Citizens for a Better Cassadaga: Summer Concert Series on Cassadaga Lake
- Jamestown Parks, Recreation and Conservation Dept.: 2018 Summer Bandshell Concert Series
- Patterson Library: Music Together with Kay Barlow

Individual Artists:

- Sukanya Burman: Continued Education at Gibney Dance, New York City
- Debra Eck: Wayfinding Between Time in the Outlands
- Lisa Eppolito: Booth-Display System
- Mark Kirsch: Sum of the Parts
- Ashley Ordines: Machines
- Jenean Roth: "Here" Anthology
- Ted Sharon: Shakespeare on the Lake 2018

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, call (716) 484-7329 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, 715 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701 would be greatly appreciated.

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