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## EXPLORING THE VIBRANT ART SCENE

Cover artwork by Bradley Reid

# LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Art has always played a central role in the human experience. It has the ability to evoke emotion, stimulate the imagination, and provide a creative outlet for self expression. Whether it's a painting, sculpture, photograph, dance performance, or musical composition, art has the power to move us in profound ways and bring us closer to understanding the human condition. It can serve as a form of communication, a way to document history, or simply as a source of beauty and enjoyment. Art has the ability to transcend language and cultural barriers, making it a universal language that connects people from all walks of life.

This month, we spoke with artists and arts non-profits to learn about the unique offerings available to Winchester residents and to find inspiration for future artists.



*Misty Weaver  
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# EXPLODING KITTENS



## A CARD GAME

This year's clear holiday game winner in our house was Exploding Kittens. The game is all about strategy, luck, and explosions.

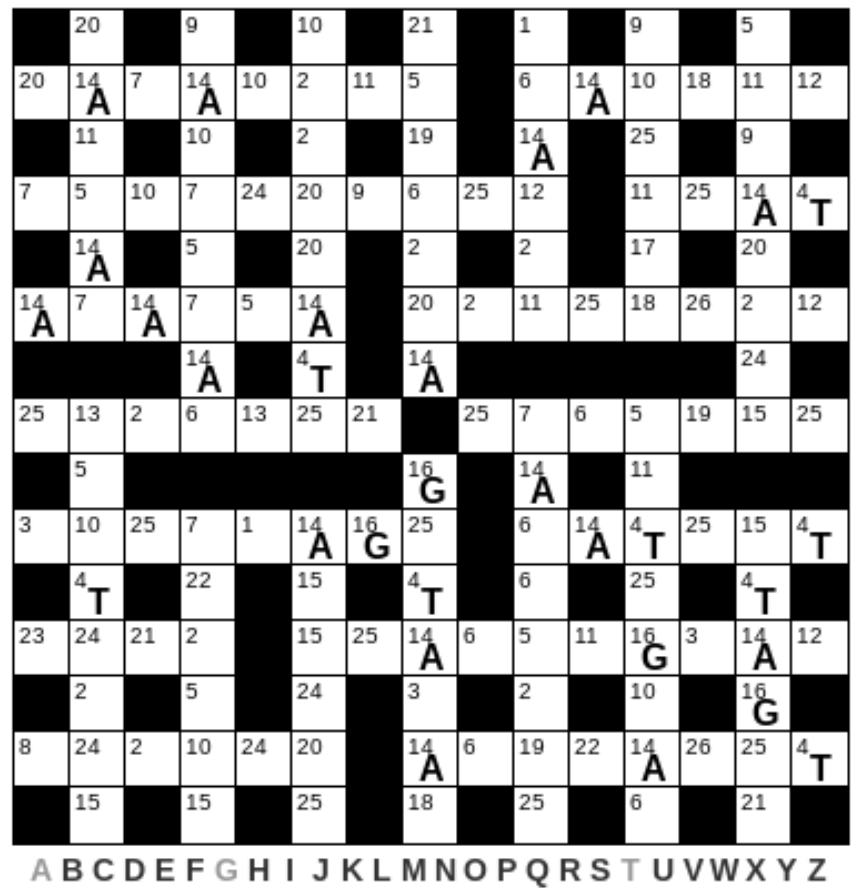
It's fun for all ages, with elements of Uno, Go Fish, and War, and it's also humorous throughout the illustrations and instructions.

We were pleasantly surprised to find that the strategies and mental warfare became more intense with each game, resulting in a lot of laughter when one player outwitted another.

We're excited to try out more games from the developer like:

- Throw Throw Burrito
- Really Loud Librarians
- You Lying Sack

# GATHER & GAME



**We intentionally set up our farms to showcase a mural. We wanted to create an experience with art that would add something special to the neighborhood.**

**~Ann Fox, Fox Urban Farms**

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## Peter Bullough Foundation

A few years ago, I came across an article about a remodeling project undertaken by local architects Reader and Swartz. The project piqued my interest because it featured two homes next to each other, one named Winter House and the other Summer House, remodeled for local retired orthopedic pathologist Peter Bullough. The architecture was stunning, but the photos of Peter's art collections and rare books were equally so.

Bullough, like many other important figures in Winchester's history, had fallen in love with the town and wanted to give back both during and after his time here. He established the Peter Bullough Foundation to help emerging artists by providing residencies where they can work on and share their art with the community while living in one of two homes among the collections for inspiration. Summer is reserved for local artists, with recent residencies by Tin Top's Kerry Stavelly, first resident Rachel Crockett Smith, and emerging artist Lisa Fisher.

Past resident artists have given back by hosting a number of free and low cost workshops ranging from screen printing, collage, and lumen making, to applying to art school.

Executive Director Katie Mooney shared that residencies are designed to be more inclusive of underrepresented communities of artists, as well as the foundations commitment to community service, such as a recent after-school program held for the Timbrook Achievement Center.

The goal of the foundation is to "save civilization through the power of the arts." A lofty but inspiring goal.

### Artist View

Lisa Fisher

It gave me the courage to think of myself as an actual artist. It is a mindset. I'm self-taught, so I think, well, if I can do it, anyone can. That's what you think. But you don't realize.... ShenArts really helped with that and then Peter Bullough really gave me that mindset of 'this is where artists come. This is where you can be inspired.'

Kerry Stavelly

I will forever cherish my time spent at the PBF artist residency. The simple gift of a quiet space in which to work without everyday distractions is immeasurable for artists



ARTIST CLAUDIA BORFIGA SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOP

### LEARN MORE

[PeterBulloughFoundation.org](http://PeterBulloughFoundation.org)

**Winter in Winchester, a town of art and history  
A time to view masterpieces, with a touch of mystery**

**The streets are adorned with sculptures of old  
A reminder of the stories that were once told**

**The galleries and museums, with warmth inside  
Invite us to explore the artistic pride**

**The canvases and prints, the colors and hues  
Are a feast for the eyes, in the winter blues**

**The brushstrokes and strokes, the lines and the forms  
Are a window to the soul, in the cold winter storms**

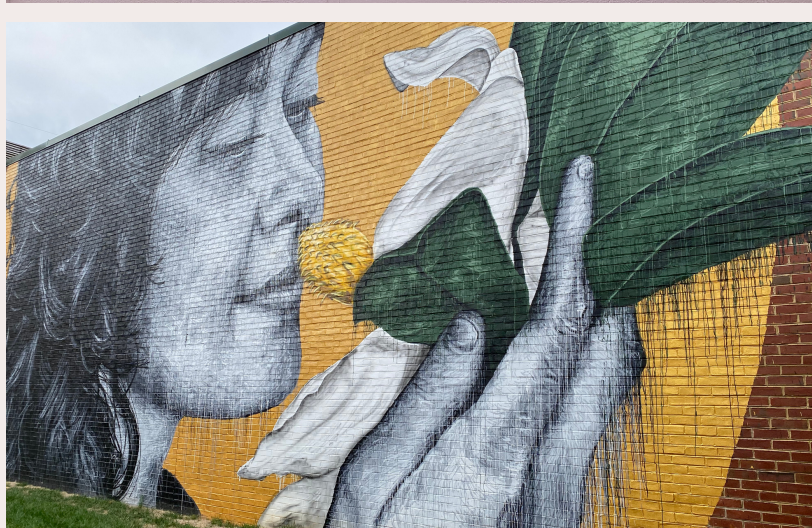
**As we wander through the streets and the halls  
We are reminded of the beauty that stands tall**

**In the midst of the season, of white and of grey  
Art in Winchester, brightens the day**

**So let us embrace the winter chill  
And explore the art, that will thrill and thrill.**



Old Town Murals



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## 23 STORYTELLING WITH JOHN FELIX ARNOLD

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# ARTE LIBRE VA



This year, Arte Libre made a big impression on the Winchester art scene with twelve stunning murals painted on parking spaces on Piccadilly St. Entries from emerging and BIPOC artists are being accepted, with 10-14 more to be added this spring to encourage, engage, and uplift those who have historically been marginalized, as well as those who are just starting their artistic careers.

Arte Libre VA was founded and is built around youth engagement and equitable access to artistic opportunities and arts education. Through mentorship, internships, experiential learning, and community-based arts pedagogy and practices, they focus on creative youth development and uplifting future teaching artists.

Arte Libre will curate and facilitate an Art Walk in Old Town Winchester to commemorate Black History Month. During the month of February, Black and African American visual artists have been invited to display their work in participating storefronts in Old Town, and Arte Libre VA is paying each of them an honorarium for their participation. People and organizations must stop participating in a culture of thanklessness by asking artists to do or create work for free. ALVA is changing this practice by leading by example and paying not only their teaching artists, but any artist they ask to do any type of work, particularly BIPOC artists.

Abigail Gomez, Founder, Executive Director, Creative Visionary & Maestra Principal shared "Arte Libre VA ensures that our art workshops and classes are accessible to all, regardless of geographical location, ability to pay, age, and physical or mental ability. Everything that we do we make sure that access and equity are considered. We are founded on the principles of access, equity and justice, and believe whole heartedly that ART is for EVERYONE!"

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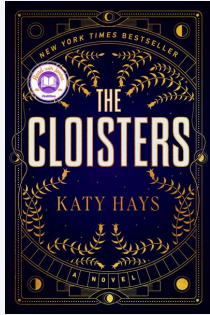
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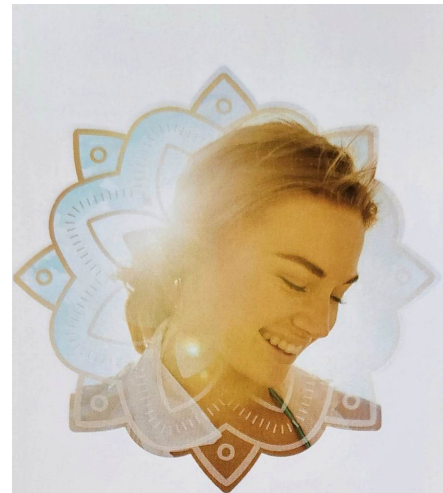


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When Ann Stilwell arrives in New York City, finds herself assigned to The Cloisters, a gothic museum and garden renowned for its medieval art collection and its group of enigmatic researchers studying the history of divination. Desperate to escape her painful past, Ann is happy to indulge the researchers' more outlandish theories about the history of fortune telling. But what begins as academic curiosity quickly turns into obsession when Ann discovers a hidden 15th-century deck of tarot cards that might hold the key to predicting the future. When the dangerous game of power, seduction, and ambition at The Cloisters turns deadly, Ann becomes locked in a race for answers as the line between the arcane and the modern blurs.

[WinchesterBookGallery.com](http://WinchesterBookGallery.com)  
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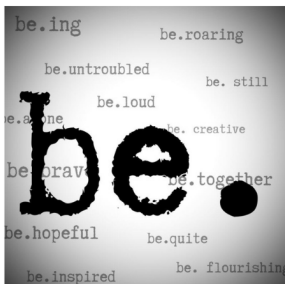


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- Instructions: Fill cup nearly full with hot chocolate and add orange peel.

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# SHENANDOAH ARTS COUNCIL



Since 1978, the Shenandoah Arts Council has provided exhibition opportunities for regional artists of all ages and ability levels, with their most well-known project being the Artscape banners along the Old Town pedestrian strip. With the support and inspiration of six new board members in the previous six months, expansion plans are in the works for this year as they add several new events and extend Artscape banners to Middletown.

Lisa Sipp, executive director, and Lisa Fisher, program director, are enthusiastic about the debut of the first annual ShenArts Fest, a fine arts event that will debut on the walking mall on September 9th and 10th. The festival will feature artists selected by a jury, dance performances, musical performances, and a very exciting flash mob dance led by new board member Eve Stanley.

Charles Pitcock, a former Winchester police officer and member of the U.S. Air Force's Strategic Air Command, contributed a piece to the annual Veterans exhibition held last year. American Eagle was accepted for the art exhibition and chosen for the ArtScape banner program with the banner being sponsored by Veteran Subs, a veteran-owned business in Winchester.

ShenArts' offerings are rounded out with art classes for children and adolescents that provide free workshops and opportunity to exhibit their artwork, including a comprehensive youth art exhibition in March.

You can learn more about ShenArts offerings and ways to support their mission at [ShenArts.org](https://ShenArts.org)

## KIDS AND TEENS ART CLUBS



Monthly free art classes are offered for kids in k-12 to explore the world of art.

ShenArts is curating a special art exhibition in March 2023 for National Youth Art month! Kids K-12 can [submit their art here](#) to be considered!



## HEART FOR THE ARTS

Cory Garwyn received Shen Arts Hearts for the Arts award which is presented annually. Josie Tilton presented the award which was a painting she donated to the cause.

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