



The Chaffee Art Center - YOUR Center for Creativity

Dear Friend,

It is because of the generosity of supporters such as yourself, that our historic, non-profit, community art center has made tremendous progress this year!

Your gifts have directly supported:

- Six exhibits showcasing works of featured artists and artist members with over 2,500 visitors.
- Ten cultural events - Native American Exhibit; Exhibit on the 60's & 70's Hippie Movement; and a series of Friday night events that showcased films, speakers, authors, music and food.
- Annual Student Art Exhibit involving 21 schools plus homeschoolers.
- 227 community classes for children and adults encompassing the arts: music, fine art, wellness, fiber arts, culinary, literature and more.

There is so much more to do and we're counting on your continued support.

We continually strive to offer enriching exhibits, classes and events. Our aspiration is to be able to share the creativity and wellness of the arts with many more - regardless of income, educational, emotional, or physical challenges. To do this, we need your financial support.

*This year's Annual Holiday Exhibit, "**The Season of Giving**" reflects the heart of the Chaffee. Our focus - being a community art center celebrating all forms of art and welcoming all walks of life.*

Please give as generously as you are able. Your tax-deductible donation provides unrestricted dollars for our operating budget in support of programs, classes and exhibits. Our goal is to establish a sustainable financial plan so the Chaffee can continue to be a rich resource in the Rutland region and beyond. Thank you for your valued support. Your contribution truly makes a difference!

With a grateful heart and best wishes for happy & healthy holidays,

Sherri Birkheimer Rooker
Executive Director



*The Chaffee Art Center exists
to nurture the essential
relationship between the arts
and our community through
EXHIBITION, EDUCATION &
COLLABORATION.*

Accomplishments in 2019:

- Welcomed a new dynamic Board of Directors.
- Hired a new Executive Director.
- Released a new website.
- Rented the mansion for private events - parties, meetings, and more.
- Awarded a \$5000 Windham Foundation grant to develop programs for teens.
- Increased collaboration with community organizations who helped make improvements to our historic building and grounds, as well as with events - Rutland Garden Club, Youth Works Missionary Group, Rutland City Rotary, Wonderfeet Museum, Stafford Technical School, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, and College of St. Joseph.



A Special Thank You to All Our Volunteers!

Volunteers are the heart of the Chaffee. We are fortunate to have strong volunteer and community support with over 100 volunteers who have been with the Chaffee for more than 10 years, many of whom are students. Each *Art in the Park* festival brings in over 65 volunteers who combined, commit more than 350 hours. Currently, 5-7 volunteers commit their time to the Chaffee every week. **Please consider volunteering** – we need you! **Call today at 802-775-0356** to see how you can help!

Upcoming Events

- *Portraits & Dreams* - January 10
- *Northern Comforts* featuring the Maple Leaf Quilters and Twin States Modern Quilt Guild - February 21
- *Annual Student Exhibit* - May 1 through May 29
- *Vermont Watercolor Society* - September 11
- *Annual Holiday Member Exhibit* - November 13



2020 Art in the Park Fine Art & Craft Festivals

- *Summer Festival* - August 8 & 9
- *Fall Foliage Festival* - October 10 & 11

Visit our website for the most up-to-date classes, exhibits, and community events.
<https://www.chaffeeartcenter.org>

We hope to see you soon!



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