

Focus on Artisans

Arts and culture are critical for economic development in a community that enhances financial strength, health & wellness and social capital. The Monadnock Region has always been a home to the Arts and does a wonderful job showcasing them. Southern NH is the perfect place to observe, perform, learn or do business with the Arts.

The Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship is involved in a community-wide network for supporting local artisans. By connecting local businesses with the resources they need, Hannah Grimes provides a platform for artisans' businesses to develop their skills, support their businesses and contribute to the community.

Artisan E-Newsletter

Every month, Hannah Grimes reaches out to its followers and supporters with a Artisan targeted e-newsletter. The e-newsletter contains networking events, workshops and trainings and curated content focused on this sector.



Consulting & Workshops

What makes Hannah Grimes exceptional is a strong spirit of collaboration among everyone involved: high-quality (mostly volunteer) teachers, coaches and trainers. A variety of business development professionals are available for one-on-one advising sessions & workshops. Our instructors are a group of skilled consultants and practitioners who are able to train effectively. They know their stuff because they do it every day.

Monadnock Arts Alive

Arts Alive! is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working to sustain, promote and expand access to arts and cultural resources in the Monadnock Region. Arts Alive! is comprised of a broad range of arts and cultural organizations—museums, acting troupes, musical organizations, theatres, galleries—that share a common goal to enhance arts and culture in our

region. Arts Alive! seeks to develop an infrastructure that will sustain, promote and expand access to arts and cultural resources.

Monadnock Area Artists Association

The MAAA began in 1958 when a loose knit group of artists displayed their art work on Central Square in Keene. The City provided snow fencing upon which the paintings were hung. That humble seed blossomed into an annual “Art in the Park” event with over eighty artists displaying their work – annually in August.

Today, the MAAA has a strong commitment to cultivating art in the community. Activities center on generating interest and appreciation of art within our region through education and the exhibition of art works. Members exhibit at various locations in the area as part of the Artists Out-reach Program, as well as being able to submit work for member and juried shows.

River Valley Artisans

River Valley Artisans is made up of artists in towns along the Connecticut River. They are a nonprofit organization focused on giving local artists the opportunity to exhibit their work in the area. The River Valley Artisans holds an annual Artisans Tour on Columbus Day weekend. This event encourages locals and those visiting from out of town to travel the scenic back roads of Southern New Hampshire in the CT River Valley during peak foliage season to enjoy the work of local artists in their studios. This self-guided tour includes studios exhibiting a variety of art, including paintings, sculpture and jewelry.

The Artisan Focus is one of the 5 sectors Hannah Grimes targets for programming and business resources. The other sectors include Farm & Food, Green Construction, Independent Retail and Nonprofit. Along with the Hannah Grimes Times, these monthly e-newsletters are tools to help your business grow!