

2023 CREATIVE GUTS ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION

To awaken creativity within people of all ages by curating an environment for connection, collaboration, and the opportunity for gutsy creatives to share their stories with the world.

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RECOGNITION

Creative Guts was selected as the recipient for the 2023 NH Governor's Arts Award for Creative Communities. The NH Governor's Arts Awards publicly recognize outstanding contributions to the state's arts and cultural life. We'd like to thank Governor Sununu and the NH State Council on the Arts for this award. We also would like to thank our partners, sponsors, guests of the show, participants of our events, and our podcast listeners.

Wow! What a huge honor for us. We're still a bit in disbelief!





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PROGRAMMING

2023 was the biggest year yet for Creative Guts, giving more opportunities for creatives to grow and shine.

Podcast: We released 41 episodes on the podcast in 2023, featuring interviews with 22 creatives. Three interviews were hosted live for students at Exeter High School, where we also emceed a slam poetry event.

Tiny Art Exchange: Our third annual tiny art exchange included 88 participants from all over the world, sending original art through the mail.

Youth Zine: In the summer of 2023, our youth zine featured the art and writings of 38 young people.

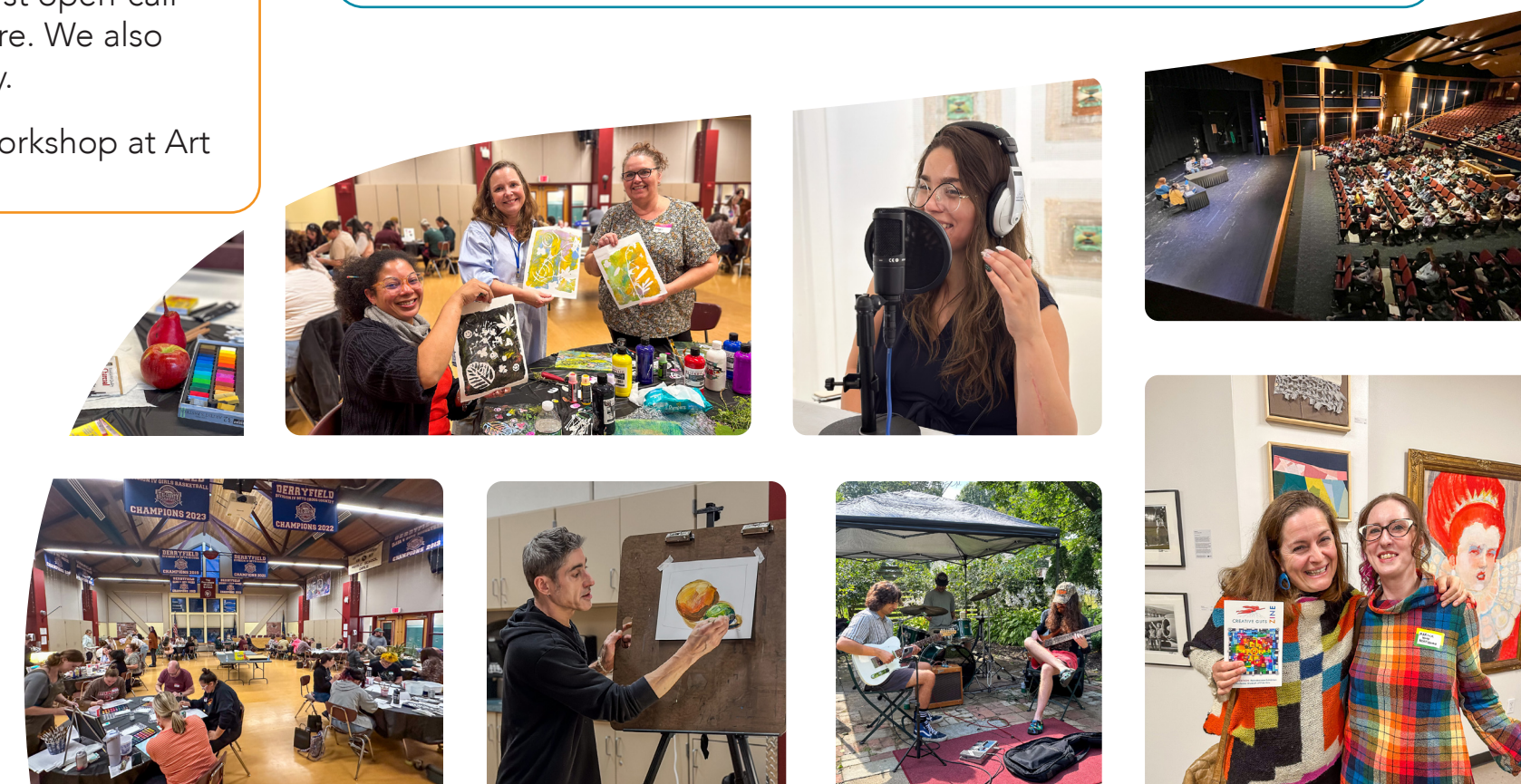
Arts Market: Held outside at Art Up Front Street Studios & Gallery, our summer arts market provided thirteen fantastic vendors the opportunity to sell their artwork and display their artwork to the community. Creative Guts also hired local musicians to play at the event.

Exhibitions: Creative Guts curated *Kaleidoscope*, a group exhibition at the Rochester Museum of Fine Arts with an accompanying zine that published the art, featuring 27 artists from New England. This was the first open-call group exhibit for the RMFA, which displayed many artists who had never been to the museum before. We also coordinated the *Show Us Your Creative Guts* Group Exhibit, at the Derryfield School Lyceum Gallery.

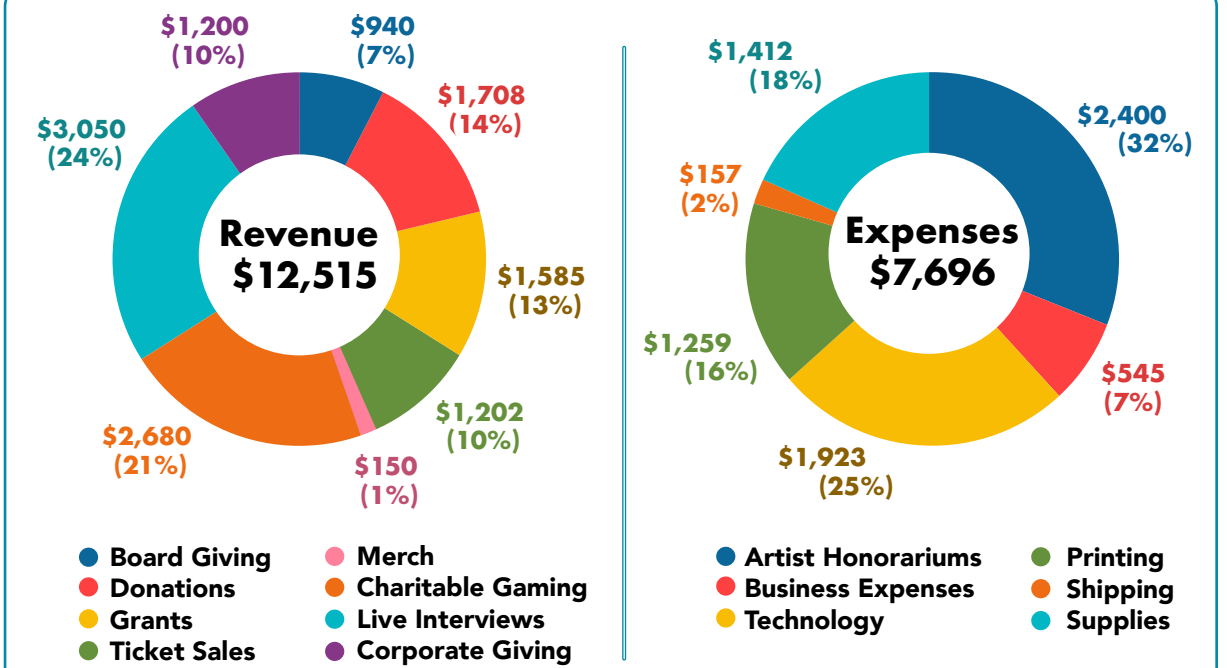
Workshop: Isabel Ardito Lebo of Cheeky Neighborhood taught the wonders of rug hooking at a workshop at Art Up Front Street Studios and Gallery in Exeter.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Art 'Round the Room: One of our biggest events yet was Art 'Round the Room, held in October of 2023 at The Derryfield School. The unique concept behind Art 'Round the Room is similar to speed dating, but instead of dating each other, attendees had an opportunity to try out various art mediums. The goal was to make art more accessible and help folks get inspired to learn and grow creatively. Art 'Round the Room was met with excitement; not only did the event sell out, but we accumulated a waitlist! The feedback received after the event was very positive, and there is buzz for us to host it again. We're so happy this event helped "non-creatives" in exploring their own creativity and was a welcoming space for people to connect and make.



FINANCIALS



Creative Guts has a very modest budget. Our revenue sources include individual donations, corporate sponsorship, foundation and government grants, charitable gaming, and ticket and merchandise sales with the majority coming from the work we do! Creative Guts is often provided a small stipend for live interviews and other commitments.

Because Creative Guts has no staff, the bulk of our revenue is directed to our programming. One of our core values is that creatives deserve to be paid for their work, so we're proud to say that the largest expense in 2023 was artist honorariums!