

WOVEN Gathering at the Intersections

NHSCA Arts Partnership Conference, Fall 2023

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS:

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts is expanding the vision of our traditional Arts Education Conference. As we gather together, our outreach will expand to include participants from across the cultural ecosystem. The communities we engage are deeply connected and this approach will highlight the intersection of our programs.

Our theme is simple, "Gather," but the meaning is big. Coming together in, around, and through the arts speaks to the truth that art is transcendent and takes us to joy, healing, and growth in ways that we can't get to alone. This conference seeks to explore and demonstrate that there are many paths to creativity. Art is never just one thing; its power is in the multiplicity of connections, experiences, and outcomes.

We honor this: art does not exist in isolation. It is our lives. It is us in community.

We are expecting a cross-sector audience, and so we encourage presenters who are working with the arts from a range of perspectives:

- Arts, culture, or cultural heritage
- Arts Educators and Teaching Artists
- Arts in Health
- Community and economic development
- Creative work, such as design, architecture, writing
- Downtown preservation and main streets
- Equity, access, and belonging
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental justice and climate change
- Municipal government and planning
- Social action and justice
- Youth leadership and career preparation

DATE AND LOCATION:

Sanborn Mills Farm, Loudon, NH
Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28, 2023

Sanborn Mills is a working farm that preserves and teaches traditional farming and crafts, where people have gathered for centuries to honor the land and traditions of making. Our conference draws on this place for inspiration.

FORMAT AND SESSION DETAILS:

The conference will be held over two days with sessions in the morning and afternoon. We will welcome a unique audience for each of the two days. Some presenters, as are available, may be asked to present both days of the conference. If so, NHSCA will provide accommodations and food as requested.

Workshops will be up to one hour in length. We will provide a stipend to presenters.

PROPOSALS:

We welcome workshop proposals that build on our theme, engaging people in conversations and experiences, and highlighting the art that comes out of gathering, collaborating, and creating side by side. Formats may include technical workshops, panels, participatory performances, and experiential learning. Workshops should highlight New Hampshire artists and projects happening in communities across the state, and may include:

- Examples of community-based arts projects that build a sense of belonging and celebrate the power of multiple and diverse perspectives, cultures, and lived experiences.
- Traditional Arts and Folklife, including foodways, agricultural traditions and practices, and occupational traditions.
- Storytelling as a means of building connections and community.
- Youth arts initiatives that feature collaborations with teaching artists, and may highlight the impact of community arts on youth social emotional learning, well-being, and healing.
- Presentations demonstrating the cross-pollination of ideas and creativity that arise in collaborations across disciplines and sectors.
- Activities that invite us to sing together, dance together, make art together, write poems side by side.

In designing this conference, we are particularly interested in content that considers the following questions:

- How are the arts in New Hampshire intentionally engaging diverse people, sectors, perspectives, and artistic practices in conversations and experiences that have broad reach and impact?
- How does gathering become more vital when we're connecting people in ways they don't readily perceive, allowing them to see how they're part of the same ecosystem?
- As we build these connections, how do we sustain them?
How can we deepen outreach, access, collaboration, and shared value?

HOW TO SUBMIT:

The deadline for submissions is Friday, August 18th. Our Conference Planning Committee will review proposals and contact applicants by early September.

To submit a workshop proposal, please use the google form [HERE](#)

Please reach out to Allison Hawkins at allison.hawkins@dncr.nh.gov or 603-271-0791 with any questions.