

2021

Annual Report

Art Center of Burlington



thank you

The Art Center of Burlington provides a place to be inspired, be creative, and express oneself no matter what your age or experience. This is important because it has been shown that doing art stimulates brain activity and triggers those creative juices essential to help you think beyond boundaries and gain new perspectives. Children exposed to the arts learn to create, design, generate, and compose new ideas, which encourages the creative thinking which is inherent in young children.

Art is also an incredible catalyst for connection. Its influence reaches beyond the realms of conversation and creates a medium that communicates in all languages. We are able to share an experience together and express ourselves through our reaction and feelings as observers of art as well as through the art we create ourselves.

It has been my honor to serve as Executive Director of the Art Center of Burlington for the past eight years. It has grown tremendously thanks to people like you who understand the necessity of the arts. As I step down from my position at the Art Center and move my focus to The Capitol Theater, I will continue my pursuit of connecting and inspiring people through the power of the arts. It is my hope that together, the Art Center and The Capitol Theater, will continue to provide a place where people connect and engage in life more fully.

Thank you for your support and your belief in the arts!

Tammy McCoy
Executive Director

2021
at a glance

300+
MEMBERSHIPS

20+
GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

20+
COMMUNITY EVENTS

90+
CLASS OFFERED



Exhibitions

Our 2021 series of monthly exhibitions brought both local and regional artwork to our main gallery. These exhibits showcased the work of many talented, dedicated, and interesting artists.

CAROL JEAN CARTER : Murray Iron
January 11-30, 2021

KEN REIF: Porcupine Mountains Experience
February 1-27, 2021

A Woman's Perspective Group Show
March 3-30, 2021

MARY ZERAN: Happy Zone
April 1-30, 2021

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
May 1-8, 2021

WEST BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
May 10-20, 2021

TATTOO & ART SHOW: More Than Skin Deep
May 24-29, 2021

NASH COX: My Vehicle for Self Expression
June 2-29, 2021

MARGARET ERTZ: Steeples & Street Lights
July 1-30, 2021

LINDA ROSS & MARY ILMBERGER-SCOTT
The Strange Girl's Club
August 3-30, 2021

CAROL GUNN: Lasting Impressions
September 1-26, 2021

SUSAN PARTAIN: Moments in Time
October 1-28, 2021

ITTY BITTY BITS OF ART : Small Works Show
November 2-13, 2021

ALL MEMBER SHOW
November 16-December 23 2021



Introducing Vice Nights

In 2021 we introduced an entirely new suite of pop-up exhibits conceived and hosted by Brandy Swartz. These one night exhibitions were created to expand the boundaries of creativity, challenge artists to push their personal limits and integrate the community into an in depth view of alternative photography, art, subjects and visions.

This collection of exhibitions provide an alternative way of experiencing artwork, and push the boundaries of what it means to install and display art. We are excited about growing this audience, and for the shows already slated for 2022.





In 2022 we look forward to continuing to offer a broad array of classes. We are excited about the expansion of our teen programming.

We will be introducing new mediums and instruction such as technique classes for calligraphy, illustration, and acrylics.

Mentorship programs will expand, particularly in the ever popular medium of photography.

Studio Programs

In the past year, we returned to regular programming, offering classes for all ages and abilities. We added many more talented instructors and were able to grow our class offerings as a result.

Our ceramics studio continues to grow in popularity and we've drastically increased the number of classes offered. We look forward to updating our ceramics studio space, to ensure safety protocols are met.



Artscapes

We continued to bring art to our community through our Artscapes program. In 2021 we added two more qualified instructors to facilitate the needs of this mission. We continued to serve such organizations as Hope Haven, Self-Reliance, Behavioral Health, and various assisted living centers in our community.

We have several new organizations we look forward to serving in 2022. Through generous donations throughout the year, we are able to bring art education to many in our community for little to no cost to them.





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Memberships & Sponsorships

We know that memberships are an essential component to sustaining the programming that we offer. In 2021 Membership income reached \$20k, with over 700 new or renewed memberships.

In 2022, we look forward to continuing to grow in memberships, and offer ways to enhance the membership perks.



Artists Market

Our Artists Market sales were particularly strong in 2021. We continue to be amazed at the beautiful work frequently brought in by our talented local and regional artists.

We take great pride in selecting artists and work that is original, unique, and of high quality. Artists are selected through a formal jury process to ensure these standards are met.

Pottery, paintings, jewelry, woodwork, metalwork, photography, sculpture, glasswork, and more can be shopped in our beautiful market space.





Our biggest fundraising event of the year, Celebrity Battle of the Brushes was held in November 2021. Drawing a crowd of over 300 attendees, this event was moved to the Memorial Auditorium to accommodate the attendees! This event was a total success, raising over \$30,000.

Community Events

In 2021 we were able to bring back favorite community events such as Snake Alley Art Fair, Celebrity Battle of the Brushes, Miracle on Jefferson St., and reopen our 1st and 3rd Friday night Gallery Lounges.

New events like our Pint By Number bar crawl, and Itty Bitty Bits of Art, a small works show, were well attended, received, and are here to stay. We take great pleasure in bringing the community together at the Art Center, an inclusive place to gather and connect.

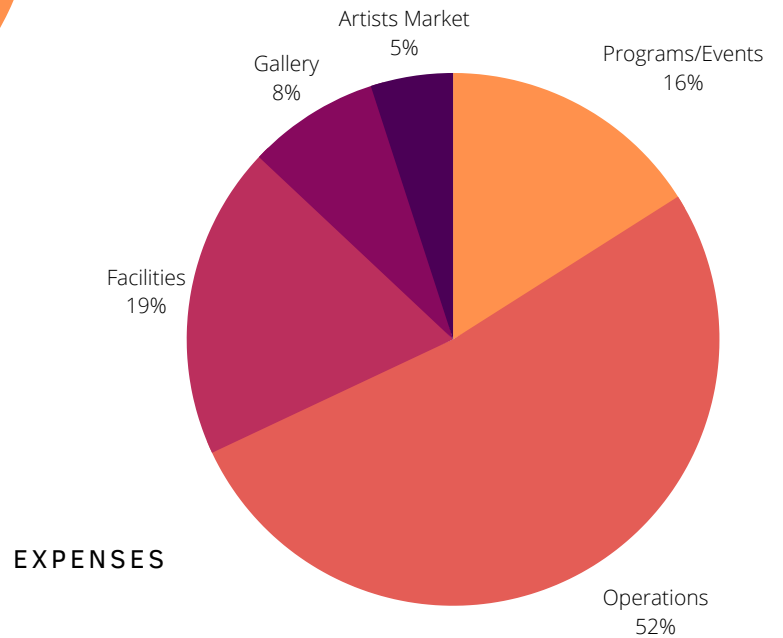
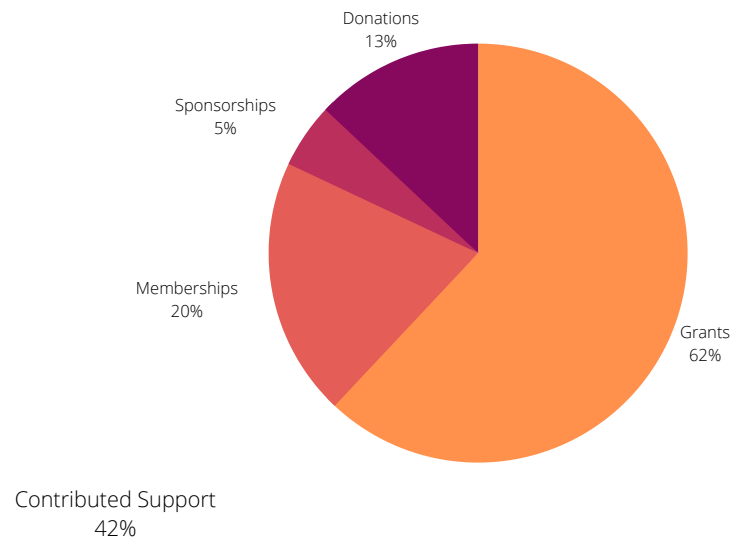
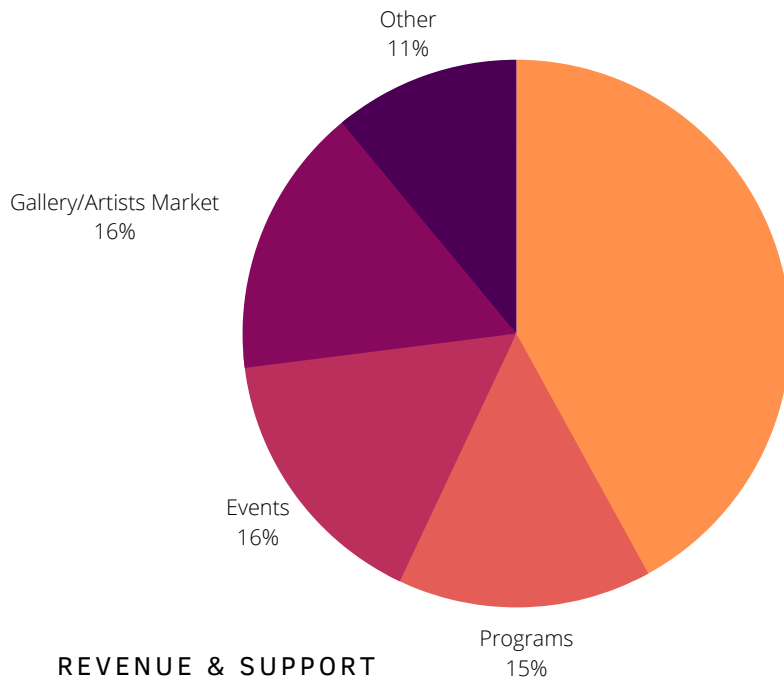


Snake Alley Art Fair 2021

This year's Fair had to close down early due to inclement weather, however we still considered it a success. This year we drew over 70 participating artists, and the turnout before the severe rain moved in was on pace to break previous records.



2021 Financial Statement



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