

ARTS FEST 2026

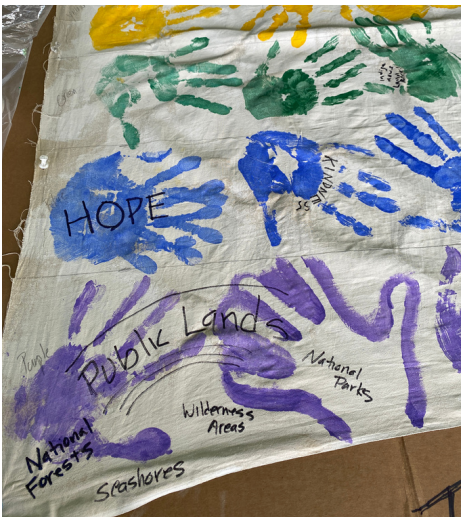


Thank you to our great community for coming out to enjoy the Waterbury Arts Fest over the weekend of July 10 & 11. On Saturday, kids and adults alike enjoyed crafting at the MakerSphere Creation Station, where activities included string art, mini tile decor, tape art and fancy egg carton eyewear!



People were also invited to participate in the “United We Stitch” nationwide community art project. The project involves creating a 3' x 5' flag or art panel that conveys the maker's interpretation of what our democracy should look like; hopes and dreams for America's future. The flags will then be displayed across the nation on September 20. Flags in this region will be displayed at the Montpelier State House.

Flags can incorporate most any type of media including paint. At the MakerSphere tent, visitors could add their handprint using paint onto the fabric flag and then write positive words and hopeful phrases.



Learn more about the United We Stitch Project [here](#). This is where you will also find all the requirements that flags must meet.

You Can Participate! MakerSphere is hosting a free community workshop to create your own flag on August 12 & 19. Info and register [here](#). You don't have to be a sewer or artist to participate! A flag can also be worked on by multiple people or a small group. Sewing machines, some fabric, trimmings and other media will be available. Makers are also welcome to bring supplies.



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Register now for these upcoming **FREE MakerSphere** events:



Shop Talk - Woodworking/Construction Q&A **August 6 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

Join Matt Stern for an informal discussion in the woodshop. Get your questions answered about projects, tools, how-to etc. Matt has over 40 years experience with woodworking and building projects. Info/register [here](#).



United We Stitch Community Art Project **August 12 & 19 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Attend one or both nights to work on your flag/art panel which will be displayed on September 20th along with flags all across the nation. Learn more and register [here](#).

Makers in Motion: Featuring Katrina Burks

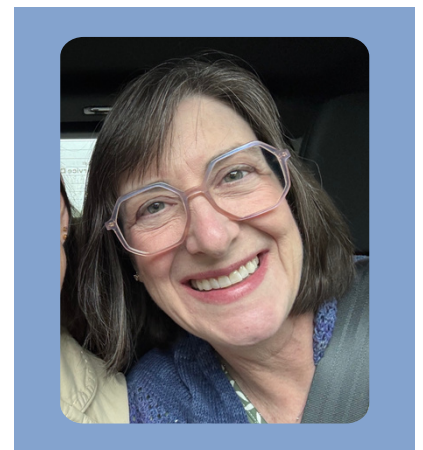
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MakerSphere is thrilled to launch our new Makers in Motion series, spotlighting the makers and members who bring our community to life. For our inaugural entry, we're proud to introduce Katrina Burks — board member, potter, and nurse practitioner by day.

Katrina began her pottery journey at MakerSphere in 2013. After a pause, she returned with renewed passion in 2021 and joined the board in 2022. Known for experimenting with sgraffito and glaze combinations, she creates striking surface designs that beautifully complement her well-crafted forms.

When did you start your creative arts journey?

"I have always loved doing art projects. I minored in Art History in college and gained a much deeper appreciation for all that goes into creating various forms of artwork. [Read more](#).



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