Putnam Arts Council's Cultural Calendar
May & June 2025

Dear Friends & Members: We ask that you use this, our bi-monthly *Cultural Calendar* publication, as our primary printed piece announcing upcoming events and activities presented by the Putnam Arts Council (PAC) as well as the events and activities of our cultural affiliates throughout Putnam County. PAC supports many of these activities with public funds received from New York State and Putnam County. See funding credit for info. Keep this publication for reference and please remember to stay connected through our comprehensive website www.putnamartscouncil.com. Please contact individual presenters directly for questions regarding all listed projects/events. Your support helps us to INSPIRE + CREATE + ENRICH our local communities.

Exhibitions

Putnam Arts Council / 845-803-8622

The Belle Levine Art Center
521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac, NY
www.putnamartscouncil.com

• **OPEN CALL – Motion and Movement Art Exhibition:**
May 17 - June 1
This exhibition seeks to explore the concept of movement in various forms, capturing the dynamic forces that bring life, energy and rhythm to the world around us. From the graceful flow of water to the explosive power of dance and sports, from the mechanics of motion to the emotive storytelling of travel and change—this theme invites a wide range of interpretations across all artistic mediums.
Interested in exhibiting? Visit PAC's website for Prospectus.
Hand Deliver Artwork: **Weekend of May 10-11, 2-5pm**

Opening Reception & Meet the Artists:
Saturday, May 17, 2-5pm
Additional Gallery Hours: **Sundays, May 18, 25, 2-5pm**
and Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 1-5pm
Closing Reception:
Sunday, June 1, 2-4pm *Artist Talk:* **3-4pm**

• **Building Bridges Invitational:**
June 13 - 18
Building Bridges is a program of the Putnam County Youth Bureau featuring an art class taught by Naomi Bowen. Students are all given the same tasks, the differences between pieces made their individuality stand out. Some signed up just to have an outlet, but through Building Bridges they developed a better level of self-expression.
Opening Reception: **Friday, June 13, 4:30-6pm**
Additional Gallery Hours: **Saturday, June 14, 2-4pm**
Tuesday, June 17, 1-4pm; Wednesday, June 18, 1-4pm

• **Tooraj Pourmand Alongside his PAC Students Exhibition:**
June 28 – July 13
The Beauty of Light in the Natural World
With 50+ years of experience in watercolor painting, Tooraj (alongside his talented students) will present a collective of their watercolor works. Featuring diverse themes, including still life, landscapes & foliage, unified by shared commitment to capturing the beauty of light in the natural world.

Opening Reception & Meet the Artists:
Saturday, June 28, 2-5pm
Add'l Gallery Hours: **Sundays, June 29, July 6, 13, 2-4pm**
and Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 1-5pm
Exhibition Continues: **thru Sunday, July 13**

Northern Star Quilters Guild

www.northernstarquilters.com

• **"World of Quilts XLIV":**
Featuring a vendor marketplace and over 300 quilts.
Location: SUNY Purchase College
Physical Education Building
735 Anderson Hill Road
Purchase, NY 10577

Saturday, May 3, 10am-5pm
Sunday, May 4, 10am-4pm

Hudson Valley InterArts / 845-501-9193

40 Jon Barrett Road, Patterson, NY 12563
www.hudsonvalleyinterarts.org

• **"Songs of Community in Bloom" Group Art Show:**
A celebration of Hudson Valley InterArts' one-year anniversary and opening reception for our Group Art Show. Come enjoy revelry and community connection in our 15,000 sq. ft. interdisciplinary art center, with co-created works representing Spring Blossoms and Creative Community.

Opening Reception + 1-Year Anniversary Celebration:
Friday, May 16, 5-8pm

Garrison Art Center / 845-424-3960

23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison, NY 10524
www.garrisonartcenter.org

• **"Rise: Scenes of Resistance" - Jeremy Dennis:**
A solo photography exhibition exploring Indigenous identity, loss of culture, and the impact of colonization, focusing on Dennis's experiences as a Shinnecock Indian Nation member. The show features 4 interconnected projects: 'Rise,' 'Nothing Happened Here,' 'On This Site,' and 'Sacredness of Hills.' Also public workshops and a family session on May 18, aimed at fostering dialogue around Indigenous history and culture.

Admission: Free
Artist Talk: **Sat, May 17, 3-4pm**
Opening Reception: **Sat, May 17, 5-7pm**
Exhibit Continues: **thru Sun, June 22**
Additional Gallery Hours: **Tues – Sun, 10am-5pm**

Family Workshop: **Sunday, May 18, 12-1:30pm**
Adult Workshop: **Sunday, May 18, 3-5pm**
Visit website for info and to register for the workshops.

Arts on the Lake / 845-228-2685

640 Route 52, Kent Lakes, NY 10512
www.artsonthelake.org

• **Reflectionists Art Exhibition:**
An exhibition of the work of current and recent students of AOTL's Intensive Painting class that Alex Shundi has taught for the past 10+ years.

Opening Reception:
Saturday, May 3, 1-4pm
Additional Gallery Hours:
May 4, 10, 11, 1-4pm; during the week by request

• **Spring Art Exhibition:**
A must-see the annual spring show celebrates new works by talented local artists. The exhibition encourages artists of all styles and expertise to participate. Open to artists 18 years and older. To learn more visit AOTL's website.

Opening Reception:
Saturday, May 17, 12-4pm
Additional Gallery Hours:
May 18, 24, 25, 26, 12-4pm; during the week by request

FrOGS – Friends of the Great Swamp / 845-350-2686

P.O. Box 373, Pawling, NY 12564
www.frogs-ny.org

• **"LIVING Water: WET Land" Art Show:**
June 1 – July 31
In collaboration with Hudson Valley InterArts this show will explore the meeting of human and ecology, body and place, water and life. Opening reception will include live music and refreshments. If interested in submitting your work visit FrOGS website for details. Submissions are free, deadline is **May 23**.

Location:
Hudson Valley InterArts
40 Jon Barrett Road, Patterson, NY 12563

Opening Reception:
Saturday, June 21, 3-7pm
Closing Reception:
Sunday, July 27, 1-4pm
Show Continues: **until July 31**

Children

Cultural Arts Coalition / 845-363-8330

Studio Around the Corner
67 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509
www.culturalartsco.com

• **Free Art Workshops for Kids:** In conjunction with the art exhibit "Triple Vision" offered to children ages 7-14:

WORKSHOP: "Art Journaling - Create Your Own Book!"
Saturday, May 10, 12-2pm

WORKSHOP: "The Art of Yoga and Movement"
Saturday, May 31, 12-1pm

Kent Public Library / 845-225-8585

17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, NY 10512
www.kentlibrary.org

• **Stories in Motion:** Children ages 3-6 with caregivers are invited to join us for an exciting dance experience with instructor Beth Jacobs. Move, dance, have a blast, activities that help tell stories through dance! Please register online.

Admission: Free
Saturday, May 17, 11am-11:45am

• **Summer Reading Kickoff!:** Children of all ages are invited to our annual event. We're thrilled to have the Bubble Bus back, bringing a whirlwind of bubbles, music, and dancing to kick off your summer in style! Please register online.

Admission: Free
Saturday, June 28, 11am-1pm

Arts on the Lake / 845-228-2685

640 Route 52, Kent Lakes, NY 10512
www.artsonthelake.org

• **Global Water Dance Festival:**
Our week-long festival showcases a variety of environmental education, advocacy, arts and movement all culminating in an outdoor performance Saturday June 21st with a closing water lantern ceremony.

Throughout the week various activities (including the Pied Piper Youth Theater presentation of *Finding Nemo*, a Garden club activity and a PCDP workshop with crafts and movement) are family-focused including elementary and middle school participation in an art gallery exhibit and performances in music, art/sculpture and dance (Putnam County Dance Project performers and guest aerialist dance artist). Check AOTL website for activities and schedule.

Admission: Free with suggested donation
Opening Day: **Saturday, June 14, 3pm**
Continues**: every day until Saturday, June 21**

Music

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center / 845-528-7280

729 Peekskill Hollow Rd, Putnam Valley, NY 10579
www.tompkinscorners.org

• **9th Annual Pete Seeger Festival:**
Come celebrate the musical, environmental, and humanitarian legacy of our neighbor, mentor and friend ~ Pete Seeger.

This is a family-friendly event that will be outdoors if the weather permits or indoors if it rains. Donations will be gratefully accepted and shared with local organizations that Pete created, including the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, the Beacon Sloop Club, and the River Pool at Beacon.

Admission: Free
Sunday, May 4, 2pm

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center / 845-528-7280

• **Ensemble Sangineto, Italian Strings and Voices For World Music:** This ensemble seamlessly blends ancient harmonies with modern rhythms, creating fresh arrangements that encompass traditional Irish, Scottish, Breton, and Italian tunes, along with original compositions shaped by a diverse range of genres—from classical and folk to Gregorian chant, musical theater, pop, and Celtic music.

Admission: $25
Saturday, May 10, 7:30pm

The Chapel Restoration / 845-265-5537
45 Market Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516
www.chapelrestoration.org

• **Sunday Music Series - Charlotte Hu**: A "first-class talent" (Philadelphia Inquirer) possessing a "superstar quality — musical, energetic, and full of flair" (Jerusalem Post), Taiwanese-American pianist Charlotte Hu performs works by Granados, Liszt, and Debussy.

Admission: Free, donations welcome
Sunday, May 18, 4-5pm

• **Sunday Music Series - The Claremont Trio**: Lauded as "one of America's finest young chamber groups" (Strad Magazine), in a performance of piano trios by Fauré, Brahms, and Azmeh.

Admission: Free, donations welcome
Sunday, June 15, 4-5pm

Theater

Philipstown Depot Theatre / 845-424-3900
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison, NY 10524
www.philipstowndepottheatre.org

• ***The Tango Diaries***: An original play by Ron Hutchinson and Alisa Taylor about how Tango, the international dance sensation, has saved people's lives. Five local actors, four Argentinian Tango Dancers and one Tango musician light up the stage with this illuminating look into the passion and complexities of human interaction framed by the Tango.

Admission: $25-30
Evening Performances
Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 7:30pm
Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 7:30pm

Matinee Performances
Sundays, May 4, 11, 18, 3pm

THE CULTURAL CALENDAR

Putnam Arts Council's bi-monthly Calendar is provided as a service to area residents, artists and arts organizations, and is disseminated to members by mail. It is also available at public libraries and cultural institutions throughout Putnam County and the region.
www.putnamartscouncil.com

Cultural Arts Coalition / 845-363-8330
Old Town Hall Theater
67 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509
www.culturalartsco.com

• **"Hurricane Diane":** The Greek god Dionysus meets four housewives of New Jersey in the Putnam County debut of this hilarious new eco-comedy. Visit website for info/tickets.

Admission: $25
Fridays, May 9, 16, 8pm
Saturdays, May 10, 17, 8pm

Summer Art Classes

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• **Adults/Teens 16+:** Ongoing favorites including pottery, painting, drawing and more. Shorter semesters and one day workshops too. Options for all levels of ability from beginner to advanced. Join us and create something wonderful!

• **Children/Teens:** A variety of affordable and flexible options in pottery/painting/drawing/anime for kids 6-10. Join us this summer and explore the arts in our climate-controlled art studios. Individualized instruction encourages creativity and self-expression. Small classes are a hallmark of our offerings and our summer program fills quickly.

All classes discounted for PAC members. Visit PAC website for details, pricing, and to enroll.

Opportunities

• **Community Roundtable on the Arts:**
Get involved in making art happen in Putnam. Let PAC know what you would like to do, see and learn in the coming year. Your input will be shared with arts organizations across Putnam County.
Space is limited. Please call to make a reservation.
Putnam Arts Council, 845-803-8622
Wednesday, June 18, 6:30pm

• **A. Eric Arctander Scholarship:**
Created by family and friends to honor Eric not only as an artist but as a teacher, mentor and friend of younger artists. Applications available at www.collaborativeconcepts.org
Submission deadline is August 1, 2025

The Putnam Arts Council is a non-profit arts organization chartered in 1963 through the NYS Dept. of Education for museum and educational purposes. PAC provides support services to artists and arts organizations, and fosters, develops, and presents quality arts programs and activities in and around Putnam County. Visit our comprehensive website for information on our events along with a calendar of events happening in and around Putnam County.

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845-216-0636

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Membership

Please select a category of your choice. All categories are open to individuals. For example, anyone can be a Sponsor, Patron, Angel or Donor.

(Check category/level below)

Students to age 25	❑ $15
Sr. Citizen (62+)	❑ $15
Veterans	❑ $15
Individual / Artist (Circle one)	❑ $25
Family	❑ $40
Non-Profit Organization	❑ $50
Business	❑ $100
Sponsor	❑ $100
Patron	❑ $250
Angel	❑ $500
Donor	❑ $1000

New ❑ Renewal ❑

Your check will be your receipt for tax purposes and is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
Join online 24/7 or make checks payable to Putnam Arts Council and mail to:

Putnam Arts Council
P.O. Box 156, Mahopac, NY 10541
845-803-8622

Name:_____

Address:_____

City,State,Zip_____

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Email Address: _____

I wish to volunteer: Yes ( ) No ( )

Does your company match donations? Yes( ) No( )

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