Putnam Arts Council's Cultural Calendar
November & December 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 – *Small Works Exhibit***
November 29 – December 14
Exploring the beauty of small works art, where each piece tells a story far beyond its size. Artists 13 years and older are invited to submit up to three pieces of original art, not to exceed 8"x10". Check PAC website for Prospectus for more details and all submission guidelines.

Artwork drop-off:
Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23, 2-5pm

Opening Reception & Meet the Artists:
Saturday, Nov. 29, 2-5pm

Additional gallery hours: **Sunday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 2-5pm, and Wed., Thurs., and Fri., 1-5pm**

Closing Event: **Artist Talk: Sunday, Dec. 14, 3-4pm**
Exhibiting artists are invited to share information regarding their process and inspiration for their displayed art.

Garrison Art Center / 845-424-3960

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

• **"Leonard Freed's New York":**
This exhibit explores the early work of a photographer whose deep humanism and integrity defined his five-decade career. His iconic series Black in White America (1963) began in New York and expanded nationwide, reflecting his moral and artistic vision.

This exhibition spans scenes from Midtown's postwar opulence to Harlem's everyday life, Brooklyn's Hasidic communities, and the gritty streets of Police Work (1978–79). Together, these images form a powerful portrait of New York and of an artist shaped by compassion, clarity, and an enduring curiosity.

Admission: Free
Opening Reception: **Sat, Nov. 1, 5-7pm**
Exhibit Continues: **thru Sun, Nov. 23**
Additional Gallery Hours: **Tues – Sun, 10am-5pm**

Arts on the Lake / 845-228-2685

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

• ***Annual Fall Art Exhibition:*** Celebrating local artists, this exhibit encourages artists of all styles and expertise to participate. Artists may submit multiple pieces, however not all may be included in the exhibition as this is dependent on the number of overall pieces submitted. Check website to learn how to submit your work.

Opening Reception:
Saturday, Nov. 22, 12-4pm

Gallery Open:
Weekends, Nov. 22 + 23, 29 + 30, 12-4pm

Theater

Philipstown Depot Theater / 845-424-3900

10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison, NY 10524
www.depottheater.org

• ◈ ***FOLLIES:***
A musical by Stephen Sondheim and directed by John Christian Plummer, follows a group of actors and actresses as they visit a once majestic theater that is about to be torn down, and relive parts of their past while catching up with the present. The score offers a pastiche of 1920s and 1930s musical styles, evoking a nostalgic tone - an affectionate look at the American musical theatre between two World Wars.

Admission: **$25-30** visit website for details/purchase tickets
Friday + Saturday, Nov. 7+8, at 7pm
Sunday, Nov. 9 at 3pm

Friday + Saturday, Nov. 14+15, at 7pm
Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3pm

Friday + Saturday, Nov. 21+22, at 7pm
Saturday, Nov. 22 at 2pm
Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3pm

Children

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• **"Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration":** inspired by the beloved children's movie "Coco" this event by the Putnam County Dance Project is a wonderful opportunity for families to honor Hispanic Heritage Month and remember loved ones.

Dance: pop-up performances, fun music. Bring your children for fun crafts and dancing, select vendors & snacks!

Bring a photo or memento of an ancestor or pet you would like to commemorate. Photos and offerings can be placed on a larger community altar or used to create a mini ofrenda to take home (Items can be picked up the following day or next week).

Admission: FREE donations accepted
Visit website for more details.
Saturday, Nov. 1, 3-5pm

Kent Public Library / 845-225-8585

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

• **Gingerbread Kids Storytime:** Meet Miss Chris in the upstairs program room at the library for Holiday themed simple songs, storyboards, fingerplay, dancing, stories, music and more! This exciting class is designed for children 2-3 years of age. *Registration is required.*

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 11:30am - 12pm

• **Candy Canes:** Meet Miss Chris at the library for simple Holiday songs, storyboards, fingerplay, dancing, stories, music and more! This exciting class is designed for children 3-5 years of age. *Registration is required.*

Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18, 10:30am-11am

Music

Doansburg Chamber Ensemble / 845-228-4167

35 Upper Lake Road, Mahopac, NY 10541
www.doansburgchamberensemble.org

• **CONCERT – Doansburg Chamber Ensemble:**
Woodwind Quintet Concert.
Featuring music by Mozart, Klughardt, and Beach

Location: St. Mary in the Highlands Episcopal Church, (Rt.9D and 301) 1 Chestnut Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Admission: $17 General, $14 Seniors/Students

Friday, Nov. 7, 7pm
Sunday, Nov. 9, 3pm

Cultural Arts Coalition / 845-363-8330

Old Town Hall Theater
67 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509
www.culturalartsco.com

• **"Brewster Caesar":**
Join us for the world premiere of Southeast Town Historian Jack Alcott's brand new play, based loosely on true events in Brewster Village in the mid-1980s - when former clown local character John Cesar ran for mayor - while living in his van!

Admission: Check website for details
Friday, Nov. 14, 8pm
Saturday, Nov. 15, 8pm
Sunday, Nov. 16, 2pm

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center / 845-528-7280

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

• **Cole Quest and the City Pickers:**
Not your average bluegrass band! Led by the charismatic Cole Quest, grandson of folk icon Woody Guthrie.

What sets this band apart is their unique blending of original tunes with traditional favorites. They infuse each song with a special brand of high-spirited energy and a high lonesome sound that'll leave you wanting more. Their music is inspired by the stories and emotions of everyday life, and their instrumentation and vocal style are second to none.
Admission: $25
Sunday, Nov. 1, 7:30pm

• **Windborne:**
NPR says "the best musical discovery of the year, stunningly powerful… sets a new bar for harmony singing today!"
Renowned for their striking arrangements and bold harmonies, Windborne's performances bring old songs into the present with breathtaking originality. Effortlessly moving between musical styles, the quartet takes audiences on a journey across centuries and cultures, revealing the profound power of the human voice.
Admission: $30
Sunday, Nov. 16, 4pm

• **KJ Denhert & The NY Unit:**
A celebrated NYC songwriter, guitarist, vocalist, and bandleader, KJ has been captivating audiences worldwide for more than four decades. Holding a twenty-plus-year residency at NYC's iconic 55 Bar, she captivated crowds with her all-star band until the venue's closure in 2022.

Today, she continues to electrify audiences with music that weaves together the many genres that shaped her life. With a smoky, soulful voice, fiery guitar, and stories that cut to the heart, she's a consummate performer.

Admission: $25
Friday, Nov. 21, 7:30pm

The Chapel Restoration / 845-265-5537

45 Market Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516
www.chapelrestoration.org

• ◈ **Sunday Music Series – Steven Beck, piano**:
Described as "exemplary" and "deeply satisfying" by the NY Times, Steven is a graduate of the Juilliard School.

Mr. Beck made his concerto debut with the National Symphony Orchestra, and has toured Japan as soloist with the New York Symphonic Ensemble.

Admission: Free, donations welcome
Sunday, Nov. 16, 4-5pm

Putnam Chorale/ 845-520-7574

First United Methodist Church, 83 Main St., Brewster, NY
www.putnamchorale.org

• **"Shimmering Night: Songs of Wonder, Mystery, Serenity":**
90 singers will be performing, featuring works by Britten, Gjeilo, Cohen, Hagenberg, Whitacre, and Trotta.

One weekend - two performances:

Location: St. Joachim Church
51 Leonard St., Beacon, NY, 12508
Saturday, December 6, 7:30pm

Location: St. James the Apostle Church
14 Gleneida Ave, Carmel, NY 10512
Sunday, December 7, 3pm

Holiday

Arts on the Lake / 845-228-2685

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

• **"Annual Holiday Model Train Show":** In its 4th year the show has once again expanded with wonderful additions including The Nutcracker Railroad.

With a Holiday Village and many miniature scenes, watching the trains becomes a scavenger hunt for young and old, as you search for miniature Santas, kids throwing snowballs, newspaper boys, a barbershop, a naughty dog, snow sleds, a beautiful carousel and more. On top of that, you will find miniature billboards of many of our local businesses! Contact AOTL office to advertise.

Opens: **Saturday, December 6, 1-3pm**
Show Continues: **Weekends,1-3pm through January 11, 2026**

Art Classes

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LATE FALL classes in the arts for kids, teens, and adults. Visit our comprehensive website at www.putnamartscouncil.com to browse our classes taught by working artists who prioritize process over product and provide both group and individualized instruction. Affordable prices. Scholarships are available for kids and teens contact us for details (845-803-8622). We also offer birthday parties, and arts activities for special occasions. Featured classes:

• **"Clay – Explorations in Hand Building with Melissa Rossow"** – You'll learn the clay and hand-building basics, and explore different ways to join, shape, and decorate clay. We will use our imaginations to bring clay to life through the three basic hand-building forms – pinching, coiling, and slab-rolling. This class is ideal for first time students and returning potters, it encourages personal expression through structured projects along with individualized instruction.
6 Classes, Mondays, 6-8pm, starts Nov. 3

• **"Watercolor – with Amanda Epstein"** – Students may bring in photos of subjects they would like to work from as will the instructor. Students may choose to paint from either. We will create a painting starting from the value sketch, colored dummies to the final painting. Students will work at their own pace and receive individual attention.
6 Classes, Wednesdays, 1:30-4pm, starts Nov. 5

Opportunities

Calling ALL Artists:
Garrison Art Center is accepting proposals for the 2027 Gallery Exhibition season. They accept applications for solo, two- and three-person, and small-curated group shows.

Visit the GAC website for full details on eligibility and how to apply: https://www.garrisonartcenter.org/apply-to-exhibit

Deadline to Apply:
Thursday, January 15, 2026

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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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at Belle Levine Art Center

More Fall Fun at PAC!

"Pottery POD"
A one-day workshop for families
Saturday, Nov 22, 12-2:30pm

"Drawing, Painting and Anime for Kids with Rosalie Marcus"
All Levels, Ages 8-10, Thursdays, 5:30-7pm
6 Classes - Starts November 6

November/December 2025
ARTS CALENDAR

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:

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Name:_____

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Email Address: _____

I wish to volunteer: Yes ( ) No ( )

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

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General Business Hours
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