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Woodstock Arts Organizations Collaborate to Honor  
the Creative Spirit of the Town on May 26, 2007

Woodstock, NY—On Arts Day, May 26, 2007, the Woodstock Arts Consortium, the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce & Arts and WoodstockArts publishing are joining together to commemorate the town's creativity with multiple art gallery openings, an outdoor sculpture show, musical programs, book readings, a play slam and a travel guide. These are available to visitors and residents alike, and admission to events is offered free or for a small suggested donation. Since 1903, with the launch of the venerable Byrdcliffe arts and crafts colony, the town has become well known as an artistic enclave and arts destination, and it has welcomed an astonishing array of artists and arts aficionados, including George Bellows, John Burroughs, Paul Butterfield, John F. Carlson, Bob Dylan, Philip Guston, Ritchie Havens, Helen Hayes, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Lee Marvin, Eleanor Roosevelt, Pete Seeger and Anita M. Smith, to name but a few.

Arts Day is the kick-off of the third annual series of Second Saturdays. This is a project of the Woodstock Arts Consortium (WAC), and features a seven-month program of cultural events held on the second Saturday of each month, from June through December. The Consortium ([www.woodstockartsconsortium.org](http://www.woodstockartsconsortium.org)) was founded in 2005 by eleven of Woodstock's nonprofit arts organizations to showcase the village's cultural spirit and to foster an economic renaissance of the arts in the greater Woodstock area. According to Carla T. Smith, Executive Director of the Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild and spokesperson for the WAC, **“Several years ago a survey by Americans for the Arts revealed that America's nonprofit arts industry generates \$134 billion in economic activity every year. In Woodstock we believe that the arts are Big Business—and more important, they represent a sustainable and renewable enterprise that enhances the lives of our citizens and the quality of our community.”**

Arts Day occurs on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, when the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce & Arts (<http://www.woodstockchamber.com>) will be distributing the 2007 edition of its popular travel guide—much valued by visitors and locals as an authoritative resource highlighting the arts and hospitality offered in the region. This year's guide features the work of Anita M. Smith—painter, herbalist and writer/historian, who authored Woodstock's first official history in 1959. A second “art book” edition of Smith's title was recently released by WoodstockArts publishing ([www.woodstockarts.com](http://www.woodstockarts.com)), as part of renewed efforts to honor the creative spirit of the town. **“This stunning second edition of Anita Smith's *Woodstock History and Hearsay* sensitively captures the beauty and charm of America's oldest working colony of the arts,” says Joanne Woodward**, who starred in a River Arts Repertory production in Woodstock a number of years ago. The book tells the story of the town from the time of the Amerindians, up through the establishment of a utopian arts colony during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and it features the words and work of many of the renowned artists and musicians who have called Woodstock home.

The table below lists a number of Woodstock's arts organizations, and the activities they are planning for Arts Day—May 26, 2007:

Time	Organization	Event	Location
All day	<b>Art galleries</b>	Summer season <b>gala openings</b> at most of the area's numerous art galleries. These will be open to the public all day with special emphasis placed on their individual public receptions starting at 4 PM and running into the evening.	All over town
All day	Raffle tickets on sale	Tickets for a <b>raffle</b> of donations from each organization will be available at each site and at sidewalk tables.	All over town
All day	<b>Woodstock Artists Association &amp; Museum</b> 28 Tinker Street Woodstock, NY 12498 (845) 679-2940 <a href="http://www.woodstockart.org">www.woodstockart.org</a>	<b>WAAM artists</b> will exhibit and sell additional work from their <b>portfolios</b> in honor of Art's Day. WAAM will also host <b>free children's art activities</b> and the public is invited to visit their Youth Exhibition Space. WAAM's <b>museum shop</b> offers pottery, jewelry, prints and books by local artists. Contemporary group and solo art shows, and a Permanent Collection Exhibition are continuously on view.	WAAM 28 Tinker Street  In the center of town—look for the sign with the red triangle
12:00 NOON – 6:00 PM	<b>Woodstock Chamber of Commerce &amp; Arts</b> (WCOCA) PO Box 36 Woodstock, NY 12498 (845) 679-6234 <a href="http://www.woodstockchamber.com">www.woodstockchamber.com</a>	Pam Bieseles, booth mistress, will extend a big welcome to all visitors at the information booth, and hand out free copies of the <b>2007 travel guide</b> . The Chamber is sponsoring a <b>free concert on the village green</b> scheduled from 1 to 3 PM.	WCOCA information booth, 10 Rock City Road
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Woodstock Playhouse</b> PO Box 1326 Woodstock, NY 12498 (845) 679-4101 <a href="http://www.woodstockplayhouse.org">www.woodstockplayhouse.org</a>	The Playhouse is pleased to present a <b>free performance</b> —a wonderful hour featuring <b>Steve Charney</b> and his Wooden-American friend, Harry. Steve is a magician, radio programmer, author, musician and songwriter as well as a <b>ventriloquist</b> . His songs have been featured on <i>Live with Regis and Kathie Lee</i> , and on the national TV show, <i>Bear in the Big Blue House</i> . He has been a commentator on <i>All Things Considered</i> , and he has published books and music with Scholastic, Metacom, Crown, Troll, Meadowbrook and Sterling. Harry sprang from Steve's imagination 24 years ago and has been going like gangbusters ever since. He is the personification of rebellion, non-conformity and self-containment. His interests include everything except whittling!	The Woodstock Playhouse, at intersection of Routes 212 and 375
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild</b> 34 Tinker Street Woodstock, New York 12498 (845) 679-2079 <a href="http://www.woodstockquild.org">www.woodstockquild.org</a>	<b>A guided tour</b> (weather permitting) of the <b>historic 1903 Byrdcliffe Art Colony</b> will begin at the Byrdcliffe Theatre. No reservations needed. Possible option will be a walk-through of White Pines, the Arts and Crafts home of Ralph Radcliffe Whitehead, Byrdcliffe's founder.	Byrdcliffe Theatre starting location, Upper Byrdcliffe Road
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>WoodstockArts</b> PO Box 1342 Woodstock, NY 12498 (845) 679-8111 <a href="http://www.woodstockarts.com">www.woodstockarts.com</a>	WoodstockArts publishers will be on hand at The Golden Notebook for a celebration of the second "art book" edition of Anita M. Smith's <b>Woodstock History and Hearsay</b> .	The Golden Notebook, 29 Tinker Street (845) 679-8000

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1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Historical Society of Woodstock</b> 45 Comeau Drive Woodstock, NY (845) 679-7564 <a href="http://www.woodstockhistory.org">www.woodstockhistory.org</a>	<b>Opening of Woodstock Threads of Memory</b> , an exhibit of dresses worn by Woodstock women in the 1930's and 1940's. On display will be the popular <b>Woodstock Dress</b> , as well as the <b>Cheats and Swings square dance gowns</b> . Visitors are invited to <b>help name family and friends in historic photographs</b> . For more information e-mail <a href="mailto:wdstkhist@yahoo.com">wdstkhist@yahoo.com</a> .	45 Comeau Drive Woodstock, NY
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Woodstock School of Art</b> 2470 Route 212 PO Box 338 Woodstock, N.Y. 12498 (845) 679-2388 <a href="http://www.woodstockschoolofart.org">www.woodstockschoolofart.org</a>	Tours of the school's captivating <b>Bluestone Sculpture Park</b> will be offered to the public. Visitors are invited to explore the paths that meander through the woods behind the campus, where native bluestone site-specific sculpture surprise and delight the viewer. In the WSA gallery, a documentary video made by Staats Fasoldt, describing the construction of the sculpture park, will show continuously throughout the afternoon. The school's fourth annual <b>Regional Exhibition</b> of two-dimensional work, juried by Donald Elder, will be hanging in the gallery.	WSA 2470 Route 212 in Woodstock
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Maverick Concerts</b> PO Box 9 Woodstock, NY 12498 (845) 679-8217 <a href="http://www.maverickconcerts.org">www.maverickconcerts.org</a>	Visit the 1916 hand-built Maverick Concert Hall, a <b>National Historic Site</b> , home to the oldest continuous summer chamber music festival in the United States. Maverick Art Colony founder Hervey White and his band of musicians, artists, and local craftsmen built the hall in its beautiful woodland setting as the centerpiece of the collaborative arts colony. Hall and grounds will be open to visitors from 1-5 with a <b>free concert</b> of classical music from <b>3 to 4 PM</b> .	Maverick Concert Hall, Maverick Road; 1 mile from route 375, 1 mile from Route 28, and only 2 miles from the center of town
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Woodstock Poetry Festival</b> PO Box 450 Woodstock, NY 12498 <a href="http://www.woodstockpoetryfestival.com">www.woodstockpoetryfestival.com</a>	Phillip Levine will host a <b>Maverick Poetry Reading</b> with Matthew Spireng, Philip Pardi and Will Nixon.	Maverick Concert Hall, Maverick Road
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>Woodstock Fringe</b> PO Box 157 Lake Hill, NY 12448 (845) 679-0167 <a href="http://www.woodstockfringe.org">www.woodstockfringe.org</a>	Woodstock Fringe will host a <b>play slam</b> at the historic Byrdcliffe Theatre. Playwrights, directors, actors and theatre lovers are all invited. Playwrights, bring your short (10-minute) scripts. Directors, bring your director's fedora. Actors bring your panache. Plays will be cast, rehearsed and then read on the spot in an <b>orgy of theatre and creativity</b> . All are welcome, pros and non. Raffle tickets on sale.	Byrdcliffe Theatre Upper Byrdcliffe Road
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild— <b>Kleinert/James Art Center</b> 34 Tinker Street Woodstock, NY 12498 (845) 679-2079 <a href="http://www.woodstockguild.org">www.woodstockguild.org</a>	Opening reception: <b>"Americans Who Tell the Truth."</b> Paintings by Robert Shetterly; guest curator, Mary Frank. A series of contemporary and historic portraits of Americans who stand for the truth—from Sojourner Truth to Pete Seeger. A highlight of the event will be the <b>unveiling of Robert Shetterly's portrait of Pete Seeger</b> .	Kleinert/James Arts Center 34 Tinker Street

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7:00 PM	<b>Woodstock Arts Consortium</b>	Woodstock Arts Consortium <b>raffle pulling</b>	Kleinert/James Art Center 34 Tinker Street
	<b>Bird-On-A-Cliff Theatre Company</b> PO Box 649 Woodstock, NY 12498 (845) 247-4007 <a href="http://www.birdonacliff.org">www.birdonacliff.org</a>	To be announced	
	<b>Center for Photography at Woodstock</b> 59 Tinker Street Woodstock, NY 12498 (845) 679-9957 <a href="http://www.cpw.org">www.cpw.org</a>	TBA	
	<b>Woodstock Film Festival</b> PO Box 1406 Woodstock, NY 12498 (845) 679-4265 <a href="http://www.woodstockfilmfestival.com">www.woodstockfilmfestival.com</a>	TBA	



Byrdcliffe potter throwing clay on steps of Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild. *Photo by John Kleinhans, May 2005*



Plein-air landscape painter on Woodstock's Village Green. *Photo by John Kleinhans, May 2005*



Bird-On-A-Cliff Theatre Co. selling refreshments in front of old firehouse. Featured inside is an exhibit on the Maverick Arts and Crafts Colony hosted by the Historical Society of Woodstock. *Photo by John Kleinhans, May*



Paula Nelson, Woodstock School of Art president, greets Arts Day visitors. *Photo by John Kleinhans, May 2005*

About the **Woodstock Arts Consortium** ([www.woodstockartsconsortium.org](http://www.woodstockartsconsortium.org)):

Founded in 2005 as a cooperative effort of eleven of Woodstock's nonprofit arts organizations, it is dedicated to advancing the economic vitality of the nonprofit arts community and to promoting the cultural life of Woodstock.

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**Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild (1 & 3)**  
In addition to presenting a year-round program of art exhibits, classes and concerts at its Kleinert Jones Gallery, the Guild maintains the historic Byrdcliffe Arts Colony.  
34 Tinker Street  
Woodstock, NY 12498 845 679-2079  
[www.woodstockguild.org](http://www.woodstockguild.org)

**Woodstock Fringe (1)**  
This professional performing arts group presents new and experimental works for the stage. Its annual Festival of Theater & Song is presented at the Byrdcliffe Theater.  
845 679-6167  
[www.woodstockfringe.org](http://www.woodstockfringe.org)

**Woodstock Historical Society (2)**  
The lively past and culture of the town is presented in exhibits and preserved in extensive archive.  
PO Box 841  
Woodstock, NY 12498 845 679-2256  
[www.woodstockhistory.org](http://www.woodstockhistory.org)

**Woodstock Artists Association (4)**  
These galleries display group and solo exhibitions of artwork by members. The Troskin Museum Wing shows classic Woodstock art from the Permanent Collection.  
25 Tinker Street  
Woodstock, NY 12498 845 679-2940  
[www.woodstockarts.com](http://www.woodstockarts.com)

**Bird-On-A-Cliff (5)**  
The newly renovated stage at the beautiful Cornau Property is the home of the Woodstock Shakespeare Festival. Plays are presented throughout July and August.  
PO Box 695  
Woodstock, NY 12498 845 347-4007  
[www.birdonaciff.org](http://www.birdonaciff.org)

**Center for Photography at Woodstock (6)**  
A year-round schedule of exhibits, lectures, residencies, workshops and more bring together established masters, emerging talent and the cutting edge in the photographic arts.  
59 Tinker Street, Woodstock, NY 12498  
845 679-9517  
[www.cpa.org](http://www.cpa.org)

**Woodstock Film Festival (7)**  
A national festival of film screenings, lectures and a symposium is supplemented by a year-round program of film-related events.  
PO Box 146, Woodstock, NY 12498  
845 679-4365  
[www.woodstockfilmfestival.com](http://www.woodstockfilmfestival.com)

**Woodstock Playhouse (8)**  
A new theater at the entrance to Woodstock is the site of a Summer schedule of plays, music and special events.  
PO Box 1136, Woodstock, NY 12498  
845 679-4401  
[www.woodstockplayhouse.org](http://www.woodstockplayhouse.org)

**Woodstock School of Art (9)**  
Its large and airy studios host year-round classes and workshops in the fine arts. There is also a Summer program of lectures and exhibitions.  
PO Box 136, Woodstock, NY 12498  
845 679-2368  
[www.woodstockschoolofart.com](http://www.woodstockschoolofart.com)

**Maverick Concerts (10)**  
A Summer program presenting the world's finest chamber musicians performing in a unique concert hall in a serene woodland setting.  
PO Box 9, Woodstock, NY 12498  
845 679-8217  
[www.maverickconcerts.org](http://www.maverickconcerts.org)

**Woodstock Poetry Festival**  
Held in venues throughout the town, the Woodstock Poetry Festival brings together poets of national and international reputation for readings and discussion.  
PO Box 430, Woodstock, NY 12498  
[www.woodstockpoetryfestival.org](http://www.woodstockpoetryfestival.org)

Woodstock Arts Consortium  
PO Box 410  
Woodstock, NY 12498  
[www.woodstockartsconsortium.com](http://www.woodstockartsconsortium.com)

About the **Woodstock Chamber of Commerce & Arts** ([www.woodstockchamber.com](http://www.woodstockchamber.com)):

Representing Woodstock's arts and business entities, its mission is to develop, encourage, promote and protect the commercial, professional, financial and artistic interests of the town.

For maps and travel directions to Woodstock, visit the Chamber web site at <http://woodstockchamber.com/directions.html>.

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Through publications and productions, it is devoted to celebrating and enhancing "all the arts of Woodstock, including the art of living" (environmentally sustainable lifestyles).

Review copies of the second "art book" edition of Anita M. Smith's **Woodstock History and Hearsay** are available to members of the media upon request. Contact Weston Blelock at 845-679-8111 or [wblelock@woodstockarts.com](mailto:wblelock@woodstockarts.com).