

**Arts Connect Tuesday Agenda**  
Tuesday, 1/9/2024, 7:00 PM

- Arts Connect Neighbors Launch
- Values Conversation
- Getting the catalogs out
- Marketing at Arts Pop
- Making Change book
- Upcoming Reminders



# WE ARE ARTS CONNECTORS

Please use this toolkit to spread the word, start up projects, and support your neighbors in their efforts.

## We can model the way.



## OUR VALUES:

### First: Any reason not to work under this framework?

The group agreed that this framework captured a way to talk about the work that we are doing. The circular nature is how we continue to attract and engage new people as more and more Roanoke's see themselves as creative and build the confidence to use that creativity to improve our place. We will continue to use the simple framework.

We will all discuss our work individually and collectively in slightly different terms. There are many aspects of it. We had a conversation about the individual values that underpin your work and draw you to it.



### Second: What beliefs drive your work individually? What else is important to you

Compassion

Openness, willingness to try new things

Curiosity

(These are shared principles that might help us engage)

You don't have to be a professional working artist

You can contribute through your interests

Art is necessary for healing

If we don't have positive ways to heal we can look at negative ways

The wounds in our community and neighborhoods are part of that

This takes a great deal of courage

I am driven by empathy, healing, and listening

It's possible — we see others doing the work and we know it's possible - this inspires us to act in turn and inspire others

There can be a lack of belief in greater visioning processes...

Can sports...like the LeBron James example...help a neighborhood think about that

Connect and relationship building

These are the moments that matter the most.

It feels soulful. It matters.

There is a buzz in the air. It makes life worth living

The Daisy art parade provided that opportunity

This provides ritual — we are all part of something larger

Transformation comes through the ritual

The community creates the ritual

Co-creating...that's what links us.

Co-creationship

The connections to the past inspire me —  
creators of different cultures  
in relating, connecting to as models and visionaries from the past

Land, rivers, trees, wildlife. — interconnectivity —

Care of the Earth means care of human and non-human beings of the planet and weaving into a beloved community.

Dreaming big and spreading that practice like wildfire.

“A city is only as strong as out weakest neighborhood” -Estelle H. McCadden

We are also perhaps wired to say yes, because we see the opportunity

We are in a constant state of learning! That drives me.

“I am only a part of the whole”

We care. Loneliness is an issue— we are providing an antidote to that

We are working toward unity over separation. We are equally divined.

This is a way...can be a way...for caring for one another.

Weave back a way for caring for one another.

**Third: You are invited to explore a phrase above as a touchstone or intention for your own work and your personal and professional growth in this coming year. You don't have to share it with anyone.**

How does this intention change your presences day to day?  
How does it shape your work planning and choices?  
How does it inform your work with Arts Connect Neighbors?  
How do you feel when you intentionally allow it to guide you?

---

**Help deliver catalogs** to your favorite public spaces. Meet with the manager or other staff, share your enthusiasm for the work of art in connecting our community and pass along information on how neighborhood groups may participate. Remember that neighborhood businesses, libraries, community centers, and more could be great partners for neighborhood leaders, but we want the neighbors to drive the process. Add new places or put your name next to existing places. Grab catalogs at Douglas Jackson's office at 117 Church Ave, SW (Across from Texas Tavern).



**SEE THE LIST OF LOCATIONS AND ADD YOUR DELIVERIES HERE.**

MAR 01 – 02, 2024  
FREE ADMISSION



## 2024 Schedule

Artist Meet and Greet: Sign up for one hour or more : ) It will be fun.

1. Contact Douglas Jackson to **participate in [Roanoke Arts Pop](#)** on March 1 or 2. We have a good number of opportunities for Meet-the-Artist engagements at our tables in the atrium on Friday evening and Saturday during the day, and 4 remaining workshop slots in the Cafe space on Saturday. Want a briefing on what Arts Pop is all about? [Check out two Buzz episodes here and see you colleagues participating in 2022.](#) This is going to be fun and a great way to engage the community in the catalog offerings and to market your activity!

### **FRIDAY**

5:30 Katherine Devine +

6:30 - 2 artists

7:30 -2 artists

### **SATURDAY**

10 - 2 artists

11 - 2 artists

12 - 2 artists

1 - 2 artists

2 -2 artists

3 - 2 artists

### **SATURDAY Mini Workshop in the Cafe**

These are a 'taster' offering. You'll need to set up, break down in time for sessions to start on the half hour. (Plan for 30 minutes or so of content time.

10:30 -1 workshop

11:30 -1 workshop

12:30 - Circle Singing (an afternoon session) Doug will arrange timing so it doesn't compete with other musical performances. (Time subject to shifting

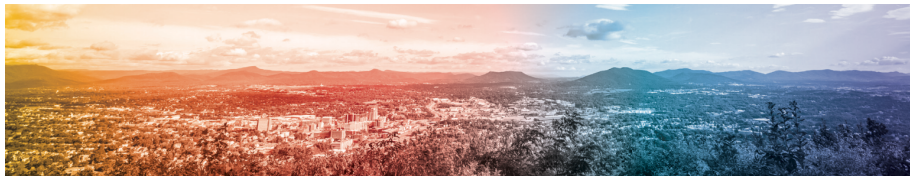
1:30 -1 workshop

2:30 -1 workshop

## Artists in Residence and Neighborhood Artists!

You've got a copy of this book in your tote bag. "What tote bag?" you ask? We'll swing by 117 Church Avenue and get you badge, tote bag and its information when you get your catalogs. The Making Change book is a short read that may help us in seeing our work as artists impacting the community. We'll invite Mr. Booth to participate in a conversation or two.

Additionally, if anyone reads or begins reading it and would like to lead the effort around this book conversation in our upcoming meetings and help organize this part of our effort, contact [Douglas.jackson@roanokeva.gov](mailto:Douglas.jackson@roanokeva.gov).



### Teaching Artists and Their Role in Shaping a Better World

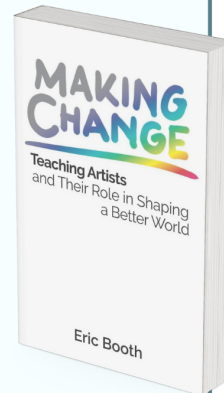
#### Artists!

Thank you for your work shaping a stronger community. We are pleased to share with you the short book, *Making Change: Teaching Artists and Their Role in Shaping a Better World*, by Eric Booth.

We'll use the book this year to organize a discussions around our work in the community. We also expect to be joined by the author for a conversation or two.

A practicing teaching artist for forty-four years, working with the world's most prestigious organizations (including Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, Juilliard, seven of the ten largest orchestras in the U.S. and organizations in sixteen other countries) and hundreds of grassroots initiatives, Eric Booth is widely called "the father of the teaching artist profession."

Dig into the book and [teachingartistsmakingchange.com](http://teachingartistsmakingchange.com), and if you're interested in helping to lead our community exploration, contact Douglas Jackson at [douglas.jackson@roanokeva.gov](mailto:douglas.jackson@roanokeva.gov).



# ARTS CONNECT TUESDAYS

Now  
with



## JANUARY EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Be part of the **Roanoke Arts** learning community in 2024 as *Arts Connect Neighbors*.

**Every Tuesday at 7 PM**, we'll host a different artist gathering or virtual training to connect artists, organizations, and neighbors with resources, strategies and a community of support.

Throw in a wide range of community arts events and it's sure to be another year of progress, art, and fun!



### On our 2024 neighborhood focus

FREE neighborhood-driven, artist-led events and performances are going to bring neighborhoods alive during the coming year. As we work together, we'll also connect in new ways. We're creating the community we want by strengthening relationships, by slowing down to get to know each other, and by having fun learning together. We're challenging what we can expect from the community around us by asking what we can do to shape it ourselves. We hope you'll join us!



### THE ROANOKE PORTRAIT PROJECT

Roanoke Municipal Building,  
1st Floor Gallery  
215 Church Ave. SW 24011  
8 AM - 5 PM, M - F

**GALLERY TALK:**  
Tuesday, January 16, 6 PM

JAN 2, 7 PM - **Artist in Residence Gathering** at Arts & Culture Office - Launch Prep (117 Church Ave. SW)

JAN 2 - **Artist Action** (formerly Art Matters) **Grants** Open

JAN 3, 11-2 - **Arts Connect Neighbors Toolkit Pickup for Project Partners**

JAN 5, 5 PM - **Art by Night** at downtown galleries

JAN 9, 7 PM - **Arts Connect Tuesday** Shared Values in our work (hybrid - online & 117 Church Ave. SW)

JAN 16, 6 PM - **Gallery Talk** at Municipal Building

JAN 23, 7 PM - **Arts Connect Tuesday: Artspace** (hybrid - online & 117 Church Ave.)

JAN 24, 6 PM - FREE **BUZZ Arts Connect Neighbors Watch Party, at the Grandin**, celebrating Anstey Hodge

JAN 25 - **Resource Empowerment Fair** (Artist in Residence Volunteers)

JAN 25, Noon - **City Nonprofit Grant** apps due

JAN 30, 7 PM - **Arts Connect Tuesday: Connecting Neighborhoods** (hybrid - online & 117 Church Ave.)

JAN 31, 7 PM - **BUZZ Premiere, Blue Ridge PBS**

JAN 31, 11:59 PM - **Artist Action Grant** apps. due

In late January, the **Artspace Roanoke** survey will hit the streets. Plan to complete the survey and share it with your networks as we build the case for affordable living and creative space in Roanoke.

[www.roaokearts.org/artspace](http://www.roaokearts.org/artspace)