



STAR ARTS NEWS

January 2024

Be a part of the team at Star Arts 2024!

The Star Arts Week is planned and executed by passionate and dedicated volunteers. It takes many of us to participate and make our retreat successful. Plus, it's fun and a great way to get to know your fellow shoalers better.

We'd like to invite you to participate in assisting the Star Arts Retreat. Most opportunities are not a major time commitment, but make a real impact on our Star Arts Week. Here are some opportunities to consider:

- Partnering with new Shoalers
- Auction assistance
- Organizing Friday art show
- Organizing talent show
- Social hour setup and cleanup
- Singing events
- Bell ringing
- Chapel services
- Star Arts Ambassador
- Play music at chapel
- Other activities

We will use these results to plan for 2024 and future Star Arts weeks. In some instances we have people already slated to help in for specific tasks in 2024, so we will keep a list of interested volunteers for future Arts weeks.

Please note that volunteering is completely optional and we value your coming and enjoying Star Arts week and being a part of the Star Arts Community!

Here is the web link for the survey:

https://www.allcounted.com/s?did=w71miraxoj5oh&lang=en_US



Pictures from Top to bottom: Live Auction 2023, Photo by Parrish Dobson, Helen W. Playing the dulcimer on the porch, Photo by Parrish Dobson, Walking up to Chapel, Photo by Sally Armstrong.

Registration will open on
January 15th!

The 2024 Star Arts Retreat is
Sunday June 16th to June 23rd 2024

Featured Workshops:

Theater Workshop:

Shakespeare on the Rocks with Robin Fawcett

Welcome All – beginners to buffs of The Bard! On the rocks of the Isles of Shoals, participants will dip a toe or freely dive into Shakespeare's elixir of verse and prose. Sharpening both wit and skill, spirits will rise as actors imbibe from a menu of options to-taste. Quotations, sonnets, soliloquies, and scenes await you in this collaborative environment of joyful, intoxicating, play!

Writing Workshop:

Japanese Poetic Form for Everyone with Eric Hyett



This will be Eric's first time on Star Island. (Photo submitted by Richard Waring)

This all-levels poetry workshop is an opportunity to write some Japanese poetic forms in English. We'll start with an introduction to haiku and tanka, and move on to a 700-year-old collaborative form called renga that can only be done by a group. We will use the first hour of each morning's sessions to read a few example poems, as well as to generate fresh language. Next, there is 30 minutes of writing time. And the last 30 minutes of each class session will be a mini reading/workshop where people can share the poems they've been writing, and receive some feedback from each other as well as the workshop leader.

For more information about Eric and Robin visit our website: stararts.org

Other Workshops happening in 2024:

Video Workshop: Video Production with Bruce Petschek



Robin Fawcett led our 2023 Theater Workshop. (Photo submitted by Richard Waring)

Lynne Wilkinson Concert

Our 2023 Music Workshop Leader is having a concert on January 7th

Lynne writes: This past June, Persephone's on Star sang "Be the Light" at the talent show. In these past few months it has become even more important that we each let our "Indwelling Star" (song by Arts attendee, Deirdre Drennen) carry our light into the world. This post season concert will reflect our desire for peace. Our encore will be "Be the Light."

Peace, Salaam, Shalom,
Lynne

(If you are interested in attending, please contact Lynne at: 508.747.0212)



Lynne has been to Star Arts many times, leading Persephone's Daughters. (Photo submitted by Richard Waring)

Pel Hiring

Star Island is Hiring for the 2024 Season!

Star Island a seasonal religious and educational conference center, rooted in the UU and UCC faiths, off the New Hampshire coast. They hire approximately 100 people (18 or older) to work from mid-June to mid-September. Working on Star Island offers a unique employment opportunity in a beautiful location. Staff enjoy an enriching learning experience that, in many cases, shapes future careers. The words "best job ever" are often used to describe working on Star Island. To find out more visit the Star Island website: starisland.org.

Deadline for Next Newsletter!

The Deadline for the next Newsletter will be February 1st!

If you would like to include pictures, art, poetry and/or news please submit items to: stararts.registrar@gmail.com (Mary Ann Young and Anne Nowselski)

(Questions about Star Arts you can email us or call us at 781.520.3786)

