



# STAR ARTS NEWS

January 2025

## Registration Opens January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025!

*Star Arts 2025 is from Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>*

### We are sharing the Island!

This year we are sharing the island with 3 other conferences (Natural History Week, Isle of Shoals Historical and Research Association (ISHRA), You Are You (formerly YAC)).

### Register Early!

Don't wait to register! Registering early will give you a better chance of getting the room you request, though there are no guarantees.

### Room Rates

There is an increase from last year. Star Island has posted the rates here. (<https://starisland.org/program/arts/>)

If you have any questions about registering please contact Barbara Reynolds at [stararts.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:stararts.registrar@gmail.com)

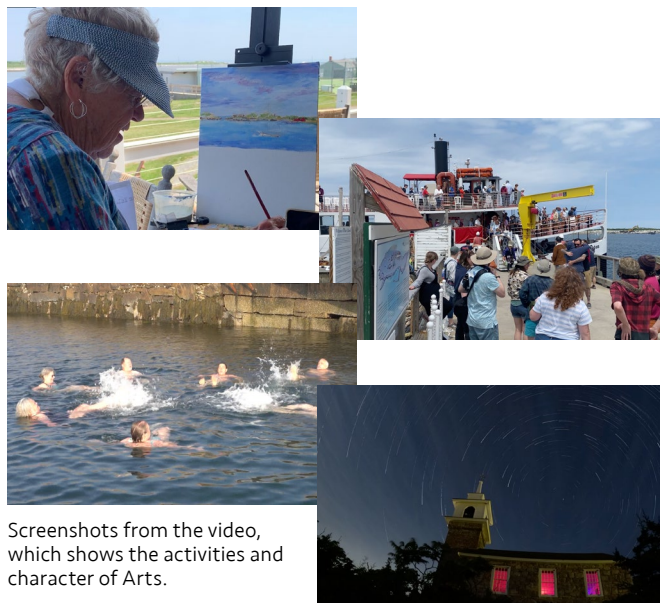


Rocking chairs on the porch waiting for you to return. Photo by Karen Schulz, 2024.

## Help Promote Star Arts!

You can help Star Arts grow in 2025. Use the promotional flyer included on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page to invite family and friends to join in the fun of Arts week. Share it with your church or arts organization too. Just print it and add your own name and contact info if you want to field any questions people may have. Scanning the QR code will take you directly to the Star Arts website where detailed program information is listed.

To give people an idea of Arts you can show them a video put together by Bruce Petschek and the Video Production Workshop 2024 that has highlights from the week. <https://stararts.org/faqs/>



Screenshots from the video, which shows the activities and character of Arts.

# Workshops 2025!

## *Photography Workshop: How You Look At It with Edie Bresler*

In this workshop participants will experiment with new and innovative approaches for making photographs. Whether you are using a smart phone or a DSLR, you will be challenged with specific exercises to enliven how you think about composition, your relationship to space and your subject matter. Topics for the week include portraiture, landscape and found object still-life.

Read more about Edie Bresler here: <https://stararts.org/photography/>

You can also visit her website: <http://www.ediebresler.com/>



## *Writing Workshop: Mind Spirit Memory: Contemplative Memoir Writing for Everyone with Louise Harrison Lepera*

Let's experiment with writing short memoir fragments and essays together! Life is full of rich experiences and influences on our human spirit--families, friends, ancestors, our education, our spiritual experiences, the natural environment around us, and the cultures we move through. Exploring these legacies creatively in a warm supportive group can help us understand ourselves, and our world, more deeply. The brief shared readings and writing prompts in this group may help you generate material for a longer creative project, allow you space to reflect on formative moments in your life, or just provide thought-provoking creative puzzles to play with. No reading or writing is required outside of our two-hour sessions, but there will be extra resources available for people who want to extend and enrich their reading and writing time. Everyone is welcome!

Read more about Louise Harrison Lepera here: <https://stararts.org/writing/>

Or visit: <https://cmsw.mit.edu/profile/louise-harrison-lepera/>



Photos of Edie Bresler (top) and Louise Harrison Lepera (bottom). Submitted by Parrish Dobson

## *Other 2025 Workshops lined up so far:*

- Movement: Let Your Yoga Dance with Megha Nancy Buttenheim
- Visual Arts: Plein Air Landscape with Jeneane Lunn

Read about our workshops: <https://stararts.org/workshops/>

## *Visual Arts Supply*

If you are planning to take Jeneane Lunn's workshop please see her list of Suggested Supplies on our website: <https://stararts.org/visual-arts/>

Please note there are no art supply stores on the island.



## Deadline for Next Newsletter!

The Deadline for the next Newsletter will be February 1<sup>st</sup>!

If you would like to include pictures, art, poetry and/or news please submit items to: [stararts.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stararts.newsletter@gmail.com)

(Questions about Star Arts, you can email Barbara Reynolds at [stararts.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:stararts.registrar@gmail.com))





*Sharing the joy of creating*



**June 15-22, 2025**

**Star Arts is a week-long creative gathering on beautiful Star Island, NH.**

Open to adults 18 and over, it offers a broad spectrum of inspiring artistic opportunities to appeal to everyone, regardless of level of experience. Morning workshops offer a choice of:

- **Visual Arts**
- **Photography**
- **Dance**
- **Writing**
- **Theater**

Afternoon and evening activities include a poetry reading, a storytelling event, music making, art show, talent show, and other spontaneous adventures to nourish creativity and spiritual reflection — all in a breathtakingly beautiful and supportive environment. **Star Arts** is a safe and affirming community nurturing interpersonal connection.

***“The week is always perfect — perfect people, perfect activities, perfect island.”***

**To learn more, visit [stararts.org](http://stararts.org)**

Questions? Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

