



## WHAT WE DO

Anderson Valley Arts (AVArts) is committed to increasing access to arts education and arts experiences for all Anderson Valley residents.

With the generous involvement of many talented local artists, craftspeople, businesses and donors, the projects and events AVArts sponsors serve the dual purpose of reinforcing community spirit and making the arts a more visible and important presence in our community.

Creative

expression

AVArts began in the late 1990s with a scholarship awards program. Later, in response to the lack of arts education in the elementary school, the group began supporting arts education programs with money raised through special events and grants.

Today our primary focus is on providing funds for supplemental arts programs in the schools. AVArts also sponsors scholarship programs and participates in events to support the arts in Anderson Valley.

AVArts meets on the third Friday of the month from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm at Lauren's restaurant in Boonville. For more information about how you can be involved, contact us at [contact@av-arts.org](mailto:contact@av-arts.org).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

AVArts awards scholarships to talented high school seniors who have shown interest in pursuing the arts and arts education in college.

AVArts also provides scholarships to students in 3rd-12th grade to attend special arts-related classes, workshops and events in: *Visual Arts* (printmaking, painting, drawing, ceramics, photography and sculpture); *Performing Arts* (theater, drama, music and dance); *Literary Arts* (fiction and poetry); and *Multimedia Arts* (mixed-media, design, audio and video).

## ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS

AVArts provides grants for supplemental arts education programs and experiences in our schools. The arts benefit people throughout their lives. Studies show that the arts create rich learning environments that foster innovation, culture and engagement in school and the community.

AVArts advocates for, and is committed to, efforts to bring the arts into our schools and has provided funding for diverse programs such as dance, theater, poetry writing, bookmaking and sculpture.

Yields



## COMMUNITY ARTS EVENTS

AVArts has a long history of sponsoring a variety of entertaining and successful community arts events such as the legendary "Cluck Art," "Come and Get Your Just Desserts," "Hands on Art," "Sweet Chair-i-ty," and, most recently, "Pie in the Sky."

AVArts also has, with support from the Anderson Valley Chamber of Commerce and local merchants, sponsored the *Boonville ArtWalk*—an annual fun one-day event held in early July showcases the work of local artists and craftspeople at businesses throughout downtown Boonville.

Another annual event which AVArts participates in is the annual *Art in the Cellar* event hosted at Handley Cellars in February. Members help promote the event and sell tickets for a raffle of works donated by local artists and craftspeople which benefits AVArts.

Currently, AVArts is exploring ideas for new community arts events, including art-making events for kids and families, and encourages suggestions from throughout Anderson Valley.

AVArts is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the arts in Anderson Valley and welcomes donations, ideas and involvement from the community.