

WELCOME TO THE PLAN NH FALL CONFERENCE

Art Attack! Arts, Culture, and the Built Environment

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 | The Hotel Concord, Concord, NH

8:00 AM Registration/Hot Breakfast

8:50 AM Opening Remarks

Brian Gehris - President, Plan NH; Senior Project Manager, Milestone Construction
Tiffany Tononi McNamara - Executive Director, Plan NH

9:00 AM Keynote Presentation | **Culture Shift: Why Making Space for Arts and Culture Builds Healthy, Prosperous Places**

Dr. Annis Sengupta - Director of Arts & Culture, Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Introduced by Bob White - Landscape Architect and Plan NH Board Member

Dr. Sengupta will share why the regional planning agency for Metro Boston initiated an arts and culture planning practice, what they have learned about the value and importance of arts and culture for building prosperous, healthy communities, and the importance of creating and maintaining spaces to support arts and culture. Her talk will also highlight the challenges specific to arts and culture spaces and the role that planners and architects can play in addressing those challenges.

9:30 AM **The Creative Economy in New Hampshire**

Adele Sicilia - Director, New Hampshire State Council on the Arts

What is the creative economy? How are arts and culture economic drivers of the creative economy in New Hampshire? Hear from New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Director, Adele Sicilia, as she explores the role of arts and culture in community success, highlighting the Arts & Economic Prosperity Data and the example Claremont, NH

10:00 AM **Framing the Historical Context**

Nadine Miller - Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources

From the Abenaki to the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen and everything in between, New Hampshire has a rich history of embracing arts and culture. In turn, arts and culture have helped shaped the places we know and love across the state. Nadine Miller of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources will frame today's conference topics within a historical context.

10:10 AM break

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10:20 AM New Hampshire Case Study Presentations

Makers Mill - Wolfeboro, NH

Josh Arnold - Executive Director, Makers Mill
Steve Hoffman, APA/PHI - Associate, Simons Architects

Makers Mill is a unique makerspace and vocation hub located in Wolfeboro that serves creatives from across the lakes region. Hear about Makers Mill's unique mission and values, as well as the challenges they faced while repurposing 8,000 sq ft of commercial space into a home for everything from fine arts and leather working to metalsmithing and stained glass.

3S Artspace - Portsmouth, NH

Beth Falconer - Executive Director, 3S Artspace
Brandon Holben, LEED AP/BD+C - Principal Architect, Winter Holben
Elisa Winter Holben - Principal, CEO, Experience Design Strategy, Winter Holben

Celebrating its 10 year anniversary, 3S Artspace has become a mainstay for the Seacoast's contemporary arts and entertainment scene. Learn more about how this adaptive reuse project transformed an existing 18,200 sq ft derelict concrete building into a performance space and art gallery and became a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization in downtown Portsmouth.

The Colonial Theatre - Laconia, NH

Justin Slattery - Executive Director, Belknap Economic Development Corporation
Jared Guilmett, AIA - Associate Partner + Principal, Misiaszek Turpin Architects

First opened in 1914, the Colonial Theatre had long been a centerpiece in downtown Laconia before closing in 2000 and falling into disrepair. Hear about this impressive restoration project, the economic development tools that made this \$17 million dollar project possible, and why preserving this arts space was so important for downtown Laconia.

11:30 AM Panel Discussion | What's Art Got to Do with It?

Moderator: Nadine Miller - Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, NHDHR

How do we support the creation of arts and culture spaces across the state? How do we maintain these spaces despite challenges to local economies, nonprofit sustainability, and an ongoing lack of attainable housing? How will regional trends impact New Hampshire in the future? Our speakers will come back together for a super panel to further explore how planners, architects, and others can leverage arts and culture to create more meaningful, vibrant, and sustainable places in New Hampshire and beyond.

12:30 PM Closing Remarks

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