

County groups receive \$25,355 in arts funds

CATSKILL—Columbia, Greene and Schoharie counties have been awarded \$76,892 in funding support for cultural programming and activities for 2013, and \$7,500 for three Individual Artist awards (one for each county).

Columbia County received requests from 15 organizations totaling \$36,634, much more than the amount of available funding. Fourteen organizations received \$25,355 for Decentralization Project Support, which includes organizations that act as a conduit (fiscal manager).

Recipients are Clarion Concerts, for a Baroque program for harpsichord, oboe and violin; first-time applicant Columbia County Youth Bureau, for an "Undercover Playground" project with the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company; Friends of Chatham Library for multidisciplinary arts programs for youth; Friends of Taconic State Park & Sharon Powers for Winds in the Wilderness ensemble performances at the Church of St. John in the Wilderness in Copake Falls; Hudson Area Association Library for a

Community Stories local oral history project; Hudson Area Library and Diata Diata International Folkloric Theatre for "The Fairy's Tail," an original dance and theatrical production; and Hudson Jazzworks for a master class, preconcert talk and improvisational jazz concert at the Hudson Opera House.

Also, HRC/Showcase Theatre, for staged readings of new plays; Hudson Valley Choral Society for musicians for 2013 concerts; North Chatham Library for world percussion music with Brian Melick, Arm

of the Sea Theater, Art of Astrophotography with Scott Nammacher and other offerings; Roving Actors Repertory Ensemble for full stage and orchestral productions; Uel Wade Music Scholarship, Inc., and Bend the Knotted Oak, for chamber music concerts with art and dialogue at St. James Church in Chatham, Taconic Hills Performing Arts Center and Camphill Ghent; Valatie Community Theatre, for Youth Theater productions; and Valatie Free Library, for graphic novel workshops for teens with

Barbara Slate.

In Greene County, 13 organizations received \$24,500. In Schoharie County, \$27,037 went to 12 organizations.

The Community Arts Grants/Decentralization Program is funded by the New York State Council on the Arts. An additional \$11,508 in state funds has been set aside for arts education programs in the three-county region. The awards are determined by a panel of local artists, arts professionals and community members unaffiliated with applicants.