

H. G. Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment

H. G. Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment, a New York State Charity based in Putnam County, has a stated mission “to promote the creation, practice, and performance of arts, culture, & recreation.” Driven by H. G. Fairfield’s legacy of “See a need; fill it,” the organization’s vision is “to provide ecologically sensitive space and programming” to fulfill their mission. Granted 501(c)(3) status just 18 months ago, H. G. Fairfield Arts works within mid-Hudson Valley communities to affirm the Arts as an economic engine, with their Board of Directors overseeing the development of programs with creative fundraising and awareness campaigns to help with some of our communities’ pressing needs.

As a Marine Captain from the Korean War & one of the U.S.’s oldest living women veterans, H. G.’s granddaughter, Kent, N.Y.,



resident, and H. G. Fairfield Arts Founder Kathie Freston, first looked to local veterans and their families to see what needed doing. The result? October 2011’s “30 Shows in 30 Days — Courage Continues at Home,” which produced 42 shows in 30 days and significant funds and good will from Woodstock to New City, with national comedian, actor, writer, Brewster native and Navy veteran PJ Walsh;

Oct. 2-21, 2012 saw the continuation as “PJ Walsh Returns,” and the 2nd year of helping sponsor WPDH’s Home of the Brave Radiothon to benefit The Committee for Families of Iraq & Afghanistan War Veterans.

Other H. G. Fairfield Arts initiatives include being a supporting partner of the 2nd Annual Athena Film Festival, helping to sponsor Pawling Public Radio’s menu of programming, producing the Theater Hour with PPR, and helping PPR bring Peter Yarrow’s Operation Respect to Pawling Schools.

H. G. Fairfield brought The Children’s Shakespeare Theater’s troupe The Strange Bedfellows to Pawling’s Lakeside Park last August, befriended the 12th Annual Chief Nimham Powwow, and helped sponsor the 2nd Annual All For One Theater Festival in NYC. Reaching out to organizations and individuals, from NYC to Albany, who work with women, children, and families at risk, H. G. Fairfield Arts produced Mary Dimino’s one-woman show “SCARED SKINNY” in Woodstock and is carrying on the positive coalition work of empowerment. Launching the H. G. Fairfield Arts Media Workshop, they look to always train others.

A rigorous site search is yielding viable Putnam and Dutchess County locations to house a performing arts center and community campus to provide spaces for artisans and organizations to create, teach, and exhibit their work and skills. H. G. Fairfield Arts asks all individuals and organizations in our mid-Hudson Valley environs working in the arts, culture, and recreation to visit www.HGFairfieldArts.org and win a chance at a pair of tickets to extraordinary area events by completing a five-minute survey on what they do and the space they need to do it in. Those survey results will help guide the building specs of the center and campus.



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Ty Campbell-Pediatric Cancer Research Fundraiser

In honor of our special friend Ty Campbell, join Anthony’s 151 Grill on Saturday, December 8 from noon to 5 p.m. to help beat cancer. Enjoy raffles, pre-order your Super Ty t-shirt and raise money for a great cause. Kids shirts are \$15, adult shirts are \$20.

If you are not familiar with Ty’s story, read about his journey at www.superty.org.

For more info, call 845-526-1111.