The Lanesboro Arts Campus came alive in 2014 thanks to the collaboration between Lanesboro Arts, local organizations, stakeholders, the City of Lanesboro, the Lanesboro Area Chamber of Commerce, artists, residents, and design partners. We successfully reached our $850,000 funding goal for the first phase of the project, and look forward to continuing development of the Lanesboro Arts Campus vision throughout the coming years.

We are so grateful to serve this community and the 30,000+ annual participants in Lanesboro Arts programs. Lanesboro has truly become a national model for cultural sustainability and rural development, and we are honored to share that story. From the beautiful new mural at the Lanesboro Public Library to the exciting re-invigoration of the downtown business community, the momentum we've seen here has been so inspiring. We're anxious to see what 2015 has in store!

Once again, thank you so much for your participation and support.
Community Planning for the Lanesboro Arts Campus
We began the year in the midst of the community planning process for the Lanesboro Arts Campus. Through a series of meetings and presentations, as well as collaborations with the Lanesboro Park Board and the City of Lanesboro, the community shaped the vision from the very start.

Poetry for All
In early spring, a number of educational activities set the stage for a busy year of community engagement. A vintage refrigerator was converted to a portable canvas for magnetic poetry for Eagle Bluff’s Earth Day event, we placed a Poet-in-Residence at the Lanesboro Farmer’s Market (to write free, custom insta-poems for shoppers!), and created the PoeTREE, an interactive poetry display that made its debut at Art in the Park in June.

St. Mane Theatre Improvements
Throughout the year, a number of exciting improvements were made to the historic St. Mane Theatre. In addition to improving HVAC, insulation, and air quality systems, the second floor of the building underwent a complete renovation to include a large classroom/flex space, an artist residency apartment, and a dressing room for St. Mane Theatre performers.

New Name, New Look
Lanesboro Arts Center became Lanesboro Arts! The re-branding involved an intensive process for creating a new logo, which incorporates elements of our old logo in a fresh, bold look. We also used the new aesthetic of our logo to create a beautiful new website that is not only more attractive, but much more functional. Now you can buy tickets and renew your memberships online!

Gallery Facade Restoration
The historic gallery façade was restored this year, outfitting the 1879 building with a new paint job, new windows, and a stately set of custom 10-foot doors.

Lanesboro Art & Poetry Festival
The Lanesboro Arts Campus Art & Poetry Festival drew over 300 community members to celebrate in the Poetry Parking Lot in September. Live music, custom insta-poetry, and family activities enlivened the space during the day. Later that evening, the Lanesboro Night of Poetry was held at the St. Mane Theatre, featuring readings and spoken word performances by Ed Bok Lee and a number of local poets.

Poetry Parking Lot
Poet Ed Bok Lee led several free poetry workshops this year in preparation for the inaugural Lanesboro Haiku Contest. The contest solicited 180 original poems, and 15 were chosen to be published on the antique light posts in the bass pond parking lot. Wayfinding signage was also installed, transforming the underutilized space into the destination Poetry Parking Lot.

Public Bronze Pour
In July, Artist Karl Unnasch led a public bronze pour in the Gateway Park green space, giving community members a chance to see the exciting process of metal casting. Over 40 people participated in the workshops, carving their own sandblock mold which was filled with molten bronze during the pour.

Supporting Artists
Lanesboro Arts served over 100 artists in the Juried Sales Gallery, and featured five professional shows in the Exhibition Gallery. Lanesboro Arts also provided two artist residencies, provided space for 90+ artists and featured musicians at Art in the Park, and hosted dozens of performers at the St. Mane Theatre.

Bush Prize for Community Innovation
At the end of the year, Lanesboro Arts was awarded a Bush Prize for Community Innovation! The prestigious Bush Prize recognizes organizations across all sectors who are doing innovative work to improve their communities. What a great way to end an incredible year!

We couldn’t do it without you!
Throughout the past year, we have seen an unprecedented amount of support for our organization. Whether you supported our gallery artists, filled a seat at the St. Mane Theatre, became a member, volunteered your time, or contributed to the Lanesboro Arts Campus capital campaign, you made 2014 a year to remember. Thank you!