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## Weeklong Taste of the Arts in Woodstock

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In a plugged-in age of Bluetooth cell phones, iPods, laptops and BlackBerries, what better time could there be for people to get out of machines and back into their own skins?

Woodstock Arts Consortium's first "Taste of the Arts" week April 5-12 will bring multisensory opportunities to hear, feel, taste and be art.

Sure, there will be dozens of offerings that cater to "traditional" observer art in galleries and concert halls, but remember, this is Woodstock. Boundaries might get fuzzy. You might just become the art you seek.

As anyone who's visited Woodstock knows, street theater, drum circles and jam sessions are daily experiences. But you may not know about the rich history that these common participant activities grew from. Roll back to the end of the 19th century, when social critic John Ruskin urged people away from industrial, automated life to rediscover their humanity through handcrafts. Byrdcliff was founded by Ralph Whitehead as a utopian community using Ruskin's principles. Maverick Art Colony may have been a little more freewheeling, with a lone directive of "Do as thou wilt, but harm none," but the seeds of creating from a place of playful experimentation were now abundantly strewn in the community.

Fast-forward to the early 1960s. Happenings started as interactive art experiences that could pop up anywhere. Artists might've planned initial elements, but the artistic result relied on the group response. If an event devolved to performer/observer, it wasn't much of a "happening" because the observer could go through the experience without any kind of change, expression or response. Emerging in the same era as consciousness raising and encounter groups, Happenings had the potential to shift a point of view and transform the observer.

Though not billed as a Happening, the weeklong Taste of Art Festival will appeal to anyone looking for a new point of view that emerges from his own experience rather than marketed to him — a child making his own mask from papier-mache or an adult ready to let his inner child out in an art school pingpong tournament.

Here are nine great ways to get really involved in this event and community:

- There will be lots of interactive opportunities at the Family Arts Day tomorrow at Woodstock Artists Association and Museum on Tinker Street. Beth Humphrey passes the local art torch to the next generation with mask-making a la Maverick and wall constructions to rival Opus 40. There's room for the whole family to learn art techniques and play together.
- Word around town is that nine restaurants have signed on to offer dinners for the symbolic (and cheap!) price of \$20.08. There may be a sprinkling of wandering sketch artists who pop in from venue to venue, drawing diners enjoying the repast, publicist Ilene Marder said. Don't be surprised if the next portrait you admire is of you!
- If you'd rather draw bodies than just be one, bring your sketch supplies to Woodstock School of Arts' Bistro-to-Go Meets Go Figure event on Sunday. The festival dinner price covers a gourmet catered buffet from Bistro-to-Go while three models pose for artists in the school's north-lit studio. Call the school to reserve an easel.
- Insiders know that the artists from the Woodstock School of Art have had a running pingpong game going in bars and homes around town since the 1940s Art Students League days. The Seahorse Tavern may be gone, but one of the original players, Bob Angeloch, still paints and plays the game on a regular basis. Join Angeloch and the other "regulars"

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Poetry Society's open mikes Monday at the Colony Cafe and April 12 at Town Hall.

- Dance can be beautiful to watch, but Woodstock Tango is ready to teach all comers Monday and Thursday, from beginners to advanced dancers.
- Three artisan bread chefs will demonstrate their skills in a wood-fired outdoor oven at the James Cox Gallery at Woodstock on Route 212. Gallery owner Cox says he wants visitors to have multisensory visions of beautiful art, scents and tastes of bread and a learning experience in convivial company. Go to [woodstockartsconsortium.org](http://woodstockartsconsortium.org) for more info and a schedule.
- Free food at an art gallery can be a lovely cultural experience, but musicians Robbie Dupree, the legendary band Orleans, and Joe Bouchard of Blue Oyster Cult collaborate for two concerts Sunday to fight "food insecurity." Both the 4 and 6 p.m. shows benefit the Queens Galley Soup Kitchen in Kingston.

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