



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

SEE ART. CREATE ART. PROMOTE ART.



COMMUNITY ARTS

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Exhilarating, collaborative, and fruitful are just a few words that come to mind when looking back on 2021. As a community, we were all working to navigate the post 2020 pandemic year and establish a new normal. This created an energy and drive to get back out there and support the community and the organizations that carried us all through and into 2021.

That energy produced the fifth year-over-year growth in the Member's Gallery. Greatly increasing the number of members and selling artists, the Member's Gallery never ceased to impress. July and August were back-to-back record-breaking months for sales and artist commissions. The Exhibition Gallery also had a prosperous year and showcased one of the most diverse exhibition lineups SAGE has displayed in our downtown location.

2021 wrapped up my first year as Executive Director and it was fantastic. The SAGE members were so generous in sharing their encouragement and ideas for where they hoped to see SAGE grow and what SAGE could further offer them as artists. The Sheridan community supported the continuing programs of SAGE and engaged in new collaborations with us.

SAGE Community Arts' mission to Build and Inspire Community Through the Visual Arts was truly fulfilled this past year. There were many opportunities through SAGE to See Art, Create Art, and Promote Art and it was all possible due to the tremendous, continued support of our artists, members, volunteers, and leadership. Join me in celebrating the great accomplishments of SAGE during 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jill Benson', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Jill Benson

OUR MISSION

TO BUILD AND INSPIRE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE VISUAL ARTS

Our mission is fulfilled by focusing on three key pillars: see art, create art, promote art.

SEE ART

SAGE enables the Sheridan community to see and experience a wide variety of art in our Members' Gallery and Exhibition Gallery. Both galleries are for additional hours during receptions and educational events held at the art center and open Tuesday through Saturday at no cost to the community.

Our Community Arts Education Program provides ongoing creative opportunities for all ages from beginners to professional artists. All classes offered by SAGE are held in a supportive environment and taught by both visiting artists and local professional artists dedicated to SAGE.

CREATE ART

PROMOTE ART

SAGE creates a platform to support the visual arts and local artists through our galleries, events, and marketing reach. SAGE is committed to strengthening the Sheridan community by promoting Sheridan County as an art destination for tourism to enhance the creative economy.

PROMOTE ART.

STAFF & BOARD

STAFF OF 2021

Jill Benson | Executive Director

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Laureen Weaver | Marketing Coordinator

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mikole Bede Soto | Board President

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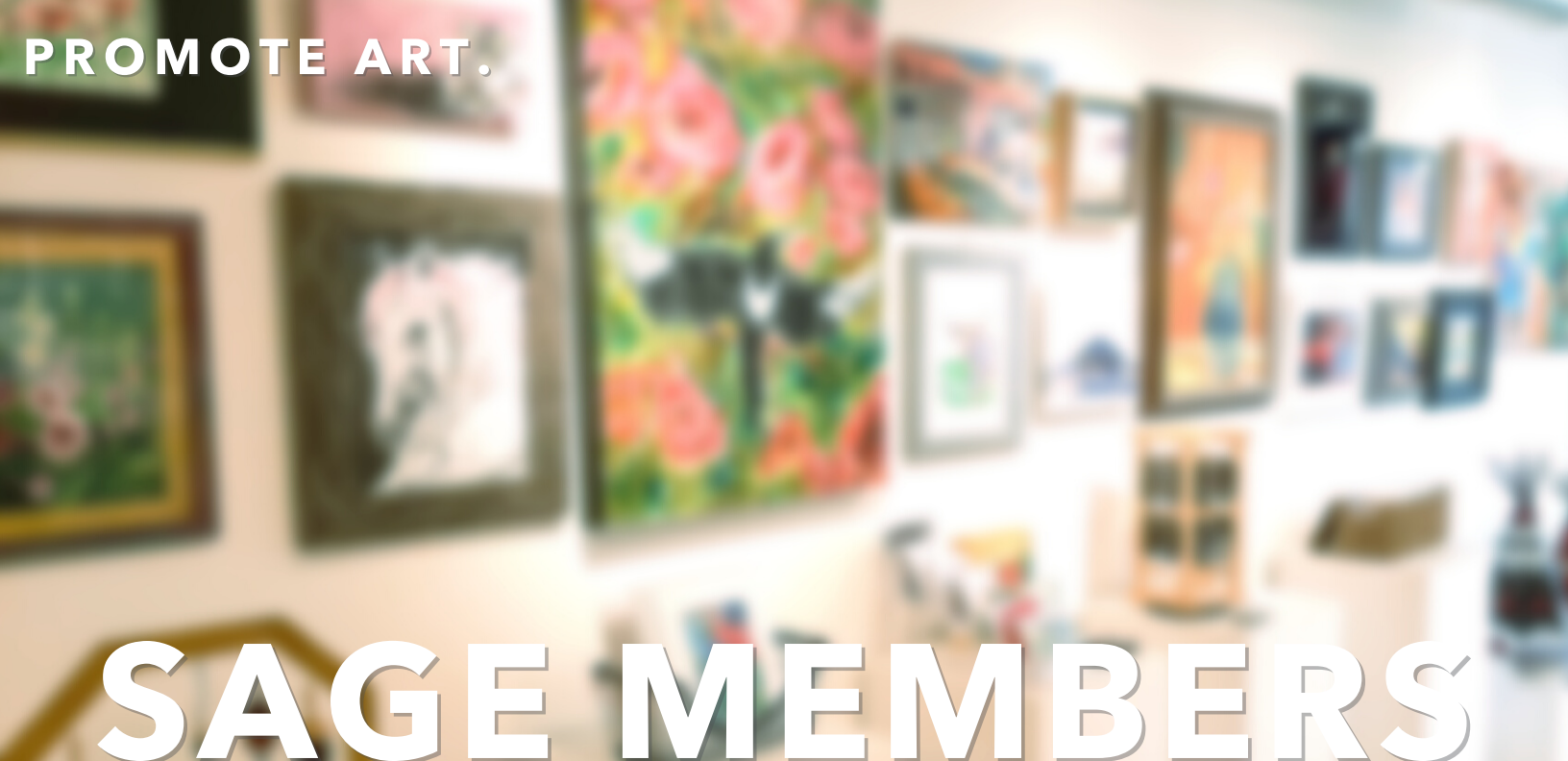
Sara Johnson | Former Marketing Coordinator

Nancie Furnish | Former Board Member

Susie Garber Johnson | Former Board Member

Mary Kay Love | Former Board Member

John Dick | Former Board Member



PROMOTE ART.

SAGE MEMBERS

2021 EXCITING GROWTH

ARTIST MEMBERS

236

UP 21% FROM 2020



ITEMS SOLD IN
MEMBERS' GALLERY

671

UP 96% FROM 2020

\$20,566

PAID TO MEMBERS IN COMMISSIONS
INCREASE OF 90% FROM 2020



4,732

VISITORS TO THE
GALLERY IN 2021



2021 EXHIBITIONS

BY THE NUMBERS

\$18,371

PAID IN ARTIST
COMMISSIONS

ARTISTS FROM
23 STATES

144

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL JURIED PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Juror | Keith Davis

JOY IN SELF-EXPRESSION: THE LEGACY OF NANCY BUENING

Curated by | Nancie Furnish

SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL ART GALA

Sheridan High School | John C. Schiffer Collaborative

CREATIVE INDIGENOUS COLLECTIVE: A GATHERING

Robert Martinez | Ben Pease | John Pepion | Holly Young
Gina Still Smoking | Lois Still Smoking

BY WESTERN HANDS: HANDCRAFTED FUNCTIONAL ART

Artisan Collective

HISTORIC PRESENT

Solo Artist | Amy Brakeman Livezey

11TH ANNUAL NATIONAL JURIED SHOW

Juror | T. Allen Lawson

MEMBER POP-UP SHOW

End of Year Show | SAGE Members

SEE ART.

GALLERY HIGHLIGHTS

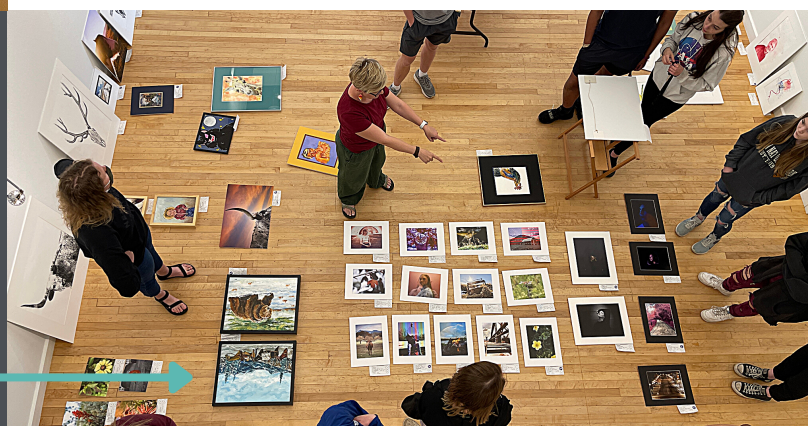
It was with great excitement that SAGE was able to install the long-awaited printing press, donated by Gillian Malone, into the studio space. The press was part of an Intro to Everything class and will host many classes in 2022!



SAGE was able to host its first all Indigenous Artist group for a truly stunning exhibition: Creative Indigenous Collective - A Gathering. At the opening reception, artists Robert Martinez and Ben Pease gave a great talk about the mixture of contemporary and traditional indigenous art.



The SAGE Exhibition Gallery hosted the Sheridan High School Art Gala. This show featured over 200 works of art by Sheridan High School students and it is our hope to grow the show to feature all Sheridan County High School art students.



CREATE ART.

COMMUNITY ARTS EDUCATION

PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOSTER CREATIVITY
AND BUILD ARTISTIC SKILLS THROUGH AN ENCOURAGING,
SUPPORTIVE, AND FUN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

67

ART LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES

3

YOUTH ART
CLASSES & CAMPS

\$11,023

PAID IN ART
INSTRUCTOR WAGES

40

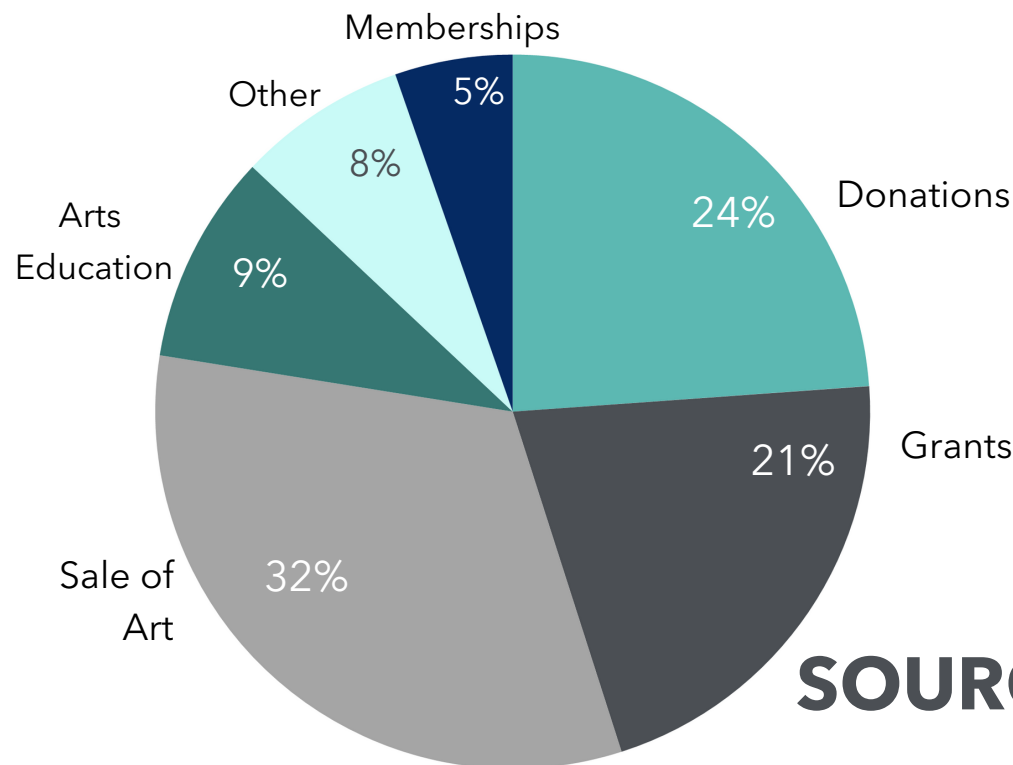
YOUTH
PARTICIPANTS

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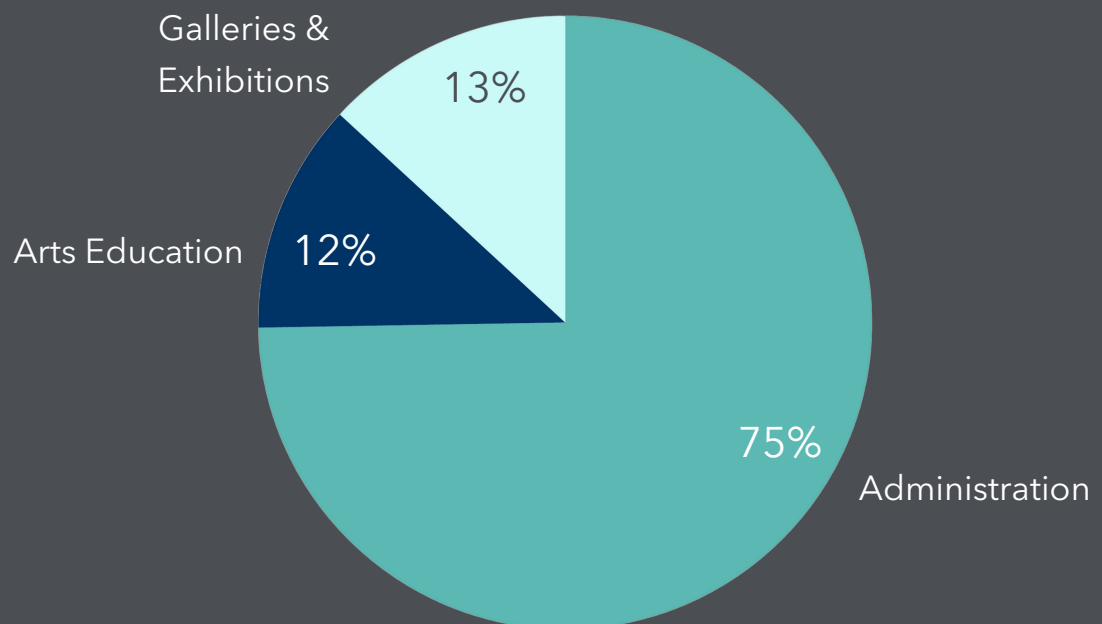
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ANNUAL BUDGET



SOURCES OF INCOME
\$191,056

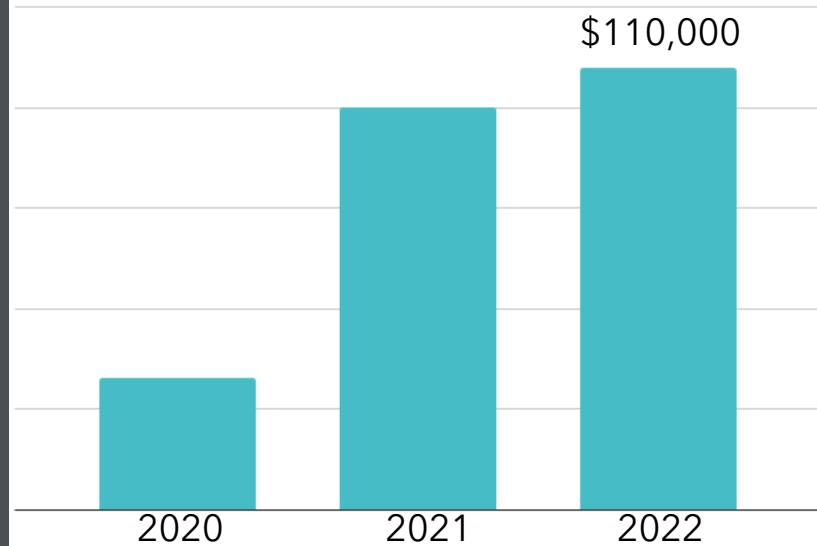


EXPENSES
\$159,133

2021 ENDOWMENT

Through two generous anonymous donors, SAGE Community Arts was first gifted, then matched seed funds to start an endowment. SAGE decided to work with the Wyoming Community Foundation to house the newly-formed SAGE for a Creative Community Endowment.

SAGE for a Creative Community Endowment Fund



"We are so grateful to our donors for this amazing gift to start an endowment. It has been a goal of SAGE to get to this point. Having an endowment is another step to our sustainability and being able to carry out our mission for years to come."

~Executive Director Jill Benson

2022 UP COMING EVENTS

Sheridan County High Schools Show
Reception: May 12

Richard Burk
Reception: June 16

12th Annual National Juried Show
Juror: G. Russell Case
Reception: August 9

Celebrate the Arts
Aug 25-28

Gibson & Recoder
Reception: September 15

SAGE Art Symposium Conference
Oct 7

Wyoming Waters
Watermedia Small Works Show
Reception Nov: 3

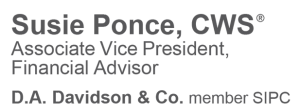
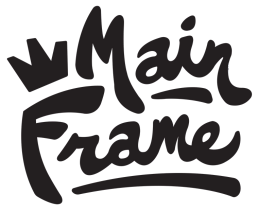
Member Pop-Up Show
Open Houses: December 8, 15, 22



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SEE ART

CREATE ART

PROMOTE ART

2021 MEMBER LIST

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