



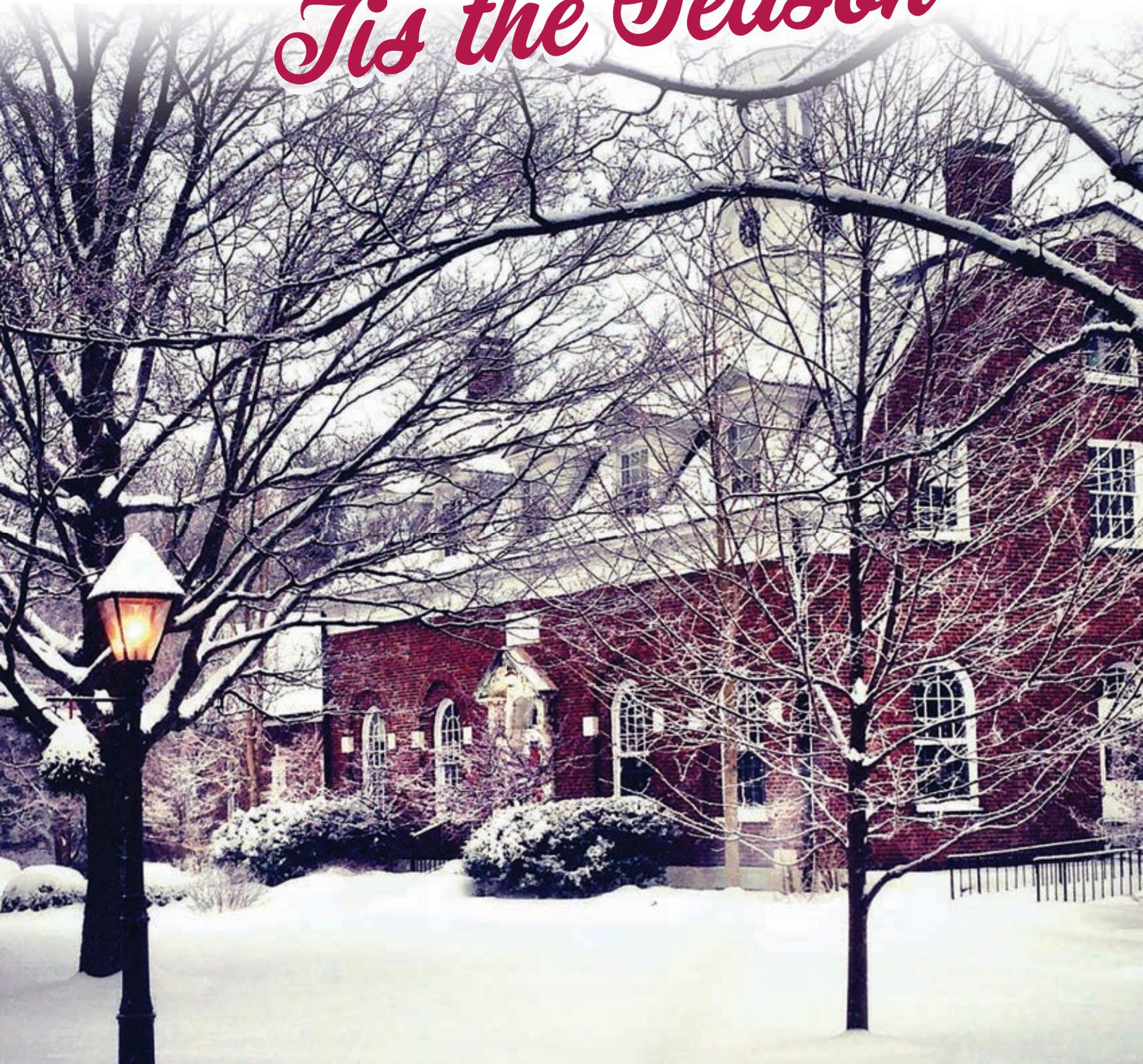
# The Comm

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*Tis the Season*



## Dear Friends,

For more than forty years, the Waverly Community House has had the joy of welcoming the holiday season through one of its most cherished traditions, the Artisans' Marketplace. What began as a small gathering of local vendors has grown into a community celebration that brings together artists, neighbors, and friends to share in the warmth of the season.

This year marks the 42nd anniversary of this wonderful event, and I could not be more excited to experience it for the first time as the new Executive Director of the Comm. I have long admired how the event transforms our building into a festive and welcoming space, filled with the sounds of conversation, the scent of baked goods, and the energy that only happens during this special time of year.

Throughout the weekend, more than forty talented artisans from across our region will fill our building with their incredible work. From hand-thrown pottery and original fine art to jewelry, textiles, and seasonal décor, each piece has its own story, created by someone who pours their heart into their craft. Whether you're shopping for gifts or something special for yourself, you'll find items that reflect both quality and creativity.

As you explore, be sure to stop by Bailey's Café for lunch, grab something sweet from the Comm Bake Shop, and browse the Thrift Shop and Destination Freedom Gallery, which will also be open throughout the event. Each of these spaces adds to the spirit of the weekend, making the Artisans' Marketplace an experience you can enjoy at your own pace.

What makes this tradition even more special is knowing that your participation directly supports the programs and operations of the Waverly Community House. All proceeds during this event help us continue to offer educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities that serve people of all ages throughout the year. Your involvement keeps the Comm vibrant and thriving, just as generations before us have done.

I am so grateful for the vendors who bring their talents to this event, for the volunteers who dedicate countless hours to make this undertaking possible, for our generous sponsors who believe in our mission, for our hardworking staff who bring everything together behind the scenes, and for each member of this community who continues to show up, year after year, to celebrate and support the Comm. It's because of you that traditions like the Artisans' Marketplace not only endure but grow stronger with time.

I hope you'll join us in celebrating this special weekend and help us kick off another holiday season.

Warmly,

Gia Tugend, Executive Director  
Waverly Community House



## Calendar of Events

**Waverly Small Works Gallery Exhibit**  
*In Winter* by Bill Teitsworth, AWS  
On display through December 19<sup>th</sup>

**Artisans' Marketplace**  
Saturday, November 22, 10 am-4 pm  
Sunday, November 23, 11am-4 pm



**Holiday Printmaking**  
Thursday, December 4, 6 pm  
Make 25 unique cards with envelopes.

**Wreathmaking with Abby Peck**  
Friday, December 5, 10am-2pm  
Comm Gym

**Sustainers' Holiday Dance**  
Saturday, December 6, 6:30-11pm  
Constantino's.



**Holiday Pysanky Decorating Class**  
Thursday, December 11, 3-5 pm or  
6-8 pm  
\$35 per person/ all supplies included  
Comm Scout Room

**Breakfast with Santa**  
Saturday, December 13  
10:00 am  
\$15 per person  
Comm Gym





# Artisans' Marketplace

November 22 & 23 | 10 am-4 pm on Saturday | 11 am-4 pm on Sunday

## Artisans' Vendors 2025

Please welcome the following artisans to this year's Artisans' Marketplace.

### FOR THE HOME:

- **2 Cranes** Live plants, Bonsai trees & topiary
- **Artful Things by Darcie** Hand-painted wood flower arrangements, magnets, ornaments and stems
- **Candles by Stellata** Hand-poured 100% soy wax candles, seasonal scents
- **Classique Keepsakes** Mixed media art, collages, & vintage home décor
- **Designs by DMR** Faux floral & greenery wreaths & arrangements, bows & felt trees
- **Designs by Olivia Grey** All natural soy candles, wax melts & diffusers
- **Dog Hare Pottery** Handcrafted pottery including mugs, bowls, & planters
- **Lisa Cunningham Fine Art:** House portrait painting gift certificates, holiday cards, notecards, prints and calendars of original artwork
- **Rogers Nursery** Live wreaths, kissing balls, swags, and garlands
- **The Lone Goat Paper Company** Handmade stationery and mixed media art, notecards, & jewelry

### FOR THE BATH:

- **Christine's Soap Box** Handcrafted soap, bath & body products, & home fragrances
- **Pure Suds** Handmade bath & body products, specialty bathing fibers, and raw apothecary items

### SPECIALTY FOOD & DRINK:

- **Chickarelli Farms** Family recipe BBQ sauces, seasoning mixes & rubs, flavored butters & jams
- **Damiani Coffee Roasters** Local specialty coffee roaster carrying 12 oz coffee bags, mugs, and single cup coffee brewing accessories
- **Maple Hill Farm & Apiaries:** Local honey and hive products, lip balms, candles, etc.
- **North Harford Maple** Pure maple syrup & maple products
- **Sango Kura LLC:** PA's only brewery of handcrafted Junmai Ginjo sake
- **Silverback Distillery** Award-winning mother/daughter distillers of vodka, gin, rum & whiskies



### TEXTILES & WEARABLE ART:

- **9th House Knits:** Hand-made knit and crochet goods, hats, scarves, hand-dyed yarn.
- **Fine Line Leather Designs:** Handmade leather bracelets with magnetic clasps
- **Happy Threads:** Hand-woven scarves, wraps table runners & placemats
- **Noriko Iizuka Design:** One-of-a-kind scarves and garments
- **Quilts 'n More:** Quilted table runners, tree shirts, & toppers, bibs & seasonal items
- **Rustic Shamrock Designs:** Hair accessories and crochet items including loveys, baby blankets and baby hats
- **Saints Nicks:** Handmade one of a kind Santas made from vintage fabrics and furs
- **That Country Touch** Fabric holiday décor, wall hangings, pillows, baby blankets & more
- **The Bearded Ladies & Co:** Handcrafted pet accessories, including dog bandanas, collars and leashes

### CERAMICS, GLASS, METAL, STONE & WOOD:

- **A & J Handcraftings:** Handmade dolls & soft toys, wood-turned housewares
- **BEYOND INFINITY CREATIONS** Handcrafted geometric wood art, mosaics, motivational signs and home décor
- **Birdsong Birdhouses:** Wooden birdhouses, vases, serving boards, bowls, ornaments created mostly from reclaimed barn wood
- **BohemianCat Designs** Bohemian inspired hand-made jewelry using gemstones, copper, resin and natural elements
- **DA Creates:** Wooden tea boxes, jewelry boxes, picture frames, tables
- **Dick Williams Designs:** Unique, handcrafted jewelry, necklaces and earrings
- **Helpless Moon Fused Glass:** Handmade, kiln-fired glass ornaments and holiday giftware
- **Jeff Jordan Wood Working** Custom woodworking; charcuterie, shot & team boards, whiskey smokers
- **Laurabee Studios** Nature-inspired jewelry made with silver, bronze and copper
- **Wild Rose Designs** Epoxy resin and polymer clay decorative items and jewelry inspired by nature
- **Windy Hill Woodturning** Heirloom quality functional hand turned items including cutting boards bowls, pepper mills, shaving razors

Lunch provided by  
**Bailey's Café and Events**

**The Destination  
Freedom Gallery** and  
**Upstairs Thrift** will both be open  
through the duration of the show

Artisans' sponsors:

**Waverly General Store** and  
**Bailey's Café and Events**



## Wreathmaking with Abby Peck

We are pleased to invite you to the annual wreath-making event with Abby Peck on **Friday, December 5th, 2025, from 10am to 2pm** in the Comm Gym. A \$5 donation at the door covers the cost of supplies, including greens, wire, and light refreshments.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own pruning shears, gloves, and any personal decorations they'd like to incorporate into their wreath. Each attendee will have the opportunity to create one wreath to take home and one to donate to the Comm. This tradition, passed down from Abby's mother, Roz Peck, continues to bring our community together in celebration of the season. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## *Preserve a Community Tradition*

Each day, the Waverly Community House welcomes people of all ages for programs, events, and experiences that strengthen our community. From educational initiatives and cultural programs to recreation and wellness, the Comm continues to serve as a vital resource for those who live, work, and visit here. None of this would be possible without the generosity of individuals who value its mission and invest in its future.

**Your gift to the Sustaining Fund directly supports the Comm's operations, programs, and facilities.** It helps preserve our historic building, maintain welcoming spaces, and ensure that our offerings continue to inspire and benefit the community for years to come.

**Every dollar makes a difference.** Your contribution helps fund the classes, events, and services that keep the Comm strong and vibrant.

If you have already made a gift this year, thank you for your generosity. If not, there is still time to make an impact. You can make a one-time donation or set up a convenient monthly gift that provides steady support throughout the year.



To give, visit [waverlycomm.org/donate](http://waverlycomm.org/donate), scan the QR code, or contact EJ Murphy, Director of Advancement and Historical Programs, at 570-586-8191 to learn more about giving options, including legacy gifts or donations of real estate, stocks, or bonds.

*Your support keeps the Comm thriving and ensures its legacy for generations to come.*

## *Memorials and Celebrations*

*In Celebration of Susan Belin's Birthday*  
Mrs. Mary Rhodes

*In Memory of Sarah Calvey Cummings*  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren T. Acker  
Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Metzger

*In Memory of Dr. Charles "Charlie" Curtin*  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren T. Acker  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jabobs  
Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Metzger  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Preate Jr.  
M.C. and Christine White  
Dr. and Mrs. Melvyn Wolk

*In Memory of Leslie Gibson*  
Ms. Marilyn R. Costa  
Mrs. Gloria Feibus

*In Memory of Michael Poremba*  
Mr. Ronald A. Ulias

*In Honor of Mary Rhodes*  
Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Belin

*In Memory of Melissa Rhodes*  
Ms. Marilyn R. Costa

# *Thank you!*

