

2023-2024 Calendar Idea Submissions

Submit your event ideas for ACGR's calendar on this form. Come to our Planning Meeting, Monday, SEPT 19 prepared to discuss your idea(s). If you'd like to see past calendar ideas, see the Slack channel "2023-24-Calendar-Planning."

ONE IDEA PER FORM

* Idea submission deadline: SEPT 12 *Planning Meeting date: Monday, SEPT 19.

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Idea Title ***ONE IDEA PER FORM*** *

December Seasonal Holiday Party

Idea Description in a Brief Blurb *

"1st Annual 'Naughty or Nice' Party - A Not-So-Silent Night"

Come dressed up and ready to eat, drink, be merry and mingle and take part! Join the festivities (see below) and get to know your fellow Arts Council Members! Music included - a local pianist (or other musician) provides the ambiance.

(Based on my fond memories of my sister-in-law's annual Holiday Party that she and my brother-in-law would host in their now former Ridgewood home every December all through the 1990's and early 2000's.)

Pitch your idea. Why should this be an ACGR event? How does it relate to the arts and our mission? What is unique about it? Our mission: <https://www.artscouncilgr.org/about.html> *

An end-of-year holiday event is another Thank You to members.

Guests must bring an hors d'oeuvre, a side (vegetable or salad), a dessert, or a bottle - ACGR would provide the main course and other drinks (alcohol, too). Could be as simple as Sloppy Joes, or something else that's easy to put together. Or we work with a local caterer to provide one main dish - enough to serve all.

Number of guests depends on size of venue.

Members pay nothing, non-members must pay \$25 membership fee per individual.

TOTAL LENGTH OF EVENT: 2 hours, 30 minutes

1) First 75 minutes is mixing, mingling and eating/drinking.

2) Second 45 minutes is SINGING/PERFORMANCE

- everyone gathers in a designated room/area with a piano (or portable keyboard or guitar?) to sing seasonal carols and other holiday music that they enjoy, accompanied by a local pianist keyboard player that the Arts Council has pre-arranged to participate.

I'm thinking Peter Ross. (He still lives in GR - 13 Pamrapo Court).

Plenty of guitarists around - maybe Kevin Crawford or Bob Katzman

3) Third (and final) 30 minutes is dessert.

We will have a charismatic HOST (more than one okay) to move things along (local actors or charismatic folks we agree on are preferred). People who come to mind include:

Charlie Sara

Jon Cole

Danny Flaherty

Mike Zilvetti

Jerry Rella

During the singalong, willing individuals, couples, small groups or families (offspring age 21 and up) would sporadically perform specially prepared numbers - song or skit or anything else appropriate for event/surroundings.

- Playing an instrument

- Creating/performing a special song

- Reading a poem or telling a story (time limit to be determined)

These willing, specially selected performers will have agreed in advance - we will "pre-plan/invite" them.

Invitation would say: "Bring an Act"

FINALE: Everyone sings "The 12 Days of Christmas" - ACGR will provide PROPS!

Donations/Creative interpretations of:

1 - Stuffed Partridge in Pear Tree

- 2 - Turtle Doves
 - 3 - French Hens
 - 4- Calling Birds
 - 5 - Gold Rings (5 golden rings)
 - 6 - Geese a Laying
 - 7 - Swans (a Swimming)
 - 8 - Maids a Milking
 - 9 - Ladies Dancing
 - 10 - Lords a Leaping
 - 11 - Pipers Piping
 - 12 - Drummers Drumming
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Please do your best to identify your idea's defining category. Most ideas will likely combine multiple artistic elements, but it's helpful to try to categorize ideas to ensure our offerings are diverse. For example, 1 Hallow's Eve has visual art, music, theater, costume design, and it falls under "theater." Regarding "fine" art vs. "crafty" or "makers" art - this is so subjective, please do your best to identify if the way your idea will be executed would be considered by fine artists as fine art, or if it would be categorized as maker/crafty or even assembled art. If you can't place your idea in a single category, please explain in "other" and help us improve the form for next time with other necessary categories and feedback. *

- Creative Placemaking: Using art to reimagine and reinvent public spaces and strengthen the connection between people and the places they share. Creative Placemaking is an umbrella term, but is directly tied to Sustainable Jersey's Creative Team certification. Our window painting and interactive butterfly mural in the alcove are examples of Creative Placemaking, and if we were SJ "Creative Team" certified, we could apply for grants. For a deeper dive, review these Slack channels: #creative-placemaking, #creative-team-sustainable-jersey and SJ's CT's goals: <https://rb.gy/64brar>
- Fine Art: I.e., drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, glassmaking, collage, origami...
- Crafter or Makers Art (only if the makers don't consider it fine art): I.e., chalk drawing, tie dye, knitting, rock painting, collage
- Dance
- Music
- Theater
- Film
- Literary Arts: I.e., Poetry Month, Honoring a poet laureate
- Other Performing Arts: I.e. spoken word, magic, acrobatics, puppeteering, anything auditioned on America's Got Talent!..
- Other: Social Gathering/Seasonal Party

Preferred season(s) *

Note: The next few questions address the specific timing of when you envision your idea taking place.

Winter

Spring

Summer

Fall

Other: NOV 26 - DEC 10 (before Holiday craziness sets in) - 2022

If applicable, please describe if your idea is tied to a specific holiday or time of year, or if you foresee it as something else such as April 1, Poetry Month, Quarterly, Pre-Holiday shopping period....

Early December Holiday Period - NOV 26 - DEC 10 (before Holiday craziness sets in) - 2022 Doesn't necessarily have to be on a weekend, but probably makes sense.

Do you foresee this becoming an annual event? *

*OR, you're submitting a past Arts Council event, like the film festival for example, would you like it to continue to be added to the calendar annually?

Yes

No

Maybe

Other: _____

What year do you envision launching your event for the first time?

- 2022
- 2023
- 2024

Where would this event be held? List possible locations. *

A local church may have a space we'd be able to use or rent.

MAYBE a resident/member who is comfortable and used to entertaining would offer their LARGE home.
Would be nice if they had a piano.

Michele? Maybe? Home has a great layout.

Who do we know that likes to plan/host parties?

Include links to images (photos, video) to help illustrate the idea. (Write n/a if not applicable.) *

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jY9HMv9A47BknoNyWb5sBzuCmra_tNab/view?usp=sharing

Are you willing and able to chair this event? If not, name the person(s) you'd recommend or have in mind to chair under "other." *

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Other: _____

List any qualifications (skills/expertise) you foresee needing when building your committee. *
 Will you need actors, marketers, musicians, curators, graphic designers, costume designers, builders, or board members to facilitate logistics and operations, or other committee members with other skills?

Bartender(s) (Maybe John Arehart), Food Set-Up, Servers,
 Host(s) to introduce - for Singalong portion
 Designer and printer - to print out copies of Holiday Song lyrics
 CLEAN UP crew

Is there a partnership opportunity? We currently partner with Thomas Edison Film Festival on our short films event, and we're in the process of partnering with Porch Light Studios on our upcoming 1 Enchanted Hallows Eve event. Under "Other," please list the organization/person(s) you're hoping to partner with, and any thoughts on why this is a good idea. *Partnerships preferred. Partnership pitches carry more weight when voting. *

Yes

No

Other: Any caterer, like a Meganne Serrano, Iachetti's or other locals

Thoughts, comments, feedback?

We would need our INSURANCE all buttoned up and ready to go.

- Event would serve ALCOHOL
 - Need to determine deadlines:
 - to send out invitations
 - for RSVP
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