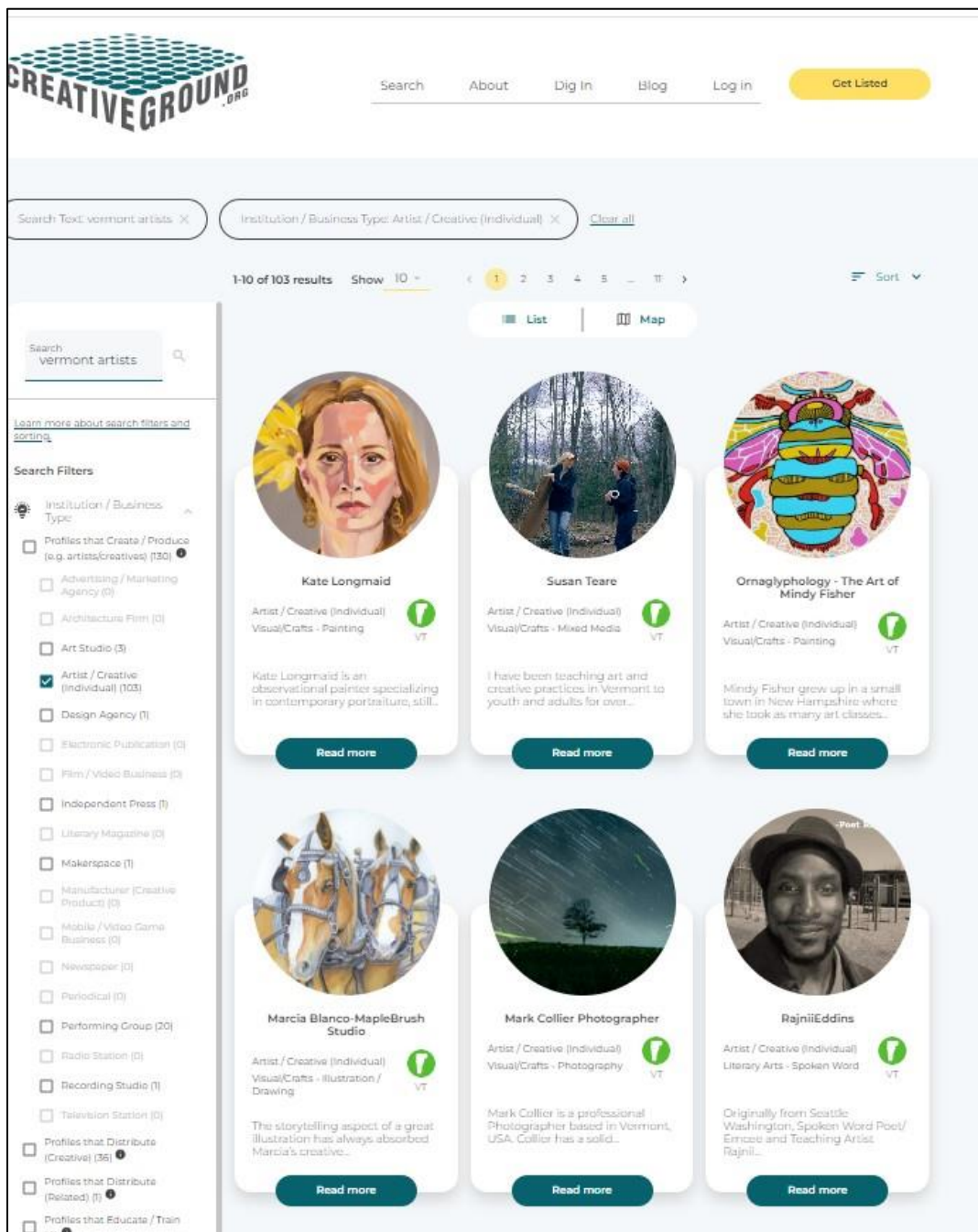


Creation Grant Proposal – Artist Spotlight | FY2025 Information Sheet

It was wonderful to be able to share the amazing work of so many talented artists in last year’s Creation Grant People’s Choice Awards which attracted over 1,500 Vermonters to dip in, discover new artists, and cast their vote. Building on that interest, and the generous feedback we received, we’ve made some changes that we hope will continue the momentum.

Introducing the new (optional) Creation Grant – Artist Spotlight!



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Artist Spotlight Grid:

- Kate Longmaid**: Artist / Creative (Individual) Visual/Crafts - Painting VT. *Kate Longmaid is an observational painter specializing in contemporary portraiture, still...*
- Susan Teare**: Artist / Creative (Individual) Visual/Crafts - Mixed Media VT. *I have been teaching art and creative practices in Vermont to youth and adults for over...*
- Ornaglyphology - The Art of Mindy Fisher**: Artist / Creative (Individual) Visual/Crafts - Painting VT. *Mindy Fisher grew up in a small town in New Hampshire where she took as many art classes...*
- Marcia Blanco-MapleBrush Studio**: Artist / Creative (Individual) Visual/Crafts - Illustration / Drawing VT. *The storytelling aspect of a great illustration has always absorbed Marcia's creative...*
- Mark Collier Photographer**: Artist / Creative (Individual) Visual/Crafts - Photography VT. *Mark Collier is a professional Photographer based in Vermont, USA. Collier has a solid...*
- RajniEddins**: Artist / Creative (Individual) Literary Arts - Spoken Word VT. *Originally from Seattle, Washington, Spoken Word Poet/Emcee and Teaching Artist Rajni...*

While there won't be a vote this year, we've teamed up with [CreativeGround](#), New England's free online cultural directory, to provide an opportunity for fans and followers, curators and producers, and art appreciators across Vermont and beyond to discover our participating artists via their robust platform tools. Artists who "opt in" will have their CreativeGround profiles spotlighted on the Council's website from June through September 2024.

Creation Grant applicants choose on their application whether they would like to participate in the Spotlight—it's not mandatory! But by choosing to participate, you might:

- have extra inspiration to freshen up your current CreativeGround profile or create a new profile if you don't already have one
- receive additional exposure for your work—along with a special opportunity to announce your work/proposal to your fans, followers, and community via the robust platform tools
- increase your potential for additional support by listing your social payment services or crowdfunding platforms (Venmo, PayPal, Kickstarter, Go Fund Me, etc.) for direct donations from the broader community

Why CreativeGround?

CreativeGround is a project of the New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA). It is the dynamic regional directory that celebrates and reflects the work of New England's artists, creatives, culture bearers, creative organizations, and businesses. It is the place for all to gain insight into the vibrant regional creative ecosystem.

CreativeGround is a community-generated and free tool that provides visibility, connection, and information to support a region-wide creative network. Spotting the stories, relationships, and data of the creative people and places at work in New England activates our creative community with more resources. CreativeGround invites everyone to explore and connect!

Ready to create a profile or update your existing one? [Click here for instructions.](#)

Questions?

Send an [email to Dominique Gustin](#) or call her at 802.402.4602 (voice and relay calls welcome).