



WALLKILL RIVER
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Ursula Morgan
Executive Director

Karlie Diaz del Valle
Art Center Assistant

Board of Directors:
Maureen Crush, Chair
Gloria Bonelli, President
Judi Silvano, Vice President
Catherine Lagoudakis, Treasurer
Lisa O'Gorman, Ass't Secretary

Directors Emeritus:
Shawn Dell Joyce
Penny Thelman

Legal Counsel:
John Capella, Esq.
Gary Schuster, Esq.
J & G LLP
Walden, NY

232 Ward Street
Montgomery, NY 12549
845-457-ARTS (2787)
www.Wallkill.Art

Unleash your inner artist!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

Saturday, February 7, 2026 | 2:00 pm

Location: In Person at WRCA
232 Ward Street(17K), Montgomery, NY

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

Notification of the meeting through e-communications with WRCA members and posted on WRCA's website, the meeting will include Annual Reports on how the non-profit performed in 2025, plans for 2026 and proposed budget, and we will tally and announce the results of the Board of Directors election.

WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

(BY EMAIL OR US MAIL IN ADVANCE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING)

ELECTION: The following persons are running for an available seat on the Board of Directors:

Maureen Hart

Maureen grew up in Rockaway Beach Queens, moved to Cornwall in 1988, and has been a member of the Wallkill River Center for the Arts for over 15 years. Excited to help in any way she can to increase awareness of the arts, she is also a member of the Middletown Art Group and the Cornwall Highlands Arts Alliance.

Vikas Varma

Vikas and his family have been attending WRCA events for many years. He is a business and corporate attorney in Goshen, NY. He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from Boston University School of Law. His practice focuses primarily on corporate and business laws with a wide variety of clients including technology companies, professional practices, breweries, restaurants, transportation companies, farms, minority and women owned businesses (MWBE) and not-for-profit corporations. He has extensive experience in acquisitions for US, Indian and multinational corporations and advises on start-up ventures and private equity investments. He is admitted to practice in New York and California.

Vikas received the "40 Under 40" Shaker Award from the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and "Rising Star" Award from Orange County Chamber of Commerce. He is a member and Treasurer of the Board of the Orange County Bar Association, NY; member of the Executive Committee of Boston University Law School Alumni Association; and previously served as a Director of New Hope Community, Inc., and Leadership Orange.

Dana Ware

Dana Ware is proud and excited to join the Board of the Wallkill River Center for the Arts. She is founder of the Law Offices of Dana Ware, LLC, which includes Hudson Legacy Law (bespoke estate and trust planning) and Hudson Energy Law (legal services for clean energy businesses and nonprofits). She has held leadership roles with not-for-profit organizations in the arts and in the clean energy. She holds a J.D. from Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, an M.A. in Environmental Conservation Education from NYU, and a B.A. in Music from The Ohio State University. Dana is also Executive Director of Jazz Passengers Music Projects, Inc., a 501(c)(3) New York not-for-profit, and she lives in Walden with her husband, Bill Ware, a notable jazz musician, and her two sons.

Continued,

Directors up for reelection, 3-year term:

Maureen Crush (Chair): joined the board in 2015 and is in her 11th year of service. Maureen has previously served as Vice President and as Assistant Secretary. She is an attorney and Counsel to the law firm Crush & Varma Law Group P.C. with extensive non-profit corporate law experience.

Judi Silvano (Vice President): joined the board in 2023 and is up for election for a second 3-year term. Judi has been a member of the organization for over 10 years and has served as a volunteer, committee member, supporter, and is an artist member at WRCA. Judi Silvano is a professional singer and performer with an extensive background in music, performance, and recording and has curated the WRCA Concert Series since its inception.

Catherine Lagoudakis (Treasurer): joined the board in 2022 and is in her 4th year of service. Catherine is the CEO of CL Design Associates in Goshen and Interior Design Company. Lagoudakis is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology and is now a professor and lecturer at her alma mater.

VOTING PROCESS: Please review the enclosed letter with details as to how you can help us by exercising your vote! All votes must be received by **February 6th** to be counted.