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**WOMEN'S STUDIO WORKSHOP FACILITIES EXPANSION
SUPPORTED THROUGH NEW YORK STATE'S
COMMUNITY CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Rosendale, NY

WSW is proud to announce a major capital grant of \$50,000 secured with the support of NYS Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill, 103rd District (Ulster, Dutchess), through the Community Capital Assistance Program (CCAP).

CCAP funds are being used for the renovation of a historic building adjacent to WSW's visual arts studios on Binnewater Lane in Rosendale. Completion of this expansion will add over 3,000 square feet to WSW's existing facilities, creating a 900 square foot community gathering space, a professional kitchen, enlarged gallery and a studio dedicated to the book arts. There will also be new office space and a climate-controlled archive and study center to house WSW's print and artists' books collections. WSW's building is being renovated to meet standards of excellence in heating and cooling technology. The facility will be fully handicapped accessible.

Executive Director, Ann Kalmbach, and the WSW staff express their appreciation to Assemblymember Cahill for his support in seeking facilities expansion funds through the CCAP Program and to local resident Brian Cafferty and Tom Hoffay of Assemblymember Cahill's District Office for their assistance throughout the grant process.

The multi-year rehabilitation project has been supported with countless donations from individuals and major grant funds from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, NYS Council on the Arts, The Tides Foundation, mediaThe foundation inc., the Cowles Charitable Trust, Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation and Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation.

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill added his support of the project, "The Women's Studio Workshop has been an important part of our community for many years. From their famous Chili Bowl, showcasing ceramics as art as well as useful kitchenware, to their world renown in paper making, WSW is at the forefront. It has been our great honor to join Ann, the staff and so many volunteers and important community organizations in support of this ambitious expansion project."

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Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) is a visual arts organization in Rosendale, NY. Since 1974, WSW has brought over 5,000 artists from across the globe to work in their printmaking, hand papermaking, letterpress printing, photography, book arts and ceramics studios. Over 6,000 Ulster County youth have participated in WSW's art-in-education program. WSW's artists' book grant program has published more than 200 artists' books, collected by special collections of major libraries and museums including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Tate Modern, and The Library of Congress, among others.

Women's Studio Workshop programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. Additional funding comes from the National Endowment for the Arts, Milton & Sally Avery Arts Foundation, The Cowles Charitable Trust, Edwards Foundation Arts Fund, Agnes Gund, Hershey Family Foundation, Klock Kingston Foundation, Joan Mitchell Foundation, Ora Schneider Residency Grant, Stewart's Holiday Match, Sustainable Arts Foundation, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts and Windgate Charitable Foundation.

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