

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The logo for Flemington DIY is centered within a large, dark green, rounded shape. It consists of the word "FLEMINGTON" in a bold, white, sans-serif font above the word "DIY" in a larger, bold, white, sans-serif font. The "DIY" letters are significantly larger and more prominent than "FLEMINGTON".

**FLEMINGTON
DIY**

A Community Arts Organization

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WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

Flemington DIY (Do It Yourself) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide an inclusive art space that engages the community with the burgeoning local arts scene, inspires social change, and invigorates the economic development of Flemington, New Jersey.

In May 2014, Flemington DIY was founded by a local group of young artists and musicians. With assistance from the Flemington Business Improvement Office, they found a temporary home in the borough-owned 90 Main Building, once a bank, but vacant for years. "The Space," as it's become to some, immediately began hosting art shows, concerts, and film screenings. Since then, Flemington DIY has transformed into a flourishing center for community life for all ages, hosting over 1,200 unique events (250+ in 2024) while sustaining on the generosity of donations, grants, events, and sustaining members.

In 2022, the organization relocated to a new space in the heart of Stangl's Arts and Cultural District.

VISION

- Providing a safe and accessible outlet for community members' expression
- Showcasing socially-conscious ideas and promoting networks between others
- Actively combating sexism, homophobia, racism, and other forms of oppression
- Creating a safer space for everyone



**ALL AGES
NONPROFIT
VOLUNTEER-RUN
COMMUNITY ARTS SPACE**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The art space hosts several recurring groups and programs, some weekly, others monthly. Such offerings include: Print Club, hands-on open hours for screen-printing and printmaking; Fiber Artists, a crocheting and knitting group; Songwriter Circle, First Fridays Print Club for Homeschoolers, monthly Bluegrass, Acoustic, and Jazz Jams, and more.

All programs are donation-based, and no one is turned away due to lack of funds.

Monthly poetry open mics and Women's Comedy Open Mic have become popular events on the calendar - featuring a wide variety of local participants, with ages ranging from pre-teen to seniors.

In the past, Flemington DIY has hosted consecutive Black History Month celebrations; participated in Teen Arts; and hosted jazz series featuring renowned players from across the globe.



A complete list of past events can be found at flemingtondiy.org/pastevents



Introducing **ART CIRCLE**

a vibrant and engaged art making community that shares art experiences in Flemington and Hunterdon County, creating collaborations, programming and opportunities for both viewers and artists.

RECENT PROJECTS



The **Art Machine**, an interactive performing art piece and Artist Residency, is one of the Art Circle's first projects. The project is courtesy of [Sarah Duff](#) (and her family), who picked up this former cigarette vending machine from south Jersey and restored it to working order; preparing it for artists to fill with their tiny art. [Jacklyn Karpinski](#), took the freshly primed machine and transformed it into the colorful Art Machine. Unveiled on May 18, 2024, at the Decade of DIY celebration, the machine offers figurines, buttons, stickers, earrings, necklaces, keychains, tiny framed/ready to hang art, or music codes. Artists have the choice to donate all or a portion of the sales to Flemington DIY.

Mural Battle: Battle of the Walls is a neighborly competition inviting two artists to duke it out with pens and markers for a two hour art-making extravaganza. Our host, OurNaturalState, will choose a theme, and the artists will create something, anything, portraying that theme. Winners get their art placed in a highly trafficked area in Flemington, as well as a "bio post," and other social shout outs to bathe them in their winner's glory.

less
IS
more

**Dots and Lines:
A Mother &
Daughter Exhibit**

Relationships: An
Installation Between
Light and Sound

**2nd ANNUAL
MEMBER &
VOLUNTEER
SHOW**

**The
Shadow
Almadel**

**THIS
IS IT?**

**2024
ART
SHOWS**

*The
Squiggle*

**3rd ANNUAL
TAKE ME HOME
TONIGHT**

**Entangle
-ment**

**Water
Under the
Bridge**

SOCIAL INITIATIVES

Flemington DIY ensures a space and platform for social change, often partnering with area organizations to raise awareness and support for various causes. This includes benefits for the [NJ Abortion Access Fund](#), [Jersey Battered Women's Service](#), the [Coalition for Animals](#), [Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter](#), the [ACLU](#), and [Hunterdon Helpline](#).

Additionally, Flemington DIY has participated in school supply and clothing and food drives, and has been the home of [Music Together](#), [Hunterdon County Anti-Racism Coalition](#), [Moms Demand Action](#) meetings, and [Mini Food Pantry](#) food drives (and other events) with [Flemington QTs](#), a local queer and trans community group.



Since 2014, Flemington DIY has hosted over 1,200 unique events (250+ in 2024), attracting hundreds of people to Flemington, NJ. This space has established itself as an essential mainstay in the New Jersey arts scene, supporting live musical performances, staged theatrical productions, art installations, cultural and historical presentations, and discussions about social issues - all stimulating the vitality and economic growth of this town.

Flemington DIY has attracted musicians and performers alike from all over the globe - from New Jersey to California, Canada, Scotland, and Argentina, and even Tuva, a small Russian republic in southern Siberia.

COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

DECADENT DECADE



To celebrate Flemington DIY's 10 year anniversary, friends at Lone Eagle Brewing once again unveiled Decadent Decade IPA, donating a portion of sales back to the arts space. This is the third beer collab with the brewery.

Past collaborations also include: community beat-making with the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University; a 15-mile group bike ride spear-headed by Party Size Cycling; and hosting a Makers Market with NJAAF benefitting abortion access in New Jersey.

PAST & PRESENT PARTNERS

- ACLU
- Art Venture
- Aunt Mary's Dispensary
- Black Lab Imaging
- Dr. Michael Viega and the David Ott Lab for Music and Health at the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University
- Flemington Free Public Library
- Flemington QTs
- Franklin Theatre Works
- Girls In Gear
- Hunterdon Academy of the Arts
- Hunterdon Central Regional High School
- Hunterdon County Anti-Racism Coalition
- Hunterdon Helpline
- Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter
- Jersey Battered Women's Service
- Lone Eagle Brewing
- Masterful Mosaics NJ
- Meta Theatre Company
- Moms Demand Action
- Music Together Flemington
- New Brunswick Jazz Project
- Oldwick Community Players
- Party Size Cycling
- Propagate Studio
- Raritan Learning Cooperative
- SAFE in Hunterdon
- The New Brunswick Jazz Project
- The Photographers Group
- True Voice Project
- WDVR
- WPRB
- YOUR NAME HERE!

AWARDS & HONORS

- Recipient of Downtown NJ's Tools of the Trade Platinum of Excellence Award, 2014
- Participants in NJ Future's 10th Anniversary Redevelopment Forum, 2015
- Presented on "Public Art in Public Spaces" at NJ Future Redevelopment Forum, 2018



FLEMINGTON DIY HAS RECEIVED GRANTS AND GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM:

- FLEMINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
- HUNTERDON COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION
- HOLT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
- MASTERWORK MUSIC & ARTS FOUNDATION
- CHANCY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
- TAPINTO FLEMINGTON/RARITAN
- FLEMINGTON CAR & TRUCK COUNTRY
- AUNT MARY'S DISPENSARY

and more!



VOLUNTEER IMPACT

Thank you to all our supporters and dedicated volunteers who helped make 2024 one of the most incredible years yet at Flemington DIY. We celebrated our 10 year anniversary, hosted the legendary Dillinger Escape Plan, and so many more events that deserve all the recognition in the world. We're powered by the people and trying to make our community just a little bit brighter each day. Will we see you in our little blue building in 2025?

250

**events hosted
and supported by
DIY volunteers!**

2,000+

volunteer hours

 **Onboarded 15 new
volunteers**

 **Welcomed 5 new
board members**

 **Built community with
each other at 3
volunteer social
events**

**Volunteers spearheaded
many new projects...**

 **Art Machine**

Mural Battles 

 **Mini Pantry
Food Drives**

BioBlitz 

**And continued existing
programming...**

 **Jazz & Bluegrass
Jams**

Poetry Open Mic 

 **Print Club**

ASL Chats 

...and so much more!

JOIN US! EMAIL: volunteer@flemingtondiy.org

NAVIGATING THE PANDEMIC

In the wake of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, Flemington DIY shifted to virtual programming and building community online. Out of that came a collection of art shows, live performances, open mics, various classes, and the launch of a biweekly Black Youth Meet Up - a Black-led virtual space for Black youth ages 15-18 to connect, bond, and share their experiences in a safe, inspiring, and empowering space.

In the warmer months, Flemington DIY turned to outdoor pop-up events at various locations in town, leading to two town-wide scavenger hunts, a series of bike maintenance workshops, supply drives for various organizations, and Jazz on the Lawn, a highly successful outdoor jazz series, among other programs.



In fall 2021, Flemington DIY mobilized supporters to raise funds for a new physical space, resulting in a successful drive to fund re-start up costs.



In preparation for reopening, volunteer orientations took place, recruiting and onboarding nearly 50 volunteers.



To financially support a new endeavor, a sustaining membership program was launched, welcoming over 60 members after its first year.

A NEW LOOK IN A NEW SPACE

May 2021 saw the reopening of Flemington DIY, emerging from the pandemic at a new location in the heart of Flemington's up-and-coming Arts & Cultural District along Stangl Road.



Ahead of that milestone, the organization unveiled a new brand identity, complete with a refined logo, color palette, and other creative assets, all now synonymous with Flemington DIY.



WHY INVEST?

When you invest in Flemington DIY, you provide an inclusive space for local artisans, hobbyists, actors, musicians, and students of all ages, races, genders, and abilities to create and present their works.

You afford opportunities to those who otherwise may never have the platform to do so.

The volunteers that make up Flemington DIY are dedicated to ensuring events and programs run smoothly. This hands-on approach allows Flemington DIY to operate within the boundaries of fiscal prudence.



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