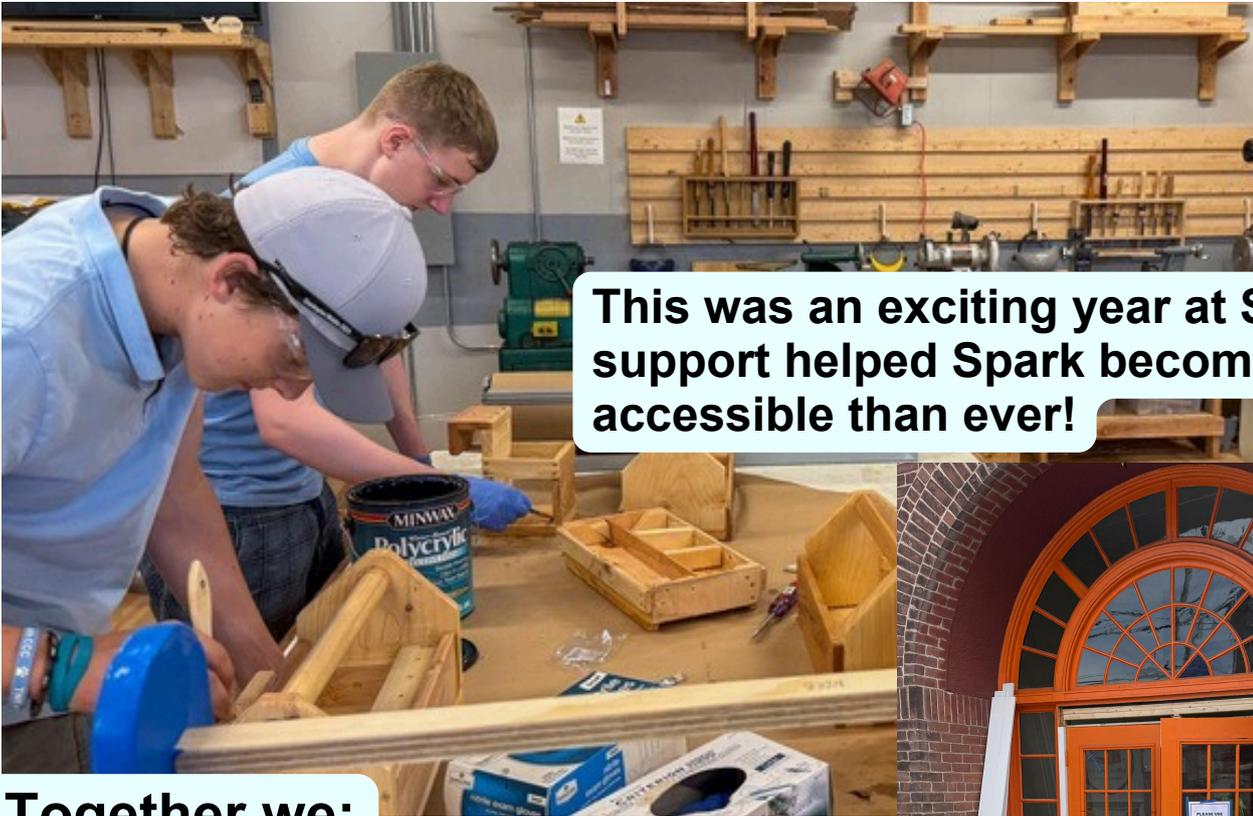




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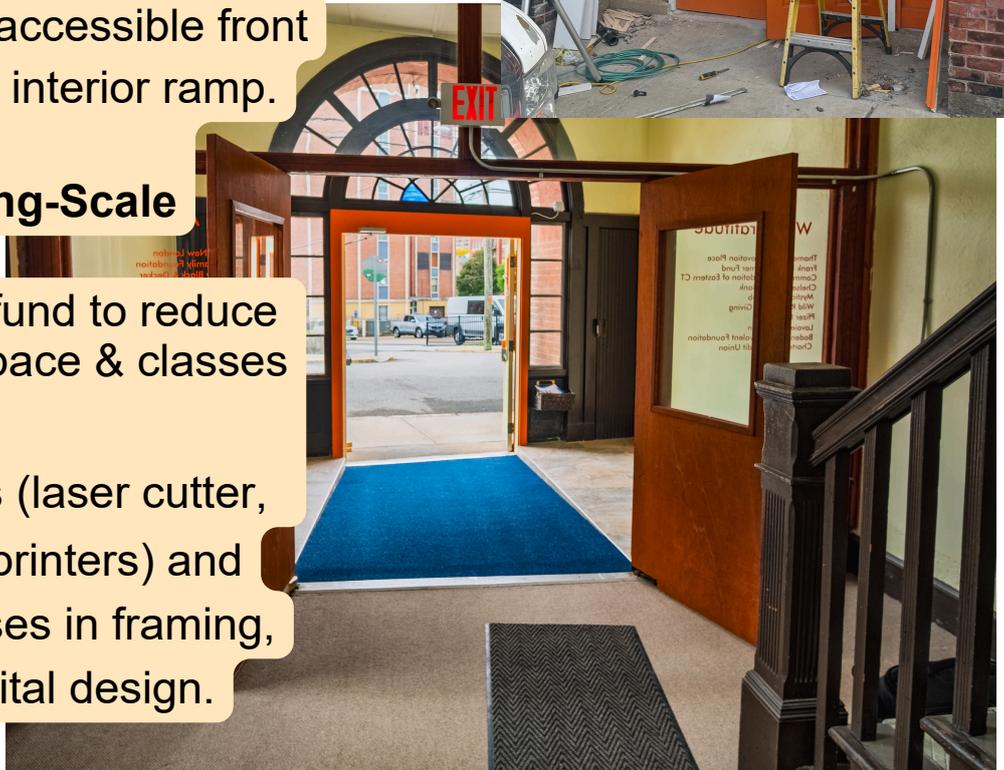
This was an exciting year at Spark. Your support helped Spark become more accessible than ever!

Together we:

**Lowered the Door** literally, creating a more accessible front entrance with an interior ramp.

**Launched Sliding-Scale Membership** & a scholarship fund to reduce barriers to our space & classes

**Expanded tools** (laser cutter, embroidery, 3D printers) and added new classes in framing, drawing, and digital design.



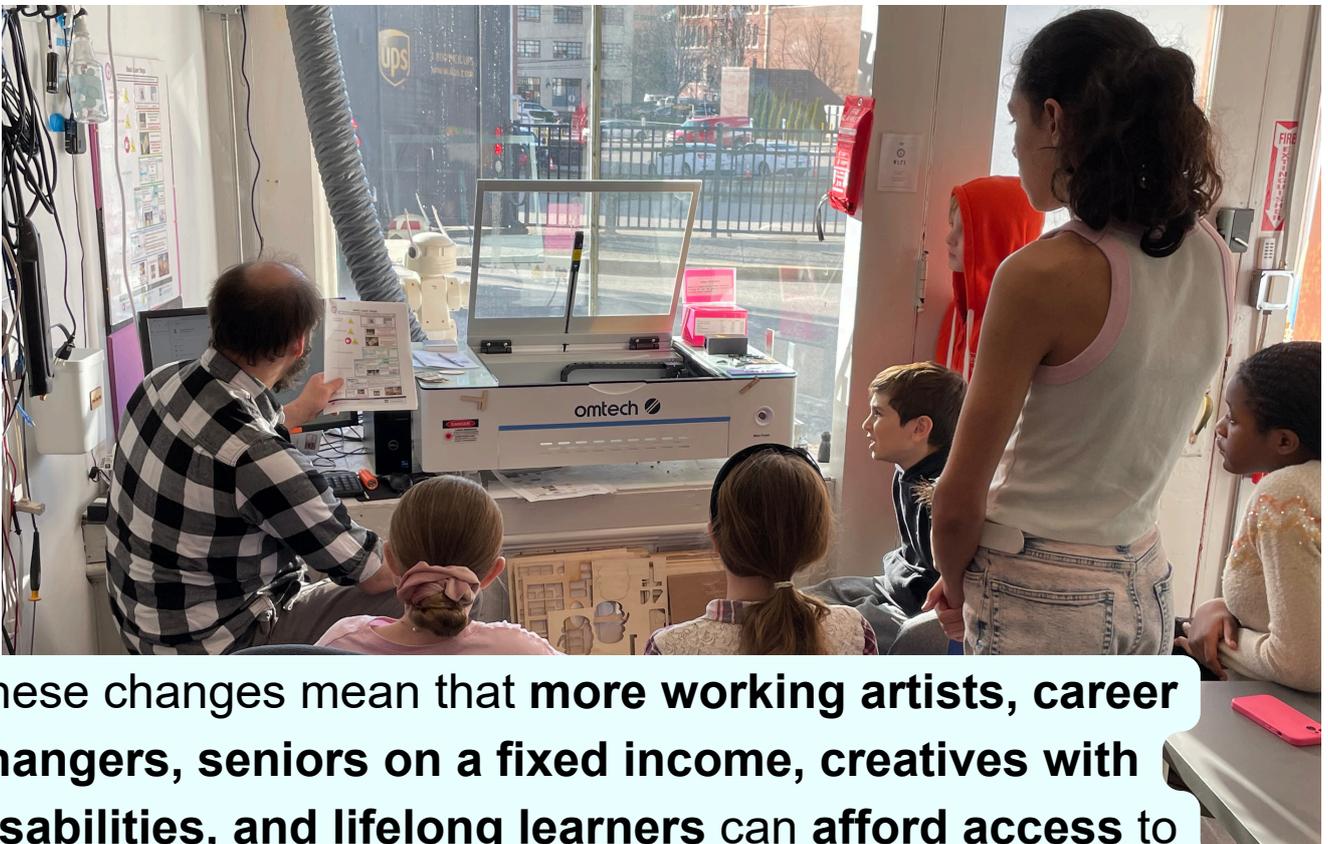
## We partnered with:



**New London Community Boatworks** brought their youth boat-building program into the Spark woodshop, teaching teamwork and leadership.

**FRESH New London** teens mastered screen printing in our printshop, creating handmade merchandise to further their food justice mission.

**Flock Theatre** collaborated with Spark for costume and set design support.



These changes mean that **more working artists, career changers, seniors on a fixed income, creatives with disabilities, and lifelong learners** can afford access to hands-on education, opportunities, and community in the arts, technology, and trades.

# 2025 was full of connection and creativity including:

**Goth Prom Spark's annual Halloween fundraiser and costume party**



## **Celebrate New London / Creative Village**

Spark collaborated with the New London Arts Council, bringing artists, demonstrations, and live making to State Street, which was dubbed the "Creative Village."



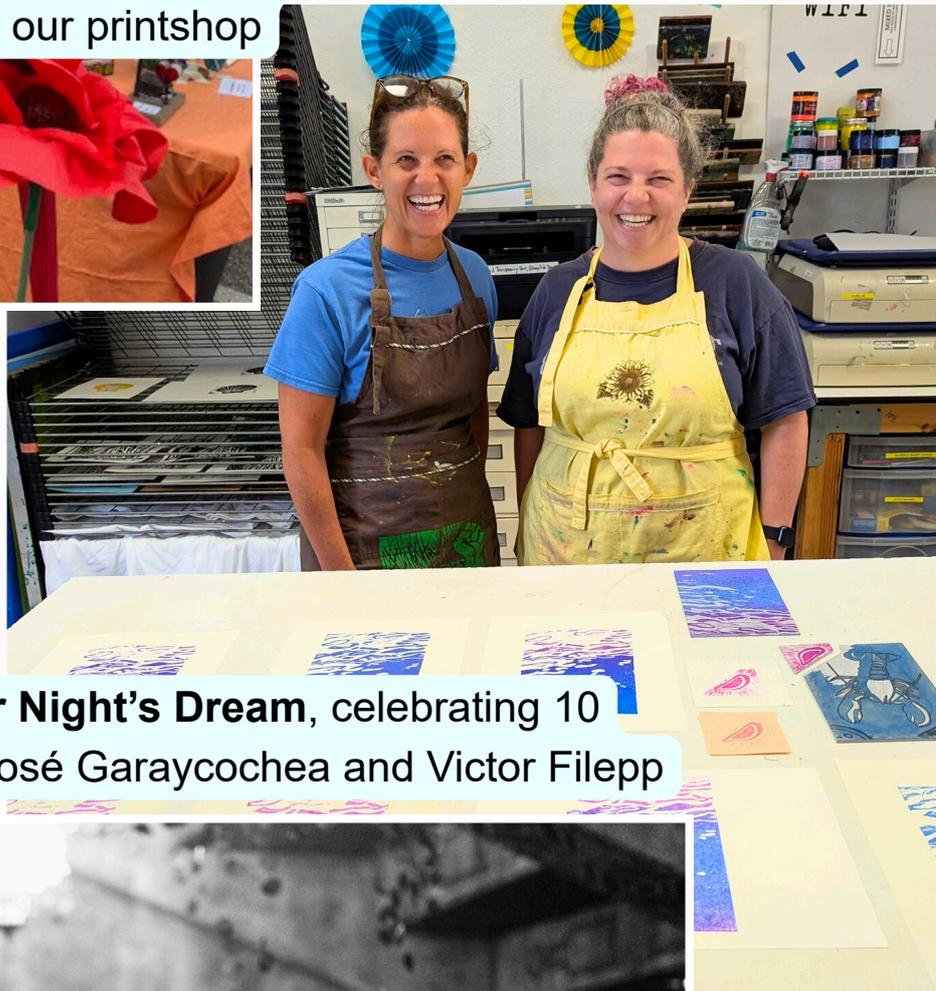
Collaborated to create **A Summer Block Party on Green Street**, celebrating New London's creative energy



**New London Art Stroll, featuring open studios and hands-on demos**



**Print Day, where the public made relief prints and cyanotypes in our printshop**



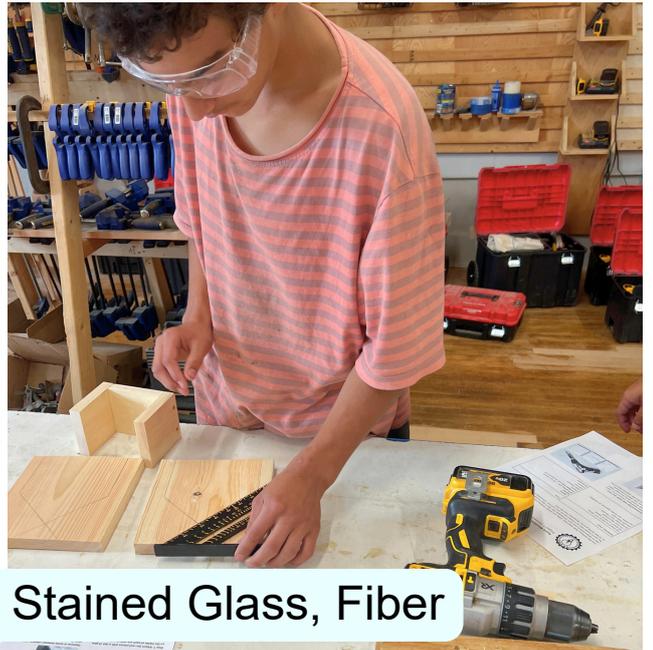
**Summer Gala: A Midsummer Night's Dream, celebrating 10 years of Spark and honoring José Garaycochea and Victor Filepp two champions of the arts.**



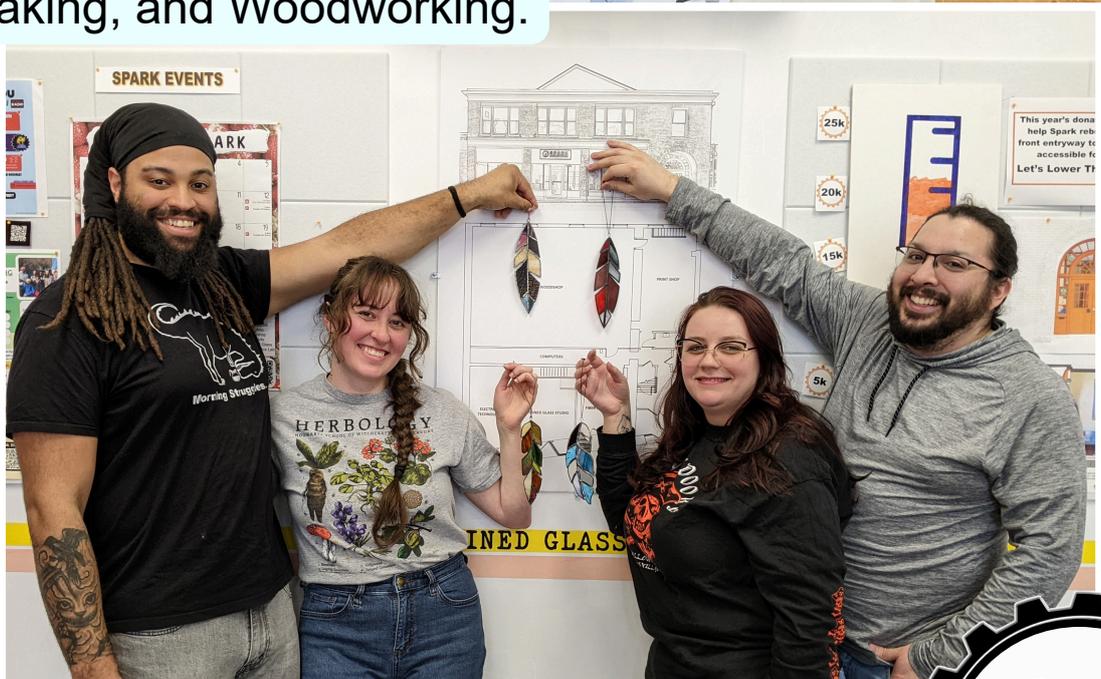
**There was more hands-on skill-based learning than ever before! Spark:**



**Hosted over 100 free open to the open-to-the-public weekly programs, including Open Sew and Electronics Night, keeping our doors open to learners of all levels**



**Held over 100 Classes in Electronics, Stained Glass, Fiber Arts, Printmaking, and Woodworking.**



**From all of us at Spark, thank you for MAKING this incredible year possible!**

