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Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-1150

2015**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**A** For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015**B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

Society of Vermont Artists & Craftsmen, Inc.

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

611 Route 103 South

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Ludlow, VT 05149

D Employer identification number

03-6004107

E Telephone number

802-228-8770

F Group Exemption Number ▶**G** Accounting Method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶**I** Website: ▶ www.fletcherfarm.org**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**H** Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).**K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets

(Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

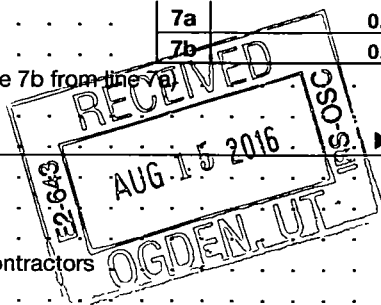
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	10679.00
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	90992.00
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	4225.00
4	Investment income	4	0.00
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0.00
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0.00
6	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0.00
6	Gaming and fundraising events		
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0.00
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$10567.00 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	00.0
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0.00
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	8567.00
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0.00
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0.00
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0.00
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	17125.00
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	131588.00
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	0.00
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0.00
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	10303.00
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	70528.00
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	19857.00
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	9995.00
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	20166.00
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	130849.00
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	739.00
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	39025.00
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	39764.00

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	4686.00	22 5082.00
23 Land and buildings	0.00	23 0.00
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	39136.00	24 38100.00
25 Total assets	43822.00	25 43182.00
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	4797.00	26 3418.00
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	39025.00	27 39764.00

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Operate and Arts & Crafts School

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 Classes and workshops ranging from 1-7 days teaching a large variety of Arts & Crafts. Approximately 250 students per summer season (late June-end of August) and on weekends in Fall, Winter, Spring (September through December) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	107508.00
29 Consignment Craft and Gift Shop where members can sell their handwork. Summer operation only (late June until the end of August) Approximately 30 members participate. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	9676.00
30 Craft Festival weekends only, one day with space rental to exhibitors. Two (2) per year, approximately 50-60 vendors participate (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	3901.00
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	9764.00
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	130849.00

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
1) Layne Herschel Chairman of the Board	25-40	0.00	0.00	0.00
2) Susan Chadwick Board Secretary	Many	0.00	0.00	0.00
3) Carolyn Scott Finance Director	20 (+/-)	0.00	0.00	0.00
4) Cynthia Sheehan Craft Festival Director	many	0.00	0.00	0.00
5) Rigmor Frnk Auction Director	many	0.00	0.00	0.00
6) Cheryl Gantkin Membership Director	many	0.00	0.00	0.00
7) Phyllis Gagnon Craft Shop Director	many	0.00	0.00	0.00
8) Joyce Fuller Volunteer Director	many	0.00	0.00	0.00
9) Harold Bosco Marketing Director	many	0.00	0.00	0.00

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	✓
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	✓
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	✓
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	✓
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	✓
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	✓
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Vermont		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Society of Vermont Artists & Craftsmen Inc Telephone no. ▶ 802-228-8770 Located at ▶ 611 Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT ZIP + 4 ▶ 05149		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	42b	✓
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	42c	✓
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	✓
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	✓
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	✓
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	✓
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	✓
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	✓

- 46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		✓

- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

	Yes	No
48	✓	

- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

	Yes	No
49a		✓

- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
49b		

- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

- f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

- d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

- 52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ☒ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here	Signature of officer <i>Layne Herschel</i>	Signature of officer <i>Carolyn R. Scott</i>	Date <i>8/10/2016</i>
	Layne Herschel, Board Chairman	Carolyn Scott, Finance Director	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no.			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

Society of Vermont Artists & Craftsmen, Inc.

Employer identification number

03-6004107

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☒ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Society of Vermont Artists & Craftsmen, Inc.

Schools

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

- 1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?
- 2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?
- 3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space, use Part II

Non discriminatory clause in our catalog and brochures. Non-discriminatory clause included in the confirmation of each registration for a class.

- 4 Does the organization maintain the following?
- a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?
- b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?
- c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?
- d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?
- If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.

- 5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:

- a Students' rights or privileges?
- b Admissions policies?
- c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?
- d Scholarships or other financial assistance?
- e Educational policies?
- f Use of facilities?
- g Athletic programs?
- h Other extracurricular activities?
- If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.

- 6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?
- b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?
- If you answered "Yes" on either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.
- 7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II

YES NO

1 ✓

2 ✓

3 ✓

4a ✓

4b ✓

4c ✓

4d ✓

5a ✓

5b ✓

5c ✓

5d ✓

5e ✓

5f ✓

5g ✓

5h ✓

6a ✓

6b ✓

7 ✓

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Name of the organization

Society of Vermont Artists & Craftsmen, Inc.

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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PART 1 LINE 8 - OTHER REVENUE -- Craft Festivals (2) \$6670.00 Craft Shop \$13455.00 TOTAL: \$17125.00

PART 1 LINE 18 - OTHER LIABILITIES -- Publicity, internet, copier lease, credit card fees, cable TV, scholarships, organizational Discounts

TOTAL: \$20166.00

PART II LINE 24 - OTHER ASSETS - Equipment Depreciation: TOTAL: \$38100.00

PART II LINE 26 - OTHER LIABILITIES - Accounts Payable: TOTAL: \$3418.00

PART III LINE 32 - OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES - Fund raising expenses, website maintenance, catalog costs, misc TOTAL: \$9764.00