

Rye Arts Center receives grant for Parkinson's disease program



The Rye Arts Center is the recent recipient of a grant to benefit its Dance for Parkinson's Disease program. Contributed photo

The Rye Arts Center is the recipient of a \$5,000 special needs grant from ArtsWestchester toward their Dance for Parkinson's Disease program.

Dance for Parkinson's was launched in June 2011 and replicates the Mark Morris Dance Company's award-winning Dance for Parkinson's Disease program. Dance instructors at The Rye Arts Center are specially trained through the Mark Morris Dance Company in Brooklyn.

Feedback and attendance from this class has shown that people no longer feel classified as patients, but as dance students and are empowered to take charge of their own well-being. They feel more fluid, confident and graceful in their movements using modern, ballet and folk dance forms.

Scholarships are available in the program. For further information, contact Anne Fumasoli, music school and public outreach director, at (914) 967-0700 ext. 23. *(Submitted)*