



# Creative Team Newsletter



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## 👉 Calling All Brave Souls

With the uptick in ICE activity, we're gearing up to get some puppets back in action in the coming weeks. If you're not deterred by the chilly temperatures, let us know and we'll keep you in the loop as we coordinate.

## 🔨 Upcoming Build Days

**Welcome to our new faces!** Last Friday was one of our **busiest builds** yet, and seating can be a bit of a juggle with 20+ people. If standing is a concern, feel free to bring a folding chair (or an extra if you have one!). We'll also try to scrounge up a few to have on hand. 😊

[January 30](#) is the next build day on the books!

**Check out** our shiny new [Build Day Schedule for 2026](#) to see what we have planned. It's still a work in progress and will continue to evolve as things come up.

**One quick heads up** as our team continues to grow 🎉 We'll always have the basics on hand—pencils, rulers, paints, scissors, etc.—plus a few extra materials. From time to time, though, **we may ask folks to bring along a couple of easy-to-acquire supplies** to help keep things running smoothly. Please check the Build Day Schedule to see if you need to bring anything!

*Not sure what you're getting into? Feel free to check out our ["What to Expect at a Build Day"](#) guide to get a sense of how we work.*

## 🖌️ CRI Creative Team: Paper Power!

**Perkins Center for the Arts** in Collingswood caught wind of our giant paper-mache puppets and has asked us to submit a piece for their **summer 2026 paper-focused exhibition**—and now we need your brilliant brains!

Bring your ideas, sketches, or wildest paper-inspired dreams to the next build so we can brainstorm together and decide what we're making.

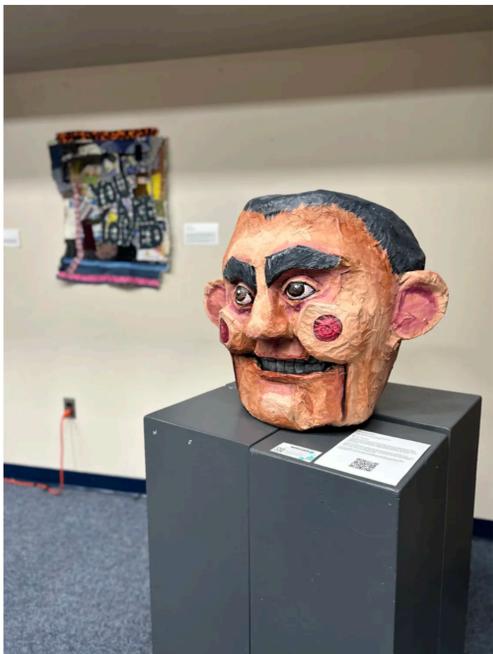
Deadline for the application is **February 23**, so let's get those creative gears turning!

## 🌟 Progress + Highlights

🦋 The stencils were a success! Our last Build Day was **buzzing with beautiful monarch butterflies**—a powerful pro-immigrant symbol thanks to their incredibly long migration.



🎉 Meanwhile, the **Jack Ciattarelli Puppet** celebrated retirement and joined the *Visions of Change* reception at Rowan, alongside other powerful protest art. I had the honor of speaking on behalf of CRI—check it out [here!](#)



For more *Behind The Scenes*, check out our [TikTok!](#)

## 📌 Upcoming Actions & Events

Feel free to check out CRI's [mobilize](#) for a complete list of events! **Our communities are the heartbeat of what we do** ❤️🧡💛💚💙



📍 **Solidarity Sundays** Join **Mi Casa** Woodbury every Sunday to say **ICE is not welcome in New Jersey**. Information on immigrant rights and ways to get involved will be available.

[Time to break the ICE](#)



📍 **Roadside Rallies** Snow or shine, the Bellmawr crew is out there every Sunday 12:00 - 1:30pm! Join Creative homies **Aaron & Josh** and help keep the energy strong.

[Rally Ready](#)



📍 **Pine Hilladelphia Rallies** Join **Bob + Co.** at Pine Hilladelphia every Saturday, 12–3 pm, showing up, speaking out, and **standing strong** for democracy.

[Chill at Pine Hill](#)

## 👋 New Here?

Check out our [Welcome Packet](#) and [2026 Schedule](#) & to stay connected.



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