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FY' 13 LOCAL GRANTS AWARDED FOR WESTON

Representative Alice Peisch and Audrey Pepper, chair of the Weston Cultural Council, have announced the award of ten grants totaling \$3870 for cultural programs in Weston.

Several of the Grantees are responding to Weston's 300th Anniversary and celebrating our long history. A complete list of recipients and grant amounts can be found below.

The Weston Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers. The members of the Weston Cultural Council are:

Laura Lamere
Alisa Taylor-Kapoor
Diana Chaplin
Susan Kuhr
Nancy McFarland
Inge Thorn Engler
Cheryl Alpert
Melissa Price
Andrea Levinson
Carmenelisa Perez-Kudzma
Marna Kennedy
Fang Liu
Audrey Pepper

“I applaud the Massachusetts Cultural Council for recognizing the important role the arts and sciences play in Weston,” said Representative Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley). “Thanks to this generous investment, Weston residents will have greater access to a wide range of cultural opportunities in the upcoming year.”

Statewide, more than \$2.34 million will be distributed by local cultural councils in 2013. Grants will support an enormous range of grass-roots activities: concerts, exhibitions, radio and video productions, field trips for schoolchildren, after-school youth programs, writing workshops, historical preservation efforts, lectures, First Night celebrations, nature and science education programs for families and town festivals. Nearly half of LCC funds support educational activities for young people.

The Weston Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. Information and grant application forms are available online at (www.massculturalcouncil.org). Applications are required to be postmarked by October 15th.

By calendar date, the FY '13 Weston Cultural Council Grantees include:

Weston Historical Society

“Weston Historical Society Tercentennial Exhibition”

1/5/13 – 1/29/13 at the Weston Public Library

The exhibit will travel to other local venues thru 6/13. They include:

Weston High School

Weston Middle School

Weston Town Hall

Weston Community Center

awarded \$400.00

council contact: Diana Chaplin

Weston Media Center

“The Weston Historical Society-50th Anniversary”

12/12-4/13

awarded \$300.00

council contact: Laura Lamere

Weston High School Chorus/Community Chorus

“Performance of POULENC’S GLORIA”

2/6/13

Regis College

awarded \$400.00

council contact: Inge Thorn Engler

Bostonia Players

“Valentine Potpourri”

2/3/13

Weston Public Library

awarded \$400.00

council contact: Susan Kuhr

Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History

“On the Boston Post Road”

4/26/13-12/31/13

awarded \$500.00

council contact: Fang Liu

LearnQuest Academy of Music

“LearnQuest Music Conference 2013”

3/27/13-3/31/13

Regis College

awarded \$400.00

council contact: Audrey Pepper

Weston Middle School Theatre/MA Educational Theater Guild

“Massachusetts Middle School Drama Festival”

4/27/13

awarded \$400.00

council contact: Cheryl Alpert

MetroWest Opera

“MetroWest Opera Presents Bizet’s Carmen”

5/16/13-5/19/13

Weston Town Hall

awarded \$400.00

council contact: Alisa Taylor-Kapoor

Weston Public Schools

“Hearing Impaired Education and Awareness”

2012-2013 academic year

awarded \$400.00

council contact: Marna Kennedy

Davis Bates

“Summer Reading Song and Story Celebration”

Summer 2013

Weston Public Library

awarded \$277.00

council contact: Melissa Price

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