

## **WELLESLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL**

The Wellesley Cultural Council consists of a group of Wellesley residents appointed by the Selectmen. Its primary task is to administer the funds that the Massachusetts Cultural Council allots to Wellesley from state funds, including the state lottery. These funds support the arts, humanities and sciences in the Wellesley community. The Council also serves as an advocacy voice for the arts in our town and state. Members in 2010-2011 were: Arlene Schulz (Chair), Karen Griswold (Secretary), Terri Sevilla (Treasurer), Marshall Cannell, Lois Goodman, Tim Hill, Ann Melanson, and Nora Tracy-Phillips.

### **Local Cultural Grants**

The Wellesley Cultural Council meets on average four times each year at a location open to the public. In September, the call for grant applications is announced in the *Wellesley Townsman* and blank applications are made available online and in the Town Hall. Completed applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Town Hall no later than October 15. The applications are then catalogued on the Council's web site, and copies are given to each Council member. Members hold two meetings in the fall: first, to determine which grants are of the highest priority, and second, to determine the dollar amounts to be awarded to each successful applicant. Recommendations for grants to be funded are completed by December 15 of each year and decisions are passed on to the Massachusetts Cultural Council for approval. Wellesley Cultural Council is considered to be a "streamlined" local council because we have an excellent track record with grants management and council training. Therefore, our grants are approved by early January and funds are made available by the end of that month.

All grants are "reimbursable," meaning that grant funds are distributed only after an event or activity has taken place and documentation to that effect has been presented to the Wellesley Cultural Council's Treasurer for reimbursement. When approved grants are not used by the recipient, these funds carry over to the next grant cycle.

WCC encourages all Wellesley organizations, as well as individual artists, humanists and scientists residing in the Town of Wellesley to consider applying for Council funds. The Council also considers applicants from other Massachusetts communities who wish to bring cultural opportunities to residents of Wellesley.

For Fiscal 2011, the Wellesley Cultural Council received a total of 17 applications and voted to award funds to the following 7 groups or individuals: Delvena Theatre Company (\$375), New England Wild Flower Society (\$150), None of the Above A Cappella Ensemble (\$500), John Root (\$675), Wellesley Chinese Language School (\$300), Wellesley Choral Society (\$1250), and Wellesley Symphony Orchestra (\$1250).

Wellesley Cultural Council meetings are posted at Town Hall and are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlene Schulz, Chair, FY 2011-12