

## **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 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 2007-2008 included: Ruth Anne Nuwayser (Chair), Karen Griswold (Secretary), Suzanne Beisecker, (Treasurer), Terri Sevilla, Marshall Cannell, Tim Hill, and Maria Wardwell,

### **Local Cultural Grants**

The Wellesley Cultural Council meets on average four times each year at the Town Hall. In the fall, grant applications are announced in the *Wellesley Townsman* and blank applications are made available at the Library and Town Hall. Completed applications are due in the Town Hall no later than October 15. They are then catalogued and copies given to each Council member. Members hold two meetings in the fall: first, to determine which grants will be approved, 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. We are 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 available by the end of that month. The Council does not participate in the PASS program.

All grants are “reimbursable,” meaning that grant monies are distributed only after an event or activity has taken place and documentation to that effect is presented to the Wellesley Cultural Council 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 bring new and different opportunities to residents of Wellesley.

For Fiscal 2008, the Wellesley Cultural Council was allocated \$4000 by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Wellesley Council received 20 applications requesting a total of \$12,150, and funded 7 programs as follows: Wellesley Symphony Orchestra (\$900), Wellesley Choral Society (\$900), Wellesley Players (\$650), St. Andrews Performing Arts Series (\$450), John Root (\$300), Wellesley Free Library (\$400), and Davis Bates (\$400).

### **Other Council Activities**

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

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Anne Nuwayser, Chair  
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