

## **REPORT OF THE MEDWAY CULTURAL COUNCIL 2019**

The Council's mission is to promote access, education, diversity and excellence in arts, humanities and interpretive sciences to promote the quality of life of residents of the Commonwealth, and to contribute to Medway's economic vitality.

Each local cultural council receives a yearly grant distribution from state funds to allocate to local artists. For the past several years, the Medway Cultural Council has received approximately \$5,000 per year, but in this fiscal year Medway received \$6,500 for local programming. A competitive grant round is held each fall, with a deadline of October 15.

Additionally, \$5,000 of town funds was allocated through Town Meeting, which we decided to use to celebrate the statewide Art Week. Activities for calendar year 2019 were as follows:

- Publicized our annual fall grant round and reviewed 21 grant submissions, awarding 14 grants for all age groups.
- Researched public art offerings in other communities.
- Attended state and regional Massachusetts Cultural Council meetings and trainings.
- Advertised upcoming grant-funded activities on our Medway Cultural Council Facebook page and in local media.
- Convened a group of town officials and volunteers to discuss a federal National Endowment of the Arts grant submission to fund public art within Medway, which was deemed unfeasible for the 2019 grant round.

The new grant awardees will hold their offerings during 2020 in various town locations, such as the Library, Choate Park and the Senior Center. Of the 14 awards, one was in the category of Interpretive Sciences, two in the Humanities, and 11 in the visual and performing arts.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla C. Cataldo, Chairwoman