The Medway Cultural Council welcomed five new members in 2017, Carla C. Cataldo, Gail Hachenberg, Melissa Kelley, Winnie Nyack, and Karyl Wong. 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 almost $5,000 per year. A competitive grant round is held each fall, with a deadline of October 15.

Activities for 2018 were as follows:

- Presentations to the Board of Selectmen (July meeting) and School Committee (October meeting) to discuss grant opportunities and mission of the Council.
- Recruited new members to comply with state’s minimum regulation size of five members.
- Advertised upcoming grant-funded activities on social and local media.
- Publicized fall grant round and reviewed 15 grant submissions, awarding eleven grants for all age groups.

The new grant awardees will hold their offerings during 2018 in various town locations, such as the Library, Farmer’s Market and the Senior Center. Of the eleven awards, one was in the category of Interpretive Sciences, one in the Humanities, and nine in the visual and performing arts.

We also created a new Facebook page, Medway Cultural Council - MEDCC, which can be found at: www.facebook.com/townofmedwayculturalcouncil. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla C. Cataldo, Chairwoman