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LOCAL GRANTS AWARDED FOR **Hubbardston**

# State Representative Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. and Bill Shea, chair of the Hubbardston Cultural Council have announced the award of 12 grants totaling $4400, for cultural programs in Hubbardston.

Previous grant recipients include The Peace Strings Project, Tom Ricardi Birds of Prey, Exploring the Arts for Seniors and Monet’s Magic Pastel Workshop. A complete list of recipients and grant amounts can be found below.

The Hubbardston 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 Mass 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 Hubbardston Cultural Council are: Bill Shea, Chairman; Lori Engle, Treasurer; Donna Shea, Secretary and Sara Lyon.

Statewide, more than $3.3 million will be distributed by local cultural councils. 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 Hubbardston Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. For guidelines and complete information on the Hubbardston Cultural Council, contact Bill Shea at bill@therupturedduck.com. Applications and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org).

This year's grants include:

Denis Cormier, Musical Program for Seniors

Francis Hart, Presentation on the History of the Beatles

Hubbardston Historical Society, Blacksmith Presentation

Hubbardston Library, Wizards Workshop

Gregory Maichack, Pastel Workshop

Listening Wellness Center

Pied Potter Hamelin, Magical Potter’s Wheel

North County Land Trust, Caterpillar Lab

Peace Strings Project

Quabbin Community Band

The Green Sisters

Uniquely Quabbin Magazine

More information on these events and updates from the Hubbardston Cultural Council can be found on our Facebook page: @HubbardstonCulturalCouncil.