

Salem Cultural Council

Salem Cultural Council Announces Funding for 2011 Projects

Holds Community Meeting on Monday, Sept. 20

SALEM, MA – The Salem Cultural Council (SCC) is now accepting applications for projects that will take place during the next calendar year. The Council encourages applications from Salem individuals, artists, non-profit groups, cultural institutions and schools with an activity related to the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences that has public benefit. All applications for next year must be submitted by **Friday, Oct. 15, 2010**.

Interested groups and individuals are invited to attend a community meeting that will be held on **Monday, Sept. 20**, at the **Salem Arts Association** gallery on **Artist's Row**, 24 New Derby St., Salem at **7 p.m.** to learn more about this program. Members of the Salem Cultural Council will be on hand to provide more information, guidance and to answer questions.

Salem will have **\$9,840** to distribute this year. The Salem Cultural Council is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) and is responsible for designing local funding criteria and granting preliminary approvals. The grants are awarded from a pool of funds distributed to Salem by the MCC, a state agency that supports public programs and educational activities in the arts, sciences and humanities.

The SCC places and emphasis on Salem-based artists and programs and is looking for works and presentations that will have the greatest impact on the Salem community. Projects should promote the culture, the history, the diverse culture and positive attributes of the North Shore area. The Council does not fund artists from out of town unless they have secured a clear invitation from a Salem-based organization and a venue to perform.

Members of the Salem Cultural Council are: **Gerry Ryan**, chair, **Sara Ashodian**, **Renee Austin**, **Derek Barr**, **Kristine Doll**, **Karen Gahagan** and **Nick Giarratani**.

For more information on the grants or the SCC, please call **Gerry Ryan** at **(978) 744-8258**.