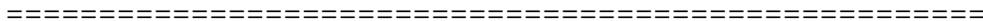


Framingham Cultural Council Contributor of the Year Awards

**The 2016 Contributor of the Year was Donna Wresenski,
Fine and Performing Arts Director for the Framingham Schools.**



Donna has built the Framingham High School Theatre/Drama Program which has provided cultural opportunities for so many of the Framingham students over the years. Under Donna's direction, the FHS Drama Company won the 2016 Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild (METG) Drama Festival State Champions award. Donna has done a wonderful job developing the Drama group and building a standard for drama performances for Framingham students.



**The 2014 Contributor of the Year was Ruth Winett,
President of the Framingham Library Foundation.**

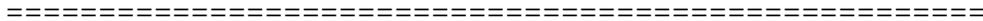


Ruth has been the driving force in raising funds for the new McAuliffe branch library in Nobscot. Securing funds from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners led to the approval by Town Meeting of the land purchase and building construction financing for a new branch library. Ruth organized events to get community support and contributions for the project. These efforts have enabled the foundation to raise more than \$500,000 toward the goal of \$600,000. Her involvement and commitment to our community is greatly appreciated.

**The 2013 Contributor of the Year was Anne Murphy.
Executive Director of the Framingham History Center.**



Annie Murphy's leadership has transformed the Historical Society of 1888 into the widely attended Framingham History Center of today. Facilities have been restored and upgraded. Innovative programs introduce old collections in new ways and new exhibits highlight the old. Under Annie's leadership the Framingham History Center has established stewardship of three of Framingham's most significant historic buildings, The Academy, Village Hall, and the Edgell Memorial Library.



**The 2012 Contributor of the Year was State Senator Karen E. Spilka,
State Senator since January, 2005.**



Senator Karen E. Spilka has established herself as a respected leader in state government. She was awarded the Framingham Cultural Council's 2012 Contributor of the Year Award for her leadership and support of cultural activities and for her work in establishing the MetroWest Tourism & Visitors Bureau.

**The 2011 Contributor of the Year was Robert Merusi,
Director of the Town of Framingham Parks and Recreation Division.**



Bob Merusi has been instrumental in the improvement and development of numerous Park properties including Cushing Park and the new Bowditch Field Athletic and Cultural Complex and the Callahan Senior Center. A true leader in the community, Bob's dedication and commitment to the Town has truly improved the quality of life for its citizens.

**The 2010 Contributor of the Year was John Steacie,
Former Member and Chair of the Framingham Cultural Council.**



John Steacie has been a dedicated leader of the Framingham Cultural Council and worked on numerous arts project in the Town of Framingham including the START Partnership and the Downtown Renaissance Projects.

**The 2009 Contributor of the Year was Michael Moran,
Founder of the Amazing Things Arts Center.**



Michael Moran demonstrated drive and dedication to the arts as he established the Amazing Things Arts Center in Framingham.