

Framingham Cultural Council FY2018Annual report - June 30, 2018

The FCC makes decisions on how to distribute funds from the Mass Cultural Council. Awards from these and other funds are made to best serve the cultural needs of Framingham.

For 2018 the Massachusetts Cultural Council gave the FCC \$20,300. We also received \$4,500 from corporate donations and used funds from the other accounts to grant 33 awards totaling \$29,504.

Three scholarship awards and three special recognition awards were given from the Rita and Bill Collins Memorial Arts Scholarship fund to graduating high school students to help further their education in the arts.

This year the FCC sponsored a student art completion for students ages 11-18 with the theme "City.". Over 150 entries were received coming from students who attend Walsh Middle School, Framingham High School, Marian High School, Keefe Regional Technical School, Christa McAuliffe Regional Charter School, the Learning Center for the Deaf, and Reed Academy. The artwork was displayed in the Costin Room of the Main Library during the month of May and six students were recognized with awards.

The FCC held an awards reception in the Costin Room of the Main Library where, in addition to the above awards, the Contributor of the Year award was given to Mark Contois, library director, recognizing him as an outstanding Community Resource and Leader who has facilitated many cultural programs. Mark's dedication and commitment to the Town/City has truly been very special. The Special Recognition Award was given to Judy Levine for her contributions as a council member championing the scholarship program.

Respectfully submitted: Joel Winett, Chair; Esther Powell, Vice-Chair; Diane Markowitz, Treasurer; Kurt Fusaris; Philip Kaplan, Lois Levick; and Judy Levine, and John Tessitore.