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Agawam Cultural Council Announces Grant Awards for FY2010

Agawam - The Agawam Cultural Council received \$8,760 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for the FY2010 grant program.

By Oct. 15, 2009, the official deadline, the council received 24 applications totaling \$16,795 for cultural projects. Sixteen grants were awarded.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council is a state agency that supports public programs in the arts, sciences, and humanities. It makes distributions to local cultural councils statewide. Each community's allocation from the MCC is determined using a local aid formula. Local councils are run by municipally appointed community volunteers who evaluate applications once a year based on local needs and interests.

This year, the council is awarding:

1. Picasso People at the Benjamin Phelps School
2. Stephen Hamlin, watercolor artist, at the Agawam High School
3. Elizabeth Embler, mixed media artist, at the Agawam High School
4. Pegi Deitz Shea, author visit/presentation, at the James Clark School
5. History Detectives: Exploring Native American Life at the James Clark School
6. Meet the Musicians: Ludwig Van Beethoven at the James Clark School

7. The Universal Struggle for Better Working Conditions, a poster exhibit of posters from around the world, at the Agawam Public Library
8. David Polansky, Going Green At Your Library, a concert at the Agawam Public Library
9. Judy Pancoast, Going Green At Your Library, a concert at the Agawam Public Library
10. Robert Rivest, a mime who will introduce students to the importance and fun of literacy, at the Robinson Park School
11. Abigail "Ifatola" Jefferson, introduces storytelling, of West African culture and their movement into the Americas, and dance through drumming, at the Robinson Park School
12. Slim Goodbody, a musical health show to promote the fundamentals of anatomy, nutrition, fitness, and personal hygiene. It is designed to promote motivation and self-respect, at the Robinson Park School
13. Happy Dan, The Music Man, performs a children's show for a local pre-school in the presence of an audience of seniors at the Agawam Senior Center
14. Glenshane Irish Folk Duo, Irish stories and songs at the Agawam Senior Center
15. Steve Henderson to create and direct a Senior Theater Group at the Agawam Senior Center
16. Kathy Shepard to start an Agawam community monthly newsletter

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