

The Northborough Cultural Council works to enrich the cultural life of our town, with the belief that participation in the arts contribute to our community's quality of life. Through support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, NCC awards grants and encourages the development of programs that enrich the arts, humanities and sciences in Northborough.

This year NCC funded **19** grants, totaling **\$6,187**, for varied projects from music concerts, to Chinese brush painting classes, to hip-hop dance and slapstick science.

If you're an artist, performer or organizer of cultural public events based in Northborough or the vicinity, your work contributes to our community's well-being and the NCC recognizes the importance of what you do.

If you're a member of our town's community, NCC is working towards bringing you a wide variety of opportunities to access, whether in the classroom, at the library, the senior center, and even outdoors in town center or at the park.

As the Covid pandemic kept people around the world isolated for nearly two years, the result of being alone manifested itself in many ways including depression, loneliness and a host of other side effects. The arts are part of the picture that seeks to heal, bring us all together, build community and rejoice in the resilience of the human spirit as we help each other move forward.

Each year, individuals and groups apply to local councils for grants to assist in sharing their talents and skills with people throughout the state. The MCC also works to make sure the arts are available and accessible to everyone, especially the underserved populations. The Northborough Cultural Council is proud to announce this year's recipients:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Grant Recipient</u>
1. 2022 Summer Concert Series	Northborough Community Affairs Committee
2. 8th Annual Soular Jazz Festival	Ed Harlow
3. A Celtic Celebration	Davis R. Bates III
4. Art Alive! An Interactive Art Gallery	St. Bernadette's Elementary School
5. AVM Concert Season	Assabet Valley Mastersingers, Inc.
6. CHALLENGER: Soaring with McAuliffe	Northborough Historical Society, Inc.
7. Chamber Music Concerts Applefest	Jacob Litoff
8. Chinese Brush Painting	Northborough Free Library
9. Family Music at Farmer's Market	Northborough Town Common Committee

10. Folktales from Asia	Motoko Dworkin
11. Giggles, Games and Grandfriends	Elizabeth Silvia
12. Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise	MUSIC Dance.edu
13. NACC 51st Spring and Winter	Northborough Area Community Chorus
14. Slapstick Science	Fannie E. Proctor School
15. Struggle for Women's Equality	Stephen Lewis
16. The Power of a Personal Story	Algonquin Regional High School
17. Trim-A-Trail and Wish Tree	National Art Honor Society of ARHS
18. Winter Illumination	Dale Schofield
19. Women of Note 2021-2022	Women of Note, Inc.

Aside from granting budget from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the members of the NCC are pleased to have the support of the town and especially Select Board member liaison, Julianne Hirsh. We are also very grateful for the support of the legislators. These include Senator Harriet Chandler, Senator James Eldridge, Representative Danielle Gregoire and Representative Meghan Kilcoyne. It is a total team effort to make the above events available to our town and we are delighted to be the supporter of area and local artists.