

# BRISTOL FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

## BFA COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

The BFA Community Grants program was established to support arts and music education, arts and music events for the five-town community, and projects or activities designed to promote appreciation for our local cultural heritage.

Grant proposals can be submitted by individuals, schools or organizations, and are reviewed on a regular basis in April and October of each year. Two grants were awarded

in the initial round of funding this spring.

**BEEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** received \$500 to provide scholarships for selected students to attend summer arts camps. Julie Olson, Enrichment Coordinator/ Student Support Services submitted the proposal.

The **BRISTOL HUB YOUTH CENTER** received \$800 to support an ongoing multi-media initiative including a series

of photography workshops, an exhibit of student work and publication of a Hub 'zine.' Ena Backus, Hub Youth Center Coordinator, submitted the proposal.

BFA allocates half of annual proceeds from fundraising to the Community Grants Program. Grant awards typically range from \$250 to \$1000. The next round of proposals is due October 15. Applications are available at [www.bristolrec.org](http://www.bristolrec.org)

## BFA MENTORING PROGRAM EXPANDS

The BFA Fine and Performing Arts Mentoring Program pairs veteran artists with emerging artists to meet goals mutually established between mentor and mentee.

BFA provides a stipend to the mentor and support for materials to the mentee. Two mentorships were completed this spring.

**REED PRESCOTT**, local oil painter, worked with

**MARK DICKERSON** as part of Mark's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Challenge at Mt. Abraham. The goal was to illustrate an image from a family vacation through oil painting. Mark presented his work at the Challenge Presentation at Mt. Abe in May.

**COLETTE PAUL**, local watercolor landscape painter, worked with **NATHALIE HVITRIC** to produce several

watercolor paintings and a painter's journal. Nathalie said in her application that she wanted "to appreciate the beauty in a single color and in nature in all its forms and hues."

Art work by Reed Prescott and Colette Paul is on display and available for purchase at Art on Main.

Mentoring Program applications are available at [www.bristolrec.org](http://www.bristolrec.org)

## BFA PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



The BFA Performing Arts Award was established to recognize a graduating Mt. Abraham High School senior who shows outstanding achievement in the performing arts of theater, dance, instrumental or vocal music. The scholarship recipient also must show a significant contribution in time and talent to the Mt. Abe and five-town community. Two Performing Arts Awards were presented in June.

**SHAWN KIMBALL** received a \$300 scholarship. Shawn is known for his lead roles in school musicals and participation in the high school chorus and vocal group Sweet Transitions. Shawn attended the Governor's Institute on the Arts and the Vermont Young Playwriters Conferences. Shawn lives in Monkton and plans to attend Farleigh Dickinson University in the fall.

**JONATHON THOMPSON** received a \$300 scholarship. Jonathon participates in the high school concert band, chorus, Tri-M Music Honors Society, the fall musical pit orchestra, the Bristol Town Band and the Middlebury Community Wind Ensemble. Jonathon lives in Bristol and plans to attend Plymouth State College in the fall.

## SANDY GULLIKSON VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



The Sandy Gullikson Visual Arts Award was established by BFA in memory of a local artist and advocate for the arts to recognize a graduating Mt. Abraham high school senior who shows outstanding achievement in the visual arts of painting, sculpture, drawing, jewelry design or photography. The scholarship recipient also must show significant contributions of time and talent to the Mt. Abe and five-town community. Two Sandy Gullikson Scholarships were awarded in June.

**JESSILYN DEARBORN** received a \$400 scholarship. Jessilyn displayed her artwork in the "Emerging Artists Show" at Art on Main as a sophomore and junior, displayed art work at the AP Studio Art Show at the Walkover Gallery as a senior, and received the Middlebury College Friends of the Art Museum Award for Distinction in Visual Arts in 2007. Jessilyn lives in Bristol and plans to attend Rhode Island School of Design in the fall.

**LYNN SIPSEY** received a \$400 scholarship. Lynn wrote and illustrated her first book when she was five years old, sold a book of art in sixth grade, and more recently displayed art work at Art on Main and the Walkover Gallery. She received the 2006 AP Art Award at Mt. Abe and the Middlebury College Friends of the Art Museum Award for Distinction in the Visual Arts in 2007. Lynn lives in Lincoln and plans to attend Arcadia University in the fall.

## BFA SUPPORTS INSTRUMENT RENTAL PROGRAM

The BFA Instrument Rental Program is one of BFA's original programs, started over fifteen years ago to provide access to reasonable rental rates for string instruments to students in the five-town area.

This year BFA supported a violin lesson program at **Beeman Elementary School**. Local musician **Francine Kenney** provided violin lessons to three elementary school students who otherwise would not have been able to participate.

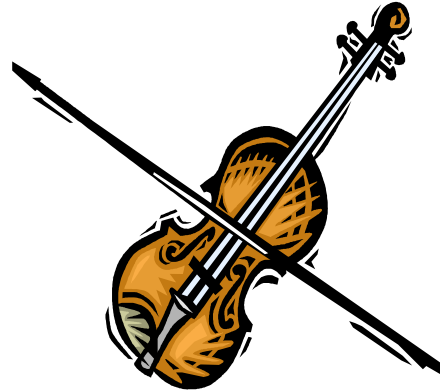
One student will continue throughout the summer,

with BFA supporting low-cost rental of his violin.

Proceeds from BFA fundraisers support the instrumental music rental program.

Musicians and teachers interested in the violin rental program should contact BFA Board member David Gusakov for more information.

Musicians and teachers interested in developing new instrumental rental programs should contact any BFA Board member to discuss ideas.



## BRISTOL ART WALK SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 29

BFA Board member Kit Donnelly initiated a new BFA tradition: the Bristol Art Walk. The spring Art Walk was held May 25 in conjunction with Open Studio activities.

The Bristol Art Walk features local artists' exhibits of art work throughout the town—in store fronts, restaurants and retail space all up and down Main Street.

The next Bristol Art Walk is scheduled for September 29 in conjunction with the Bristol Harvest Festival.

**BRISTOL FRIENDS OF THE ARTS  
2007 Events Calendar**

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b> February 10: Winterlude 7-9 p.m. Holley Hall	<b>MARCH</b>
<b>APRIL</b> Community Grants Program proposal deadline April 15	<b>MAY</b> Art Walk May 25 in conjunction with Open Studio Activities	<b>JUNE</b> BFA Scholarships Awarded  Sandy Gullikson Scholarships Awarded
<b>JULY</b> July 4: Silent Auction 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bristol Green	<b>AUGUST</b> [Coming 2008: Classics on the Green concert]	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> Art Walk September 29 in conjunction with Harvest Festival
<b>OCTOBER</b> Membership Drive  Community Grants Program proposal deadline October 15	<b>NOVEMBER</b> Ancient Glory concert	<b>DECEMBER</b> Art Walk  Five Town Massive  First Night

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## NOTE FROM THE BFA BOARD CHAIR

*Many thanks to our BFA members, those who contributed to our Fourth of July Silent Auction and those who purchased items at the auction—our most important fundraiser of the year.*

*Our fall membership drive takes places in October—another critical fundraiser*

*for us. Please consider renewing your BFA membership or becoming a member for the first time.*

*Your generosity supports the arts education, fine and performing arts scholarships, and special arts and cultural events and activities described in*

*this newsletter.*

*BFA is committed to maintaining a vital arts community in the Bristol area. We greatly appreciate your support and welcome your suggestions.*

**Karrin Wilks, Chair**  
**BFA Board of Directors**

## BFA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

BFA welcomed three new Board members in May.

**Bob Hall** joins the Board as the representative of the Howden Hall Restoration Committee. Bob recently retired from his position as the Town

Administrator of Bristol.

**Karen Lueders** joins the Board as a community member from Lincoln. Karen practices law in Bristol and runs the Walkover Gallery on Main Street.

**Elaine Pentaleri** joins the Board as a community member from Starksboro. Elaine teaches at the Vergennes Elementary School and has a special interest in performance art.

## ABOUT BRISTOL FRIENDS OF THE ARTS...

Bristol Friends of the Arts (BFA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Bristol area residents by providing opportunities for all community members to participate in and appreciate the arts and

cultural heritage of our region. BFA programs include the Community Grants Program, the Mentoring Program, BFA and Sandy Gullikson Scholarships, the instrument rental program, the Giant Palette and

Artists' Alley. Affiliate programs include Art on Main, the Bristol Historical Society and the Howden Hall Restoration Committee. BFA has representation on the Town of Bristol building renovation committees.

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