

WCC June Community Gathering a Success!

On a beautiful Wednesday evening, members of the Westport Cultural Council welcomed over a dozen different grantee organizations and creative individuals to the bucolic and historic Goat Cottage Farm. It was a wonderful opportunity to show this innovative work and the wide-ranging benefits that grant funds spread to every corner of Westport.

Grant recipients of Local Cultural Council funds, distributed to towns by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Helen E. Ellis Trust, a foundation established to remember a Westport sculptress, came together to show their work. Craig Dutra, chair of the Westport Board of Selectman, commented on the behind-the-scenes work of the WCC and the good it brings to Westport. Selectmen Michael Sullivan and Richard Spirlet also stopped by to say hello to everyone.

Special guest Dave Slattery, Deputy Director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, complimented the many dedicated folks whose hard work brings creative programs to Westport and the surrounding area. Respected and loved arts educator Jane Default engaged the group with stories about former students who told her how memorable their art class, drama club, or museum trip was later to them in adult life – many have pursued work in film, theater and the arts. These are the stories that validate and reward a teacher's or an artist's work. Thank you, Jane, for sharing your heart-warming vignettes!

We look forward to seeing you at the next WCC event – the August Film Series scheduled for August 12, 19th and 26th!