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ARTS CONNECTIONS: STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOPS

all workshops begin at 7 PM

Tuesday	May 20	PITTSFIELD	The Berkshire Atheneum Co-Sponsor: The Berkshire County Historical Society (413-442-1793)
Wednesday	May 21	NORTHAMPTON	Thornes Market, 150 Main Street Co-Sponsor: Northampton Arts Advisory Commission (413-586-5886)
Wednesday	May 21	HOLYOKE	Wistariahurst Museum Co-Sponsor: Holyoke Arts Council (413-539-9513)
Thursday	May 22	GREENFIELD	Co-Sponsor and Site: Arts Council of Franklin County (413-772-6811)
Tuesday	May 27	LAWRENCE	City Hall, 200 Common Street Co-Sponsor: The Mayor's Office (617-685-5839)
Thursday	May 29	FITCHBURG	Fitchburg Public Library Co-Sponsors: Fitchburg Public Library (617-343-3096) and The Fitchburg Cultural Alliance
Monday	June 2	FALL RIVER/ NEW BEDFORD	Southeastern Massachusetts University Co-Sponsor: Fall River Arts Council (617-999-8000-Peg Panos)
Wednesday	June 4	BOSTON	Boston Public Library Co-Sponsor: Newton Recreation Dept. (617-552-7120 Linda Plaut)

Thursday	June 5	NANTUCKET	Coffin School Co-Sponsor: Nantucket Arts Council (617-228-3269 or 617-228-2227)
Wednesday	June 11	SOUTHBRIDGE	Co-Sponsor and Site: Quinebaug Valley Council on the Arts and Humanities (617-764-3341)
Wednesday	June 11	BROCKTON	Brockton Arts Museum Co-Sponsor: Brockton Community Schools (617-580-7597 Sue Kovner)
Thursday	June 12	FRAMINGHAM	Co-Sponsor and Site: Danforth Museum (617-620-0050)
Thursday	June 12	CAPE COD	Snow Library (Orleans) Co-Sponsor: Lower Cape Cod Arts Council (617-385-2328 Jerome Forman)



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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

To: Area Newspapers

From: The Massachusetts Council on the Arts & Humanities

RE: Important information workshop

Contact: Nancy Varga, 617-727-3668

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"State Arts Council Makes New Connections"

The Massachusetts Council on the Arts & Humanities has announced a major effort to provide information on the arts resources of the Commonwealth to the citizens of Massachusetts. A free workshop entitled "Arts Connections: State and Local Partnership" is scheduled for 7 p.m. in this area. The informational workshop is part of a statewide series of meetings conducted by the State Arts Council, the primary state agency for policy development and funding for the arts in Massachusetts. The Council is working in collaboration with the Arts Extension Service of the UMass Division of Continuing Education at Amherst in the preparation and presentation of these workshops.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide area arts groups, government officials, and the general public with a broader understanding of those resources and services within the Commonwealth that can assist cities and towns in the

development of effective arts councils. Representatives from various state and local agencies will be present to address aspects of the growth in community arts activity, and to answer questions facing participants about local concerns. A presentation will be made on the regulations and the timeline for implementation of the recently passed Arts Lottery Bill. The workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to get information on services available to help emerging and established community arts councils. In addition, participants who are interested in further assistance with the establishment of local arts councils will be able to register for free follow-up help, on a limited basis, with the Arts Extension Service.

The statewide workshops are prompted by the rapid increase in community arts activity in Massachusetts over the last several years. As a survey conducted by the State Council revealed, in 1978-79 the arts contributed about \$300 million to the state's economy. With developments such as the Arts Lottery and the purposed \$4 million state appropriation for the Massachusetts Council on the Arts & Humanities, it is likely that the number of community arts groups will continue to rise and their impact upon the state will continue to increase. Through the informational meetings the Council plans to provide Massachusetts communities with specific information on the state and local resources and services that can assist communities with local arts efforts.

The workshops are free and open to the public. For further information on the workshop, please contact the Arts Extension Service, Division of Continuing Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst 01003 or call 413 549-4970.



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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

From: Holly Sidford, Deputy Director

May 12, 1980

To: Massachusetts Mayors and Selectmen

RE: An important meeting about the arts in the Commonwealth

I would like to bring to your attention the attached press release describing a very important meeting that we are having in your area. This meeting is part of a state wide series of informational workshops entitled "Arts Connections: State and Local Partnership" being held throughout the Commonwealth over the next few months.

The purpose of the meeting is to give government officials, area arts groups and local citizens information on the resources and services within Massachusetts that can assist them in the development of effective arts councils. The meeting will also cover the regulations and the timeline for implementation of the recently passed Arts Lottery Bill, which will provide revenue for cities and towns for local cultural activity. A major portion of the meeting will be devoted to answering questions already facing many Massachusetts communities about the establishment and management of these new arts councils. Representatives from state and local agencies will be present to deal with these local concerns, and we would like to invite you to be part of this gathering.

If you are unable to attend the workshop yourself, but have questions about the establishment of arts councils in your community, or would like assistance in this effort, we may be able to schedule a personal meeting with you to discuss your concerns.

If you have any questions, either about the workshop which is happening in your area or about scheduling a personal meeting, please call Bob Lynch or Margot Willett-Getsinger at the Arts Extension Service of the UMass Division of Continuing Education in Amherst. The Arts Extension Service is collaborating with us on the preparation and presentation of these workshops and will be able to assist you. They may be reached at 413-549-4970. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting one from the Mass. Arts and Humanities Council re: meeting scheduled for June 4, 1980 re: arts resources.

In City Council,

May 19, 1980

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