

## **SOME OF THE GREAT THINGS PEOPLE HAVE SAID about the NW CT Arts Council**

*We all know that this would not have happened without all of your strong and yet human leadership, so I in turn want to thank all of you for being there for us, each step of the way. - Lilly Woodworth, Artist*

*Huge congratulations to you and your staff for the selection of artists and general organization of OPEN YOUR EYES! At each stop I made, the artists were thrilled at the constant flow of visitors. I noticed people came from a wide geographic area. So you've proven yourselves geniuses at getting the word out.  
- Bettie Snyder, Tour Tourist*

*Thanks again for all the fabulous StEPs-CT publicity. MUCH appreciated!! Being able to connect our institutions to the appropriate technical assistance and resources is so important and you do such a great job at it! - Scott L. Wands, Heritage Resource Center & Field Services Director, Connecticut Humanities Council*

*From the moment I joined [the NW CT Arts Council] I've received nothing but support, information and inspiration from your great organization. - John Marshall, percussionist/composer*

*Can't tell you how much help you have already been as of this morning's meeting. Not only have you correctly identified our present situation but along with the analysis come the positive experience you have had several times with this program. Keep all suggestions coming. This is a tremendous help.  
- Ellen Griesedieck, American Mural Project*

*On behalf of Pilobolus, I want to thank you deeply for spending the time and giving it the thoughtful evaluation that you have. Thank you thank you thank you! - Lily Binns, Pilobolus*

*We did it! The media4girls project will be receiving funding through the REGI (Regional Initiative Grant program). Thank you for all your support in making art happen for the Touchstone girls. - Veronica Datzuk*

*I appreciate your feedback on Hunt Hill Farm's 2018 program brochure. It was you, Amy, who challenged me to think and to better articulate the mission of Hunt Hill on our first conversation back in the fall. Your knowledge of the area and non-profits, along with the history of Hunt Hill, pushed me to better define how we differentiate from other art and cultural organizations. Now that we have come full circle, I now see NW CT Arts Council as more than a coordinating mechanism, rather as **an essential linchpin for non-profits.**  
- John Maxwell, CEO, Hunt Hill Farm*

*The Northwest Corner is lucky to have an Arts Council which has staff members who painstakingly serve as helpful resources in applying for grants and providing varied culture mix gatherings where artists meet and share their work and visions. The Arts Council is a true catalyst and champion for the arts and artists!  
- Leslie Elias, Artistic Director, Grumbling Gryphons Children's Theater*

*Amy gave a great presentation about the new grant guidelines and passed out material as well. She prepared us all well! - Donna Mattiello, Nutmeg Conservatory*

*Major, major thanks for the almost two hours during which you shared countless gems of information about spreading the word about Music Mountain. I'm looking forward to getting to know some of the contacts you suggested, and extending our reach. - Ann M. McKinney, President, Music Mountain*