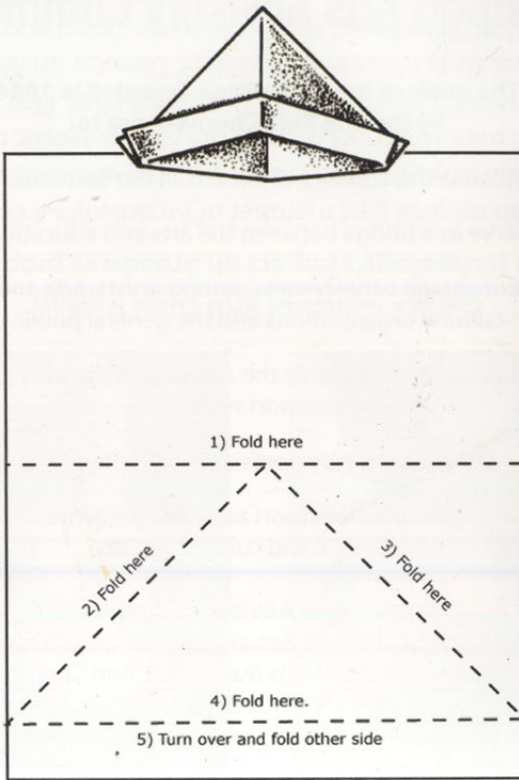


Take a low-tech TEA break for some fun, and fold this program into a hat, which you can toss into the air at the end of the event or wear to the reception.



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TEA TALK

Thinkers • Educators • Artists

Three 20-minute moderated conversations
on the theme of Technology and the Arts

Tea samples courtesy of Bigelow Tea



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JAMES S. MARPE
First Selectman

October, 2014


On behalf of the Town of Westport and as its First Selectman, I welcome you to the first Westport Arts Advisory Committee's TEA Talk.

The unique format of this program is indicative of the lively educational, technological and artistic culture that permeates our Community. We are fortunate that we have such a wide array of local artists in the many disciplines of the arts. We are also grateful for the educational and technological minds capable of cultivating the cohesive melding of these disciplines.

Congratulations to Horizon Awards recipients, Gina Rattan and Nick DiBerardino, both graduates of Staples High School. These passionate young artists are prime examples that an education with an emphasis on science, technology and the arts is so valuable to future generations. Please join me in wishing them continued success in their chosen professions.

Westport is on the leading edge of advancing technology and that, in conjunction with its longstanding commitment to the Arts, is impressive and intriguing. To the presenters and various artists whose work is so well-regarded, I thank you for sharing your time and talents today and into the future.

Sincerely,


James Marpe
First Selectman

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Welcome & Introduction of Panelists

Nancy Diamond

Co-Chair, Westport Arts Advisory Committee

Opening Remarks

The Honorable James S. Marpe, First Selectman

3D Printing & Art

Bill Derry and Tom Bernsten

Technology & Broadway

Carole Schweid & Gina Rattan

Technology & Music

Richard Epstein & Nick Berardino

Presentation of Horizon Awards

Ann Chernow & Kristin Fox

Reception

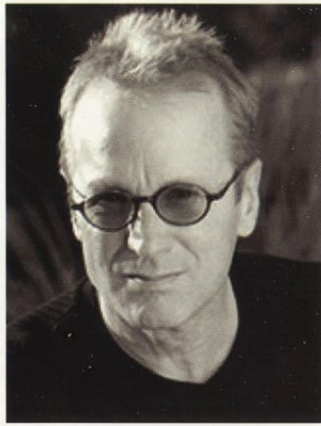
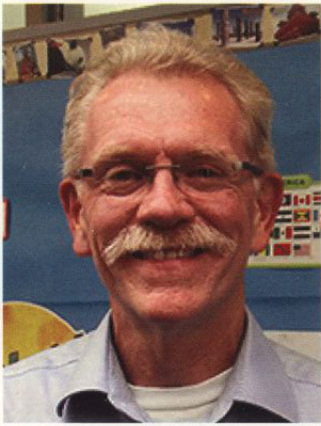
Westport Historical Society

Reception courtesy of Dr. Neil Rattan.

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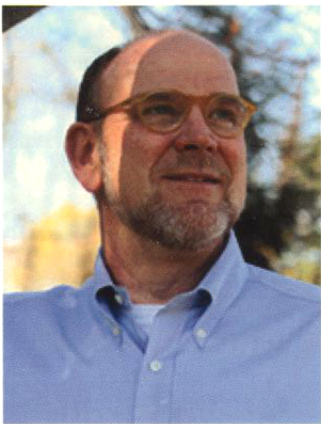
Bill Derry and Thomas Berntsen
 discuss 3D printing's application to the visual arts

Bill, who has worked in several school districts in the state, including Westport, brings expertise in information technology literacy and integration. He is head of Innovation and the 3D Makerspace at the Westport Library. Tom is a passionate and inventive artist, sculptor and photographer, probably best known for his series of Dancing Leaves Portraits. Tom's work can be seen at www.tsberntsen.com.



Carole Schweid and Gina Rattan
 discuss technology's impact on Broadway productions

Carole, an original cast member of Broadway's *A Chorus Line*, and many other off-Broadway plays and musicals, has directed over 100 short plays in her role as artistic director of CT's popular lunchtime play reading series, *Play With Your Food*. Gina is currently Resident Director on *Matilda The Musical* (Broadway) and is Associate Director of *Peter Pan* (Live on NBC). Gina works extensively as a teaching artist both at NYU and independently. More about Gina at www.ginarattan.com.



Richard Epstein and Nick DiBerardino
 discuss the integration of recent technology into music

Richard is a musician, radio programmer, dentist, and a native Westport resident. He plays bassoon with the Norwalk Symphony and has hosted a biweekly program of eclectic musical discovery on WPKN, 89.5FM and www.wpkn.org for over 37 years. Nick DiBerardino is a Rhodes Scholar and co-founder of Princeton University's Undergraduate Composers' Collective and the Laptop Orchestra. In his music, Nick strives to craft narratives that are complex and intricate but also beautiful and broadly accessible. More about Nick at www.nickdiberardino.com.



Westport Arts Advisory Committee

The goals of the Committee, founded in 1994 by the late Burt Chernow, are to:

- Enhance the visibility of the arts in our community
- Serve as a bridge between the arts and education
- Encourage cohesiveness among artists, arts and cultural organizations and the general public
- Strengthen the role the arts play in the lives of Westport residents
- Preserve Westport's artistic heritage
- Perpetuate Westport as a thriving center for artistic and cultural activity

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Nancy Diamond & Richard Epstein, co-chairs
 Kathie Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, Ann Chernow,
 Kristin Fox, Sandra Lefkowitz, Katherine Ross, Elise Russi,
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