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THE ARTS COUNCIL OF GREATER WESTON IS AN INDEPENDENT, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION 501 (3) (C) WHOSE MISSION STATEMENT IS "BUILDING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS"

Mission:

To help our community provide diverse arts and culture events and activities that will place Weston among the pre-eminent South Florida communities.

To assist existing arts and cultural organizations in their efforts to bring high quality events and programming to enhance the quality of life for all residents and neighboring cities.

To assist the City of Weston in reviewing requests to sponsor or provide venues for arts and cultural events.

To be a liaison between the community, the City of Weston and the Broward County Cultural Affairs Division.

To raise awareness for the current issues affecting the arts and culture within our community.



Building the Community

Top Left ACGW Board members, back row: Joe Priete Joe Friedman, Marcus Guner, **Front:** Joyce rhone, Rochelle Koenig, Bizzy Jenkins. **Top right:** Raphael Almendros, Joyce Rhone, Rochelle Koenig, Ed Clougherty.

Middel left: 2006 Board: From left to right standing... Casandra Andrade, Gessy Aubry, Raphael Almendros, Eli Habib, Joy Rodenberg Ramon Lara, Ximena Uribe, Muriel Fields. Not pictured Dave Pinkser, Sitting l-r: Joe Priete Joyce Rhone, Rochelle Koenig, Bizzy Jenkins, Marcus Gruner, Joe Friedman **Middle Right:** from left Rochelle Koenig, Bizzy Jenkins, Ramon Lara, Mayor Eric Hersh

Bottom Left: 2010 Board: Standing left to right: Joe Priete, Rochelle Koenig, Mureil Fields, Eli Habib, Jami Nix Rahn, Betsy Bennett, Joyce Albrecht Sitting from left: Norma Sonnenklar, Joyce Rhone, Joy Rodenberg, Eileen Purisch, Andrea Sanders.

Bottom Right: 2012 - 2014 Board Standing from left: Thomas Kallman, Joe Priete, Dija Ziane, Joyce Albrecht, Steven Enfield, Muriel Fields, Rochelle Koenig, Betty Silva, Eli Habib, Weston City Commissioner, Mercedes G. Henriksson. Sitting from left: Andrea Sanders, Norma Sonnenklar, Joy Rodenberg President , Jami Nix Rahn Vice President, Joyce Rhone.



History

The concept of an Arts Council was born from the intention of the City of Weston to coordinate cultural event requests through an Arts Alliance.

In 2002 city manager John Flint offered plans to assist community leaders in creating an independent organization to channel arts and cultural resources.

On July 11, 2002 a group of respected business and community leaders elected Jack Nickels first President of the newly formed Arts Council of Greater Weston, Inc. Four other executive committee members were also elected - Robin Braun, Joe Priete, Rochelle Koenig and Andy Ramudo.

The 1st full Board of the Arts Council of Greater Weston was elected at the April 24, 2003 Meeting

Jack Nickels	President
Robin Braun	First Vice President
Rochelle Koenig	Second Vice President
Elizabeth Jenkins	Secretary
Joseph Priete	Treasurer
Joe Friedman,	
Ximena Uribe,	
Joyce Rhone,	
Catherine Carter,	
Diane Valentinini,	
Dr. Judith Edelman,	
Robin Gall,	
Marilyn Meyer,	
Jerry Harrison,	
Ramon Lara.	

The newly elected members outlined objectives of the organization and created committees to survey interests in programming, facilities and festivals within the City of Weston, as well as committees of incorporation and by laws.

A Logo contest produced a winning logo from Mary Ham of Plantation.

In it's first years the Arts Council sponsored a campaign to inform and invite the public to participate with ideas and suggestions. They created a community calendar to highlight events in the Performing - Visual and Language Arts.

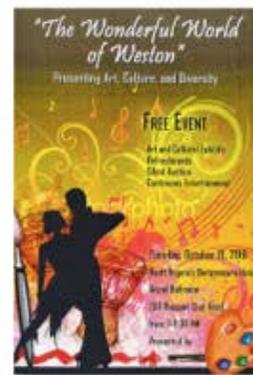
On September 11, 2003 The Arts Council of Greater Weston Inc. entered into an Agreement with the City of Weston to serve as advocate and promoter of arts and cultural events and to review event requests for the City.

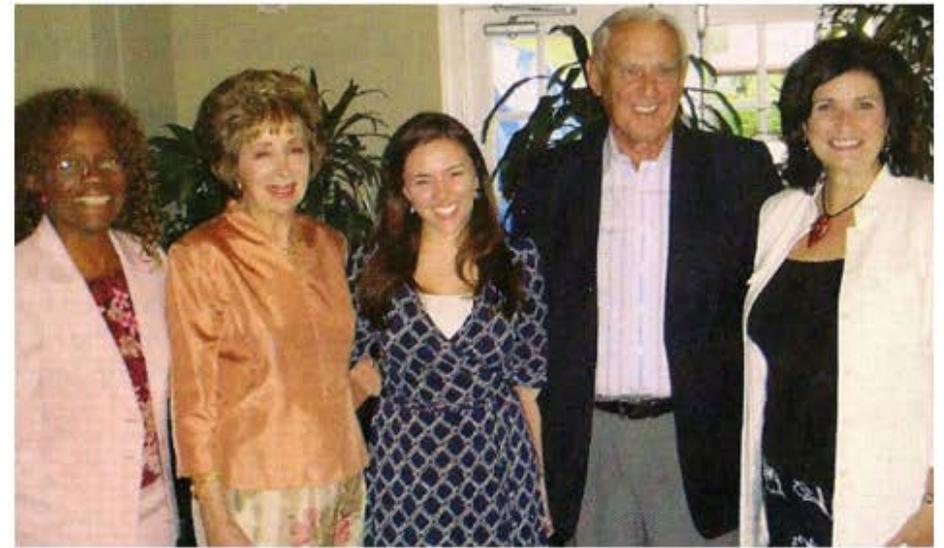
Past Presidents of the Arts Council of Greater Weston

Jack Nickels 2002-2003
Joe Friedman (Interim) 2003 - 2004
Vernon Love 2004-2006
Rochelle Koenig 2006 - 2008
Andrea Sanders 2008- 2010
Joy Rodenberg 2010-2014
Jami Nix Rahn 2014 -

Celebrating the Diversity of Weston

International Celebrations draw large crowds in Weston.





Above: Cypress Bay PRIDE (Promoting Relationships in Diversity through Education) organization, International exhibitors, **Bottom Left:** Volunteers meet to plan for The Wonderful World of Weston, **Bottom Right:** Joyce Rhone, Rochelle Koenig, Courtney Yeates, Joe Friedman, Andrea Sanders.



Weston Foreign Film Series





Bringing Foreign Language Films to the community, Weston Foreign Films Series, 9th season committee:
from left: Norma Sonnenklar, Vicki Rosen, Eli Habib, Joy Rodenberg, Steven Enfiled, Muriel Fields.



ArtWalk and ShowTime outdoor art exhibition and performance event in Weston Town Center.



The logo for the Student Artist Showcase features a stylized purple star on the left, partially overlapping a yellow horizontal bar. Below the star, the words "Student Artist" are written in a black, outlined, sans-serif font. Below that, the word "Showcase" is written in a similar font, also in black with an outline. The background consists of overlapping colored shapes: a red rectangle at the top, a yellow bar, a green circle, and a blue shape at the bottom left.

Student Artist Showcase



The Student Artist Showcase is an exhibition of exceptional artworks, being created in public and private schools, in the greater Weston area. **Above:** City Commissioner Jim Norton speaks with student artist, **below left:** Joy Rodenberg introduces Weston City Commissioner Angel Gomez.



Images from top: Weston City Mayor Daniel J. Stermer and Weston City Commissioners Toby Feuer, Thomas M. Kallman and Jim Norton present awards to student artists, Joy Rodenberg and Jami Nix Rahn open the Awards Ceremony, **Bottom:** Cypress Bay Art teacher and Student Artist Showcase Founder, Bizzy Jenkins with her award winning student artist.



Twilight Pops Concert



Celebrate Dance Day

CELEBRATE THE ARTS DAY!

GRAFFITI MUSIC ART Theater



A Day of Art and Entertainment!

Celebrate the Arts Day introduces children and families to different disciplines of visual, performing and literary arts, with hands on experiences, presented by local professional artists.

This page from top from left: Andrea Sanders, Norma Sonnenklar, Jami Nix Rahn, Eli Habib, Rochelle Konig > Jami Nix Rahn, Jim Norton, Carol Lema, **Second Row From Left;** Joyce Rhone, Lisa Brown > Children's Book Author Leah Orr, **Bottom from left:** Young at Art outdoor studio, Irene Carraway, Joy Rodenberg, Tom Kallman, Carol Lema, Jim Norton





Performances throughout the day by Band, Chorus and Drama Departments of Cypress Bay High School and Sagemont Upper School.



GRAFFITI WALL

Top Row: Celebrate the Arts Day chairperson Jami Nix Rahn and Graffiti wall crew Juan Carlos Topete & Houcine Abadlia, **Second row:** Weston City Commissioners Jim Norton, Angel Gomez **Third row:** Norma Sonnenklar and Florida House of Representative Richard Stark show creativity, **Bottom row:** The whole family gets in on the fun and Joy at the end of the day



Independence Day Parade Chairperson Joyce Rhone second from right with her volunteers, including board members Betty Silva (second from left) and Vicki Rosen (third from right)



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CELEBRATE THE ARTS DAY GRAFFITI WALLS 2012, 2013, 2014



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