



THE SPOTLIGHT



West Boylston Arts Foundation, Inc.

“Keeping School Arts Strong”

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WBAF Needs Succession for Success

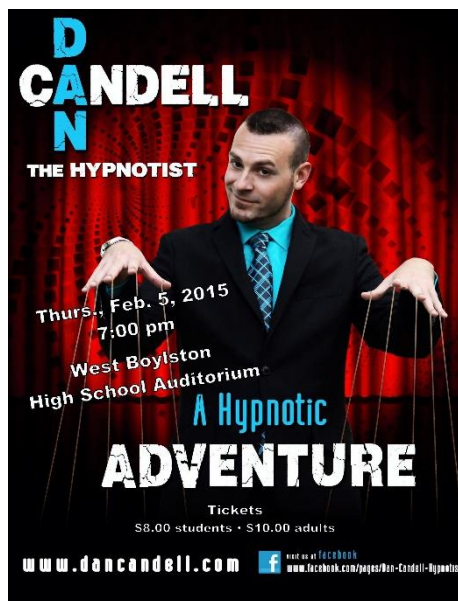


When the West Boylston Arts Foundation began in 2007 to thwart cuts to West Boylston school’s arts and music budgets, it was a cadre of parents that led the rally. Money was raised, programs like the Major Edwards band were saved, and kids

continued to enjoy making music and art in West Boylston schools. The original Board of Directors set out to build a safety net to make sure that school arts and music had the support needed to tide them over the rough patches. Now years later, several of the original Board members have moved on, and only two Board Directors, Sarah O’Connor and Mark Baldi, will have children in the West Boylston school system next year (and they will be seniors!). To continue to succeed at “keeping school arts strong”, the WBAF needs to plan for succession. Without new parents to show their passion for arts and music, the WBAF will become detached from the students whose educations’ they help enrich. If you are a parent who values having more art, music, and theater opportunities for your child in their schools and in town then help the WBAF ensure those opportunities continue to grow with your efforts. We

welcome your ideas, skills, and talents to make West Boylston schools exceptional and make our community a more vibrant, interesting place to live in. If you would like to share your enthusiasm for art, music, or theater, please join us at a Board meeting (every second Tuesday of the month, Sept.-June), or drop an email to arts@wbaf.org.

Hypnotist Dan Candell’s Hypnotic Adventure



Hypnotist Dan Candell returns to West Boylston for his fourth appearance – and every time is a new show with new audience volunteers as he turns their world upside down! You never know who or what someone will encounter on their Hypnotic Adventure with

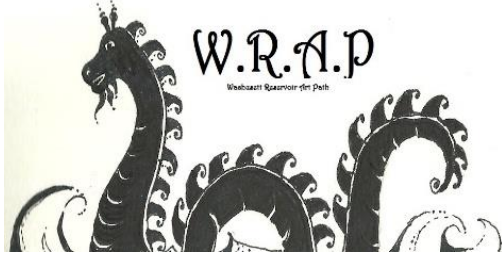
Dan Candell – it might be their favorite celebrity, an Irish step dancer, or backwoods pig catcher! Dan’s adventure begins at 7pm, Thursday, February 5 at the

West Boylston Middle/High School Auditorium.
Admission is \$8 students, \$10 adults at the door.

WRAP 2015

Seeking Artists & Artisans

The Wachusett Reservoir Art Path (WRAP) 2015, a self-guided tour of



artists' open studios, homes, and galleries around the reservoir, has something for every art lover. Area arts include pottery, woodwork, African art, Russian icons, watercolors, oils & acrylics, fashion accessories, and antiques. This year will also feature artist sales space at The Mill Restaurant in West Boylston, where you can also enjoy a bite or refreshment on your tour of the Wachusett Reservoir Art Path.

WRAP 2014 is happening on **Saturday, March 14, 2014** from 10am to 3 pm. If you are artist or artist in the towns of West Boylston, Boylston, Clinton, and Sterling who would like to participate in WRAP 2015, please contact Lynn Babineau at artbylynnbabineau@gmail.com

African Drums for All Keeps Up the Beat



African Drums for All, where anyone can catch the beat, continues at the Beaman Memorial Library for the first Saturdays on each month through April. Each session starts with some basic

warmups and is soon booming as the class comes alive! Mike Rinker works with drummers of all ages and abilities to get everyone beating on West African rhythms together. Mike will introduce participants to djembe drums, and other percussion instruments as well

as traditional West African songs. Mike Rinker is a graduate of Berklee Music College and has a Masters degree in Music Education from the University of Texas at Austin. He has traveled to Guinea and Ghana several times to study and play African music. You can join the beat with African Drums for All at the Beaman Memorial Library, 8 Newton St., West Boylston, on **Saturdays, February 7, March 7, and April 4** from 10:30am – 12 noon. Mike will provide drums and instruments for participants that do not own a drum.

Cost for African Drums for All is \$15 for each session, a portion of proceeds is donated by Mike to the West Boylston Arts Foundation (www.wbaf.org) for school arts & music. Pre-registration is required. To register, please contact Mike Rinker at michael12358@yahoo.com.

Leo & Emily Boosahda Visual Arts Scholarship



The WBAF is accepting scholarship applications for the Emily & Leo Boosahda Visual Arts Scholarship from seniors graduating this year from West Boylston High School and will be majoring at college in visual arts.

Mrs. Boosahda

taught art to generations of WBHS students and her husband, Leo, supported his wife and the arts with all his heart. Their influence was felt by many West Boylston students who still appreciate the love of art that Mr. and Mrs. Boosahda inspired. Applications can be found online at www.wbaf.org, and must be received by the WBAF by **February 23, 2015**. Completed applications may be mailed to the West Boylston Arts Foundation, P.O. Box 132, West Boylston, MA 01583.



Next Meeting

The WBAF meets every month to share ideas for enhancing school arts & music education. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 10** at 7:00 PM in the faculty room at WBHS. Please come and share your enthusiasm and ideas to support school arts & music education.

Keep up with the West Boylston Arts Foundation on **Facebook** to share updates, comments, and ideas. Please look up West Boylston Arts Foundation and ‘Like’ the WBAF on Facebook to keep posted on our happenings and news. If you enjoy a class, presentation, play, or concert, post a comment to let all our Friends know.

