

Media Alert

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seARTS Annual Meeting: FOCUS on CULTURAL DISTRICTS

Guest speakers and discussion about Cultural Districts as way to boost cultural economy and enhance quality of life. Find out about developments underway on Cape Ann.

Who: Society for the Encouragement for the Arts (seARTS) invites members, cultural organizations, artists, government leaders, business people and the public.

What: seARTS Annual Meeting. Following a reception and brief business meeting, guest speakers active in Cultural District planning, development and hands-on management will offer presentations.

When: Tuesday, February 28 from 6:00 – 9:00pm

Where: Rockport Music, Shalin Liu Performance Center, Reception Hall
37 Main Street, Rockport. *For parking information: <http://www.rcmf.org/parking.html>*

Ann M. Galligan is an associate professor and co-director of the Cultural and Arts Policy Research Institute at Northeastern University in Boston. She is the local project director for Providence, R.I., as part of the National and Local Profile of Cultural Support. In addition, she has served as a Senior Associate Scholar for the Center for Arts and Culture in Washington, D.C., and as project director for the Rhode Island Governor's Literacy in the Arts Task Force. She is the lead executive editor for the *Journal of Arts Management, Law and Society*.

Herb Weiss, the City of Pawtucket, R.I.'s, Economic and Cultural Affairs Officer, oversees the efforts to transform and revitalize the historic mill town through the arts.

Mr. Weiss is responsible for economic development, oversight of cultural and artistic programs, and fundraising for city festivals. He has brought significant recognition for Pawtucket's arts-oriented development strategy.

He has received many awards for his efforts to economically revitalize the City of Pawtucket, and for his work with film and theater in his community. A former president of the Pawtucket Rotary Club, he was also appointed by the Governor to the Rhode Island's Small Business Advocacy Council, and the Governor's Disability Council.