

ART-IN-THE-PARK 2011

The Ballard Park Foundation honored five area residents who have made "Art-in-The-Park" happen.



Caroline Thompson - Executive Director of the Arts Council for the Northern Adirondacks

- Westport resident since 1980.
- First Ballard Park show 1995, with electricity from the McIntyre house!
- To date she has organized over a hundred shows at Ballard Park from classical concerts to juggling acts.
- Is a member of the committee that organizes "Spirit of Place", a plein air art event.
- In addition Caroline teaches dance and gymnastics; is owner and operator of Adirondack Llama Treks; specializes in textile arts; and tends to an endless array of goats, sheep, llamas, dogs, cats, chickens, and grandchildren.

Thank You Caroline for bringing Art to the Park!



Scott Gibbs - English Educator Extraordinaire

- First came to Westport at age 5 to visit his grandparents; is the son of Depot Theatre founder Carol Buchanan.
- Full time resident since 1979.
- In 2001 joined forces with Lindsay to offer a summer theater Shakespeare-in-the-Park.
- In addition to teaching countless Westport Central School students English, Scott has taught a variety of humanities electives, led the drama club, and supervised the school newspaper, Behind the Wall.

Thank you Scott for all you teach!



Lindsay Pontius - Educational Director of the Town Hall Theater and Shakespeare Woman

- First came to Westport with her parents for the summer as a baby
- Year round resident since 1999
- First appeared at the Depot Theatre as stage manager and actor as a young adult, trying to copy her idol Shami McCormick.
- Shortly after moving here, co-founded Shakespeare-in-the-Park with Scott
- Today, with her job in Middlebury and her continued involvement in Shakespeare-in-the-Park she can be found directing Shakespeare on both sides of the lake, or on her farm training her horse Shilo to be Juliet!

Thank you Lindsay for sharing your love of Shakespeare!



Caroline "Carrie" Treadwell - Actor and Playwright

- First came to Westport in her infancy to see her grandparents during the summer.
- From an early age spent summers growing up at the Depot, first as an usher, then as an apprentice. At age 10 she became an actor!
- Has since returned to perform in many Depot productions including the 2011 show "Living Together".
- In 2001 brought her American Studio Theater group to the Ballard Park stage to perform Shakespeare.

Thank you Carrie for bringing Shakespeare to the Park!



Colin Wells - Author and Universal Man

- Grandson of Petey Cerf, son of Liz Jones; first came to Westport as a toddler in the summer to visit his grandmother.
- Year-round resident since 1998.
- First hit the Westport stage as an actor at the Depot Theater as a young adult.
- Early on he joined Lindsay, Scott and Carrie to help raise funds and to produce Shakespeare in the Park.
- Today, Colin can be found helping Shakespeare actors read lines, Westport Central School students complete homework, being first on the scene as a member of the Westport Fire Department and as EMT or even preparing pizza on Friday nights at the Dogwood Bakery!

Thank you, Colin for all you do!