

# Great Leaps Honored with Grasshopper Awards April 30

"The Grasshopper Award is for innovation, forward-thinking and big leaps," according to founder of H.G. Fairfield Arts Kathie Freston (USMC 1953-61). "And this year's awardees' own forward-thinking led them to creating innovative arts and cultural programs that the region and beyond is participating in."

Honored for their support of arts and culture are Stacy and Bob Dumont, founders of The Village of Brewster Film Festival held every Labor Day weekend in multiple venues around Brewster; and recognized for their support of veterans and their families are Gil Tarbox, Penny Osborn and

The Nimham Mountain Singers, founders of the annual Chief Daniel Nimham Intertribal Veterans Memorial Powwow held every third weekend of August in Putnam County's Veterans Memorial Park.

"The grasshopper can only move forward and we liked that idea of an orientation toward the future," said Freston. "We honor our Grasshopper Awardees' accomplishments as they also have the ripple effects of inspiring others."

The annual Chief Daniel Nimham Powwow, now in its 15th year, attracts thousands – the largest two-day crowds in Putnam County – with Grammy-award winning

Native American musicians and singers, as well as drummers, dancers and vendors from Canada to Florida, offering ethnic art, food, books, clothing, jewelry, music and more.

The founders and producers – Gil Tarbox (Army Corps of Engineers, Vietnam), Penny Osborn (mother of two Carmel graduates and Town of Kent councilwoman), and The Nimham Mountain Singers – formed their Algonquin northern woodland singing group in 1999, with the goal of fostering, preserving and rediscovering traditional Native American beliefs, values and spirituality.

The Nimham Powwow com-



The Village of Brewster Film Festival founders Bob and Stacey Dumont, kneeling, will be honored by H.G. Fairfield Arts at its Founders Day celebration April 30 in Kent.



Founders of the annual Chief Daniel Nimham Intertribal Veterans Memorial Powwow in Putnam County will also be recognized by H.G. Fairfield Arts. Here, a dancer participates in last year's powwow.

## Carmel Democrats Interviewing Candidates

The Carmel Democratic Committee will be interviewing candidates for the November 2015 Town of Carmel elections during its May meeting. There will be one open seat on the Town Board, with incumbents running for re-election for Town Board, supervisor, town clerk, receiver of taxes and highway superintendent, as well as Putnam County Legislature District 7.

The Carmel Democratic Committee is interested in supporting candidates who can represent its core issues, including the following:

- \* Earning the public trust and conducting the people's business honestly, ethically and openly by respecting open meeting laws and encouraging public comment.

- \* Responsibly spending public dollars and making use of existing facilities where possible, competitively and fairly bidding contracts, and seeking ideas from similar communities and academic researchers to bring the best ideas to Carmel.

- \* Promoting healthy communities by ensuring all residents and families have access to fresh food, clean water and preventative health services, and are protected from violence and drugs.

- \* Revitalizing "Main Street" by developing a vibrant small business community in the Carmel and Mahopac hamlets with diverse offerings, providing full-time employment where possible and paying a living wage.

- \* Protecting the health of area

lakes by keeping all watersheds free from chemical and plastic pollutants, and promoting and protecting balanced ecosystems while providing recreation and tourism opportunities.

- \* Conserving resources by encouraging the use of green building practices/materials, solar and

other renewable energy in town and county buildings, new construction, and fleet vehicles.

If you are interested in being considered for any of these races, contact Jennifer Colamonico at [carmelnydems@gmail.com](mailto:carmelnydems@gmail.com), or go to [www.facebook.com/Carmel-NYDemocrats](http://www.facebook.com/Carmel-NYDemocrats).

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