

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. Holiday Cheer **December 1-4! WOW!**

GRAB AND GO CRAFT

Thursday, December 1

Grab and Go craft includes a letter to Santa envelope, coloring sheet and “postage.” Mail your letter at the North Pole mailbox in Spinner Park, Avenue A and 4th Street. Kit also includes a cute tree ornament craft! Montague Public Libraries, while they last! Free!

Thursday, December 1

Traditional Fiddle Concert

Common Hall, 34 Main St., Montague Center, 7pm

New England, Quebec, and the British Isles layered with rich three-fiddle harmony, played by Rose Jackson, Rebecca Rose Weiss, and Willy Clemetson. Tickets \$15-20.

Friday, December 2

HOLIDAY MEGA RAFFLE

Montague Elks, 1 Elk Way, Turners Falls

Doors 5pm. Drawing 8pm

Open to the public. Upstairs. Over 200 prizes.

Friday, December 2

ROCK 201 and PVB Anniversary Party

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 151 Third St., 6pm

Friday, December 2

Solstice Concert with Lui Collins & Anand Nayak

Montague Common Hall, 34 Main St., 7:30pm

A mix of their usual eclectic repertoire with songs of winter, peace, and the meeting of light and dark.

\$18 / Under 12 \$8. No one turned away.

Friday, December 2

Dear Mr. Ward

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$15-\$20

Hilarious, weird, and occasionally heartbreaking. Due to popular demand and a lack of complaints “DEAR MR. WARD” will return for a second performance at 8pm on Friday December 2. Local performers will bring to life letters sent to the complaints department of the Montgomery Ward catalog by customers living in the Midwestern states between 1932 and 1942. Providing a window into rural American from the peak of the depression to the beginning of World War II, the letters were saved by Verna Gregg and published in the book “Dear Mister Ward” by her grandson, local author Evan Gregg. This new version of the show includes music by Zara Bode of the Sweetback Sisters. After party includes cocktails at the Five Eyed Fox. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 day of the show. Co-sponsored by RiverCulture and Greenfield Savings Bank.

www.dearmisterward.com

Friday, December 2

Karaoke with Dirty Johnny

Between the Uprights, 23 Avenue A, 9pm

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A.P.I.E.+ Pat (No Neck) + Sightings

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Saturday, December 3
St. Nicholas Bazaar Our Lady-Czestochowa Church
84 K St, Turners Falls, 9am-2pm
Raffle, baked goods, pierogis!

Saturday December 3
Great Hall Art Exhibit: Junior Duck Stamps
Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A through January 1
See the top Massachusetts youth entries for the 2022 Junior Duck Stamp competition! This state-wide art contest by students from Kindergarten to High School heightens awareness of the importance of preserving wetland habitats and the delights of wildlife. While you're here, visit our duck investigation station.
<https://greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org>

Saturday, December 3
Holiday Pop-up and Open Studio, 10-3pm
Milk Barn Studio, 25 South Ferry Rd., Montague
Fine art & craft by Tracy Vernon and Chris Pellerin.
Raffle benefit. Snow date 12/4

Saturday December 3
4D1G Ministries Christmas Carol Concert
Ja Duke Theater, Industrial Blvd, 6pm, FREE!
Hymns, Gospel and traditional songs.

Saturday, December 3
Pat Martineau
Pioneer Valley Brewery, 151 Third St., 7pm

Saturday, December 3
Eggtooth & the Shea Presents
Valley Vaudeville Variety Show
Shea Theater, 7:30pm. Tickets are sliding scale \$5- \$15
Special deals for families. Created by artists K Adler, Ashley Kramer and Rebecca Schrader, this holiday event will feature short performances including comedy, dance, vaudeville, and music that's fun for all. "We are delighted to offer an array of talents and tales from around the Valley. As the holidays begin this is the perfect chance to grab a cider and bring the kids for wholesome fun and frolic... a little bit of magic for everyone!" - Katherine Alder. www.eggtooth.org

Saturday, December 3
Sean Eric Callaghan (Acoustic Singer Songwriter)
Betwween the Uprights, 23 Avenue A, 9pm

Saturday, December 3
Moving Day
The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Sunday, December 4

Holiday Cheer Concert! Benefit Música Franklin

The Shea Theater, 3-5pm, \$20 suggested

THE HOLIDAY CHEER BENEFIT CONCERT includes performances by Metropolitan Opera tenor Irwin Reese accompanied by pianist Julia Bady, violinist and composer Michi Wiancko, jazz musicians and composers Matan Rubinstein and Wes Brown, and Música Franklin director Orice Jenkins. Suggested donation is \$20. All proceeds benefit the free after-school music program in Greenfield and Turners Falls. www.musicafranklin.org

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, December 9

It's a Wonderful Night in Turners Falls

This annual holiday event starts at the Great Falls Discovery Center where kids can make a winter bird feeder from 2-5pm. Shops are open until 8pm along the Avenue A and Third Street. Highlights include the Hired Hand Open Studio (34 Third Street) and the Brick House Pop-Up Shop (34 Third Street) both from 4-8pm. SANTA will arrive at Spinner Park (Avenue A and Fourth Street) to collect the letters from the magic mailbox at 6:30pm! This heartwarming evening concludes with performance of Welcome Yule at the Shea Theater. Welcome Yule "weaves together English, Scottish and Celtic traditions of Yule (wintersolstice), Hogmanay (Scottish New Year's) and Imbolc (feast of St. Brigid) bringing the audience on a journey from one side of winter to the other. In sharing songs and traditions, Welcome Yule feeds a basic yearning for connection with each other and the natural world." 7:30pm. Tickets are \$12-\$15. It's a Wonderful Night in Turners Falls and other events throughout December are made possible with a \$2000 donation from Greenfield Savings Bank. RiverCulture takes this opportunity to sincerely thank them for their support of the Turners Falls arts and business community.

December 9-10

Brick House Pop-Up Shop

24 Third Street, Turners Falls

Eight juried artists and crafters will set up on Friday, December 9 from 4-8pm during the annual holiday event "It's a Wonderful Night in Turners Falls" and from noon-6pm on Saturday, December 10.

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Annual Wrapping Paper Fundraiser

Ericka Almeida

Stout Pigeon Coffee (Roasted in Turners!)

Sue Blauner

Up-cycled and Re-purposed Jewelry

Andrew Serra

Fine gems and silver wire jewelry

<https://www.awserra.com/>

Nik Perry

cigar box speakers, bicycle accessories

Denise Milkey

Handmade Potheolders

Jan Atamian

Illustrations, fabric+ fine art

<https://janatamianillustrator.weebly.com>

Neige Christenson

Wood Cut fine art, cards and pillows depicting New England flora and fauna

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/WoodcutsMargotMade>