

his HUGE Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. May 9-12. Please Share!

Thursday, May 9

Vinyl Night

Hosted by Breakdown Records

The Rendezvous, 9pm

Bring your own side of vinyl to play! Breakdown will also have crates of records for sale!

Friday, May 10

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Fish

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30am

Learn more about our wildlife neighbors in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and crafts. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult, siblings and friends welcome. Meet in the Great Hall.

Friday, May 10

Nice & Easy Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-2pm

Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all. Enjoy natural and local history along the way. Dress for the weather with sturdy footwear and bring water. Inclement weather cancels. Meet at the main entrance.

Friday, May 10

RaRe Re-Creations

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 5-9pm

A Special Mother's Day Shop & Sip. She will have Beautiful Gifts for Mother's Day. She will be having a raffle, earn tickets while here, including just for stopping in! Do a little shopping while sipping on some nice cold, beers or hard seltzers!

Friday, May 10

Great Falls Coffeehouse

Mark Mandeville & Rianne Richards

Great Falls Discovery Center 7pm

Mark & Rianne truly are a musical treat. They entertain with unmistakable vocal harmonies, poetic lyrics and a down-to-earth persona. These musically talented artists have contributed over seventeen albums within their first decade and toured consistently throughout the US and Canada. Accompanying themselves on guitar, harmonica, ukulele, penny whistle, electric bass, and most uniquely clarinet, their live performances are both musically captivating and spiritually uplifting as audiences are carefully balanced between serious songs and humorous commentary.

Friday, May 10

Rickie Lee Jones

The Shea Theater, 8pm, \$50

low ticket warning. Rickie Lee Jones is an American musician, storyteller and two-time Grammy winner who has been inspiring pop culture for decades, beginning with her star-making self-titled debut, followed by the seminal *Pirates*. Named the "premiere song-stylist and songwriter of her generation" by *The New Yorker*, and "The Duchess of Coolsville" by *Time* magazine, Jones released her Grammy-nominated album *Pieces of Treasure* in 2023, a reunion with Russ Titelman, who produced her first two records. Jones' celebrated memoir *Last Chance Texaco* was named *Book of the Year* by *MOJO* and a *Best Book of the Year* at *Pitchfork* and *NPR*. *The Independent* writes, "There has always been something defiant about Rickie Lee Jones . . . a voice from a dream, elusive yet familiar, transcendent, a messenger from another place."

Friday, May 10

Next Stop Comedy

Brick & Feather, 78 11th St. \$25

8pm. Enjoy an evening of some of the finest working comics in New England! Get a ticket. This will sell out.

<https://tinyurl.com/yv6hrw9k>

Saturday, May 11

Swimsuit Sewing Workshop

Swanson's Fabrics, 320 Avenue A

9am-1pm, \$80, all materials included

Are you new to working with knits, or nervous about sergers? This workshop will have you sewing swimsuits in no time! We'll cover the basics as well as tips, tricks, and fitting for swimwear. For folks with some sewing experience.

Read more + Sign up.

Saturday, May 11

Western Mass Herbal Symposium

Montague Retreat Center, Ripley Road

9am-7pm. Whether you are a clinical level herbalist or just plant curious, this event offers workshops for all levels of folks to learn, connect and celebrate herbalism right here in Western Mass.; a full day of workshops, plant walks, plant based vendors, music, connection, and a food truck. More:

<https://www.westernmassherbalsymposium.com>

Saturday, May 11

Make Your Own Meadow

Great Falls Discovery Center, 11am

Learn how to create your own pollinator-friendly meadow with landscape designers Tom Sullivan and Peter Wackernagle, and then take a short walk to seed pollinator gardens in downtown Turners Falls. In collaboration with Exploded View and the 2024 Food Farms and Factories project. Ages 12+

Saturday, May 11

Música Franklin 6th Annual Fun Fest

Unity Park, 12:30-4:30pm A free festival featuring musical performances, entertainment, and crafts for the whole family! Listen to world-class music, try your hand at an instrument in our "petting zoo", create a craft project, get your face painted, play with giant bubbles, step on our giant piano mat, shop local craft vendors, and grab a bite from the nearby food trucks.

12:30pm: The Afro-Semitic Experience

1-4pm: Balloon Ben

1:15: Expandable Brass Band

2pm: Música Franklin students

2pm: Turners Falls Music Department

3:15pm: RapOet with Special Guests the Bap Pack!

GREENFIELD RECORDER: <https://www.recorder.com/musica-franklin-may-4-54981083>

Saturday, May 11

Sashiko-Inspired Visible Mending

Montague Center Library, 2-4pm

In our world of "fast fashion" and ever-growing textile waste, it's crucial to slow down our consumption and assess our long-term relationship with our clothes. Join instructor Rachel Beaupré of Wee Things Fiber Arts and enjoy an afternoon of making old things new! In this beginner-friendly workshop, we will explore the centuries-old Japanese sewing technique of "sashiko". Register by emailing Kate: kmartineau@cwmares.org

Saturday, May 11

2nd Saturday Open Mic

Common Hall, Montague Center

Featuring: Circle of the Sisters w/Sarah Pirtle

Performers can start signing up at 6:15pm. Names will be drawn and a random order will be created. Expect to play 2-4 songs (10-15 minutes), depending upon the number of performers. BYOB food and beverage. "Sisters of the Circle is a trio that brings together singer-songwriters Sarah Pirtle, Christy Grecsek, and Hana Zara. They discovered last summer how much they love joining their voices and spirits. With guitar, mountain dulcimer, flute, and frame drum, they celebrate stories of inspiring people, changing seasons, and rising hope."

Saturday, May 11

Lakeside Drive

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 7pm

Your favorite classics for a fun-filled night of dancing!

Saturday, May 11

Cinemastorm "DOUBLE SHWARZENEGGER"

Shea Theater, 7:30pm, FREE!

"Predator" (1987) and "Total Recall" (1990). This series is totally free to attend thanks to the support of Northeast Solar!

Saturday, May 11

HYPER CORE

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

3 DJs! 3 live acts! One night! Hyper Core, brought to you by the Trans Inclusive Crime Syndicate! This show will feature a suggested donation of \$10, with 100% of the money going to the performers.

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day Fabric Flowers

Swanson's Fabrics, 320 Avenue A

11am-3pm. Drop by any time during the event, stay for a bit and learn to make a fabric flower, or stick around all day to make a whole bouquet! Its free to hang out and \$5 per flower. We'll have tea and light snacks available - bring your mom, bring your kids, bring your mother figures, this is a family friendly event!

Sunday, May 12

Cousins Maine Lobster Pop-Up

Brick & Feather Brewery, 78 11th St, noon-6pm

EXHIBITION

"What's on Your Plate?"

Great Falls Discovery Center, May 5-29

The exhibit What's On Your Plate? asks artists to investigate the entanglement of food, time, commitment, and ecology. Curated by Exploded View, in collaboration with our 2024 Food, Farms, and Factories project and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.