

This Weekends in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. January 8-12. Please Share!

Great Falls Discovery Center

Exhibitions: First-Class Machine Shop

2024 Junior Duck Stamps: This state-wide art contest by students grades K-12 heightens awareness of the importance of preserving wetland habitats and the delights of wildlife.

EVERY Wednesday in January

Dungeons & Dragons

The Brick House, 24 Third St., 3-5:30pm

Wednesday, January 8

Knitting Club

Montague Center Library, 4:30-5:30pm

First Wednesdays of the month. Bring a project or learn something new! All ages and skill levels welcome.

Wednesday, January 8

Falltown String Band

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1465030897416385>

Thursday, January 9

Bilingual Movement Music & Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-11am

Join Tom & Laurie this winter for a highly interactive program! Designed for ages 0-5. This winter series is made possible by a generous grant from New Salem Academy and includes English and Spanish playful adaptations of songs and collective creation of new verses that incorporate high interest themes and accessible movements in order to expand vocabulary. Bilingual books will be available for families to add to their home libraries. <https://www.facebook.com/events/602690545746563>

Thursday, January 9

Book Club

Millers Falls Library, 23 Bridge St.

5:30-6:30pm. Join us to discuss James by Percival Everett and its precursor The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain.

Friday, January 10

Nice and 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, January 10

Montague Shakespeare Festival Workshop

Verse - Back to Basics with Madeleine Hyland

ZOOM. 3:30-4:30pm U.S/ \$25

A one-hour exploration into the core elements of Shakespeare's verse. Ideal for both beginners and seasoned Shakespeare enthusiasts, the workshop focuses on understanding the basic structure and rhythm of the Bard's language, including iambic pentameter and its role in shaping character emotions and storytelling. Participants will explore how returning to the foundational elements can unlock a fresh, authentic connection to the text. Madeleine Hyland, an actress and director with The Factory, known for its improvisational and multi-role Shakespeare productions, will be leading an engaging workshop on the fundamentals of Shakespearean verse. Madeleine has directed numerous productions and taught Shakespeare's works at prestigious institutions including Shakespeare's Globe, Central School of Speech and Drama, and various universities across the USA. <https://www.montagueshakespearefestival.com>

Friday, January 10

Montague Square Dance

Common Hall Montague Center

Happy New Year! We're so lucky to have Grace Clements calling for us again this month with amazing music from the ever-revolving Devilish Marys. 6:30-7:30pm families welcome for circle dances and beginner squares. 8-10pm (ish) everyone is welcome for regular squares Suggested donation: Adults \$7-20, Kids: \$3, Family: \$25. No one turned out for lack of funds. Jammers welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1302025897600209>

Friday, January 10

Scott Alan Savoy at North Village Smokehouse

Federal St., Millers Falls, 7pm

Acoustic Country + Great BBQ

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Golden Repair

Pioneer Valley Brewery

Music with Dawn Dumas and Kip Dresser- acoustic act, featuring an eclectic repertoire of music crossing multiple genres. Come out and enjoy a cold winter's night filled with drinks, friends, music and the warmth community brings. Hope to see you there! <https://www.facebook.com/events/1902923376783771>

Saturday, January 11

Drop-In Community Puzzle

Carnegie Library, 10am-5pm

Everyone is invited to add 1 or 2 (or 200) pieces to the puzzle. All ages. The Carnegie Library is ADA compliant entrance but no ADA restroom.

Saturday, December 11

January Volunteer Day

Great Falls Books Through Bars

104 4th St., 1-5pm. We'll be reading and responding to requests for books from folks in prison! Stay for the whole time or just drop in. Masks are required in our space and we are a low scent space.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/981250087153761>

Saturday, December 11

January River Valley Drum and Dance

Montague Retreat Center

At 5:45pm Tara Murphy will be teaching West African Dance. There will be a short break between the dance class and the D&D. Sliding scale with suggested donations starting at \$10, cash is encouraged.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/27836377492674532>

Saturday, January 11

Montague Common Hall Open Mic

Common Hall, Montague Center

6:30-9:30pm. A shared featured performance with Lisa Gaughran (guitar and vocals) and Paul Newlin (guitar, fiddle, and vocals). Followed by singer song-writer Walt Burnham (acoustic guitar, piano) and Mitch Mulholland. Open Mic musicians and other performers of all types sign in at 6:15pm. Voluntary donations requested.

Saturday, January 11

WHEN IN DOUBT Book Readings

Unnameable Books, 66 Avenue A

Open Mic 7pm followed at 8pm by featured readers Sierra D. Dickey, Julie Howd, Shannon Hearn, Madison Murray, L Scully.

Saturday, January 11

Small Town Radio

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 7pm

The fastest growing cover band in Franklin County, SMALL TOWN RADIO is back at PVB!!

You don't want to miss this! <https://www.facebook.com/events/3730066737308409>

Sunday, January 12

'Zine on the River

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2-4pm

Make a small booklet, a habitat zine, from a single piece of paper, then fill it with your nature observations for this drop-in program. Cut and draw in it to recreate your favorite river habitats. If you'd like to use paper you made on January 3, for First Friday's Make Your Own Paper program, bring it! For all ages. Meet in the Great Hall. <https://www.facebook.com/events/930813799144466>

## SAVE THE DATE THEATER!

Montague Shakespeare Festival

[UPCOMING WORKSHOPS](#) \$25

**January 17** *Why Playing Bad is SO Good* with Nia Gwynne/ **January 24** *Shakespeare and Meisner* with Aileen Gonsalves/ **January 31** *Going Solo: Preparing, Performing, and Relishing the Soliloquy* with Ben Addis/ **February 7** *Actor's Approach to a Shakespearean Role; Where to Begin* with Hannah Young/ **February 4** *Speeches and Soliloquies: Dynamic Language* with Zoe Littleton/ **February 21** *Say What You Mean: Preparing Shakespeare for an Audition* with Siubhan Harrison/ **February 28** *Bringing Yourself to a Shakespearean Text and Character* with Tyreke Leslie. [WEBSITE](#)

**January 17-19**

[Young Shakespeare Players East Presents A WINTER'S TALE](#)

Shea Theater, FREE! A masterpiece that explores themes of loss, hope, love and redemption. With elements of tragedy, comedy, and fairy tale fantasy, it is a play that attempts to answer the question: What happens after a tragedy? Every member of the Young Shakespeare Players East ensemble participates as actor, director and stage technician, and there are no auditions or rejections. The two full casts of "The Winter's Tale," with actors ages 8 to 18, have embraced the challenge of bringing Shakespeare's beautiful story and characters to life.

**Saturday, February 1**

[First Generation Ensemble Presents:](#)

[MOTHER TONGUE](#) at the Shea Theater

7:30-9:30pm. \$15-\$15. An original multilingual physical theater performance (for ages 12+) created by the Performance Project's First Generation Ensemble. The piece highlights local and global social justice issues, and is inspired by the lived experiences of First Generation members, their families and communities. The Ensemble originates from Congo/Tanzania, Bhutan/Nepal, South Sudan/Darfur, Puerto Rico, Holyoke, and Springfield, MA. The 90 minute performance weaves together movement, music, dance, theater, and stories in Arabic, Swahili, Nepali, Spanish, and English and incorporates themes of language, culture, identity, diaspora, hyper masculinity, transphobia, racism, education, the school to prison pipeline and revolution. Performance followed by a 20 minute post-show conversation with the audience. [MORE ABOUT FIRST GENERATION](#)