

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. May 8-11. Please Share!

Thursday, May 8

Book Club

Millers falls Library, 5:15-6:30pm

Discussion: Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

Thursday, May 8

Tea and Crumpet Society

2 Montague Ave., Lake Pleasant, 6:30pm

This open literary salon invites writers, readers, and listeners alike to come together in a welcoming, peaceful setting to share the written word—whether original or beloved classics from throughout the ages. MORE INFO: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1233355184887100>

Thursday, May 8

Classic Country Vinyl Night

The Rendezvous, 8pm

Hosted by DJ Brewfoot. Hillbilly, Honky Tonk, Jump Blues, Rockabilly, Western Swing, Country Disco, Country Soul...<https://www.facebook.com/events/1264803225363954>

Friday, May 9

Kidleidoscope Story Hour —Birds

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30-11:30am

For ages 3-6. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and crafts.

Friday, May 9

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. Inclement weather cancels.

Friday, May 9

Queer Community Night

Brick House, 24 Third St., 5-7pm

Food, Fun, Community Visioning.

Friday, May 9

MONTAGUE SQUAREDANCE

Common Hall, Montague Center

Caller: Sally Newton. 6:30-7:30pm families welcome for circle dances and beginner squares. 7:30-10pm (ish) regular squares. Suggested donation: Adults \$7-20, Kids: \$3, Family: \$25. No one turned out for lack

of funds. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1130334005819191>

Friday, May 9

Great Falls Coffeehouse Presents:

Michael Nix, Gloria Mattlock and the “Twice as Smart” Children’s Choir

Great Falls Discovery Center, 7pm, By donation.

Gloria Matlock and Michael Nix reach deep into the centuries-old tradition of African American song. With a powerful and authentic voice, Gloria sings gospel songs, spirituals, story songs, work songs, songs of slavery and emancipation, present-day freedom songs, jazz, and modern song. Twice As Smart is a children’s choir from an after-school program providing children with a learning environment that is both trauma-informed and strength-based, to launch them on a path to continuing education and purposeful lives. \$7-\$20 Suggested in support of the Friends of the Discovery Center.

Friday, May 9

Couchboy/ Deep C Divers

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 7pm

A fusion of alternative and classic rock. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1225840165845967>

Friday, May 9

Karaoke with Dirty Johnny

Montague Elks, 7pm

Open to the public. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1683716658932390>

Friday, May 9

Haleh Liza Gafari Book Launch:

“Water, New Translations of Rumi”

Montague Retreat Center, 177 Ripley Rd., 7pm

An uplifting and transportive evening of music and recitation, immersing us in the images, rhythms, and liberating messages that pulse through the poetry of the beloved mystic and poet Rumi. Acclaimed translator, performance artist, and vocalist, Haleh Liza Gafari will be joined by musical guests James Bird and Loudingirra Ozdemir. <https://www.facebook.com/events/651900484317563>

Friday, May 9

Shea Presents: Room Full of Blues

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$28

Roomful Of Blues, the world-renowned, horn-fueled blues band, has announced changes to their house-rocking line-up. Joined by veteran vocalist DD Bastos of New England-based band, DD & The Road Kings. Special guest Dave Keller. <https://sheatheater.org>

Friday, May 9

Electric Bonnie/Aeolian Circuit

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

ELECTRIC BONNIE: is an all original synthwave band employing electronic instruments and voice to create both ambience and dance grooves. (composed songs-not improv jams). AEOLIAN CURCIT is a digital duet features the dynamic interplay between a synth keyboard and electronic flutist who channels his sound through an electronic manipulation device, bending and reshaping tones in real time.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1325317658578592>

Saturday, May 10

Teddy Bear Hospital

Franklin Tech School Gym, Industrial Blvd.

9am-Noon. Hosted by FCTS Health Tech. \$5 per child. Kids bring in their own stuffed animals to be "treated" with the help of our students. Ages 4 to 9.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/9166195606767254>

Saturday, May 10

Slow Birding Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10am-Noon

Start World Migratory Bird Day with local ornithologist and birder Chad Witko during a slow-paced, mindful birding experience along the Turners Falls Power Canal. This guided walk will focus on discovering and learning about newly arrived migrants in a relaxed and reflective setting. The walk takes place on a flat, paved surface and should be accessible to most. Register at birdinguniversity@gmail.com. \$20 per person. Limited to 15 participants.

Saturday, May 10

OPENING: Stella Vintage

Nova Lot, 147 Second St.,

Friday- Sunday, NOON-5pm.

A tiny vintage shop inside a 1966 can camper: folk art, curiosities, mid-century homeware and decorative art.

Saturday, May 10

Musica Franklin Presents: FUN FEST

Unity Park, Turners Falls 12:30-5pm

RAIN LOCATION: Greenfield High School

A free festival of live music, crafts, and activities for all ages! Enjoy live music by world-class artists, shop local craft vendors, get your face painted, try out a musical instrument at our "petting zoo", and grab a bite from Stone Soup Cafe. The vibrant line-up of performers, include: 12:30pm: Turners Falls Music Department, 1:15pm: Larksgrove, 2pm: Música Franklin, 2:45pm: Drum Circle with Abdou Sarr, 3:15pm: Jazzkia Meets HipHop, 4-5pm: Giant Puppets, 4:30pm: Orquesta Sensacional. Música Franklin is a free after-school music and social justice program for students in grades 1-12 . Fun Fest is funded by the New England States Touring program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, RiverCulture, Greenfield Savings Bank, Greenfield Cooperative Bank, Paul Redeker Rental Company, Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, Amanda Abramson Coldwell Banker Community Realtors, Franklin County

Community Development Corporation, Artspace and the MCC local cultural councils of Greenfield, Montague, and Gill.

Saturday, May 10

TALK: Shared Skies, Celebrating Migratory Birds and the Communities They Connect
Great Falls Discovery Center, 2-3pm

Through cutting-edge research across the hemisphere, Chad Witko explores how birds connect people and communities throughout the Americas. For seasoned birders or folks simply curious about the natural world. Deepen your appreciation for the birds that pass through your neighborhood.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1132195498950790>

Saturday, May 10

Weldon & Doug (Jazz)

Element Brewery, Millers Falls 4pm

Fine local musicians playing sweet, romantic Jazz and Latin standards!

Saturday, May 10

Open Mic

Common Hall, Montague Center, 6:30pm

Diverse music performed by Valley musicians. All types of performers are encouraged- musicians, poets, singers, dancers, storytellers. This Open Mic welcomes and appreciates both emerging musicians and seasoned performers. Sign in before 6:15PM. Come prepared to perform for 10-20 minutes, depending on the turnout. Voluntary donations. Masks encouraged.

Saturday, May 10

BOOK PARTY: Care at the End of the World with Jina Kim

Unnameable Books, 66 Avenue A, 7pm

Saturday, May 10

E1 Entertainment Presents:

13: A Celebration of Taylor Swift

Shea Theater. 7:30pm, \$25-\$40

13 is a show dedicated to the music of Taylor Swift. A wonderful celebration and party atmosphere, 13 takes you on a magical journey throughout the musical landscape of Taylor's music. Fans will be singing and dancing to all their favorite hits like "Red," "Shake It Off," "Love Story," "Cruel Summer," "Karma." and so many others. <https://sheatheater.org>

Sunday, May 11

Wester MA Radio Control Flea Market and Swap Meet

80 Industrial Blvd., 10am-3pm

Free Admission. Sellers \$15.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1345126006670634>

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day Spiritualist Service

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant, 10:30am

With **Jennifer Bennett**, a longtime Pagan priestess and interfaith leader, who will offer an inspirational address weaving themes of maternal wisdom, divine feminine, and nature-based spirituality.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2095854824215267>

Sunday, May 11

Karaoke with Buckingham Rabbits Vintage

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm