

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. October 24-26. To receive this information in your inbox, sign up for the RiverCulture newsletter: <https://www.riverculture.org/newsletter-subscription/>

Thursday, October 22

Bilingual Music and Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-11am

Join Tom & Laurie for a highly interactive program geared toward preschoolers and their caregivers. Designed for children ages 0-5.

Thursday, October 23

Nice and Easy Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10-11am

Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all.

Thursday, October 23

Light the Bridge

Peskeompskut Park, Avenue A and Seventh

5-7pm. An evening of celebration, awareness, and remembrance. Together we shine a light on a brighter future: standing against domestic violence in rural communities, honoring survivors, and remembering those we've lost. Hosted by the Franklin County & North Quabbin Domestic Violence Task Force with support from Heartwing Center and the Brick House.

Thursday, October 23

Culinary Workshop-KIMCHI

Franklin County Tech, 5-8pm

A staple of Korean cuisine, kimchi is a flavorful probiotic fermented vegetable dish traditionally made with napa cabbage, garlic, ginger, Korean chili flakes, and other ingredients. Participants will chop, salt, mix, and pack their own jar of kimchi while learning about the transformative process of lacto-fermentation. Everyone will leave with a jar of homemade kimchi and the knowledge to continue the fermentation journey at home. No experience necessary. Price: \$75. A fundraiser for Stone Soup Café. If cost an issue email info@thestonesoupcafe.org

Thursday, October 23

Montague Center Book Club

Montague Center Library, 17 Center St

7-8pm. We'll be discussing When Women Were Dragons by Kelly Barnhill.

Thursday, October 24

Christ Hartman

Millers Pub, Millers Falls 7-10pm.

Thursday, October 23

Shea Lobby Series: OLIVIA NIED

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$10

With Local hero and guitar slinger, Olivia Nied. Special guest Brian Dickens.

Thursday, October 23

Dan Weintraub

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9pm

Dan Weintraub plays Grateful Dead infused sets and has played them since the 1980s all around the U.S. and Canada. Donations appreciated. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1100765872257318>

Friday, October 24

Field Trip: Birding

Turners Falls Power Canal area.

Free! 8:30–11 am Birding. 11 am–Noon Tour of the Great Falls Discovery Center Tour. 12–1 pm Picnic at Unity Park. In celebration of birders of all abilities, join Bill Randolph, Carol Fournier, and Sam McGullam on an accessible slow trip along the Turners Falls Power Canal Trail (Migratory Way). We expect to view gull species and a variety of waterfowl, along with Bald Eagles, hawks, and if we're lucky possibly an owl. We will meet at the parking area at the end of G Street. To register and for more info, visit:

<https://hampshirebirdclub.org/event-6315795>

Friday, October 24

Drop-In

Nation Spiritual Alliance

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant, 9am

Each Friday morning, we open our doors for a welcoming space of coffee, conversation, and community in the peaceful setting of historic Thompson Temple.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1100688878891670>

Friday, October 24

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Bats

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30am

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

Friday, October 24

Carnegie Library Tour with the Library Director

Carnegie Library, 2-3pm

The Carnegie Library has served Montague since 1905 but today, the building no longer meets many of the needs of our community. Now, we have the opportunity to imagine a new space together. Join Library Director, Caitlin Kelley, for a tour of the Carnegie Library to learn about the state of the building and how a new library could support the needs of everyone.

Friday, October 24

SPOOKY TAILS- Halloween Canine Costume Contest

147 Second Street, Turners Falls

3-7pm. Featuring Caricature Artist Matt Bernson. Music by Glenn Love and more. Bring your pet in their spookiest Howl-a-ween costume. Leashes Required. FREE ADMISSION

Food Trucks and More! Prizes for Most creative, Scariest, Best in Show, and Best pet and owner Duo.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/828793092833805>

Friday, October 24

Dungeons & Dragons

Carnegie Library, 5-7pm

DnD Club is for ages 11-19. Pre-made characters will be available for anyone who is unable to make one before session one. Feel free to make your own or use one of ours.

Friday, October 24

Game Night

National Spiritual Alliance

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant

6:30pm. Join us for a fun and relaxed evening of games, laughter, and community connection. We'll have plenty of favorites like Uno, Rummikub, Jenga, Cribbage, and Battleship- or bring one of your own to share. BYO dinner or a potluck item. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1308749934030433>

Friday, October 24

Casey/DC

North Village Smokehouse

Federal St., Millers Falls 7pm

Friday, October 24

Documentary: LaLiga

Shea Theater, 7:30-9pm

La Liga follows immigrant farmworkers who face tough conditions while keeping Vermont's dairy industry alive. Off the farm, they find joy, solidarity, and a sense of home on the soccer field. The film has already made waves — premiering at the Made Here Festival and taking home the Audience Choice Award and the Thaddeus Stevens Award for Social Engagement at the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. Plus Q&A with Director!

Friday, October 24

Wide Open Jam

With Zane Provost

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

Saturday, October 25

Psychic Medium Fair

National Spiritual Alliance

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant

11am-4pm. Mediumship, tarot readings, channeled messages, and Reiki healing in a warm and welcoming setting. \$30 for a 25-minute session. Contributions support the mission and programs of TNSA. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1368083211562773>

Saturday, October 25

OPEN HOUSE: Sawmill River Arts

440 Greenfield Rd., Bookmill

11am-5pm. Celebrating our 15th birthday with autumnal treats and refreshments. Active art demonstrations and activities for the whole family.

Saturday, October 25

Migrations Celebration

Great Falls Discovery Center. 2-5pm

2-3pm, Talk: Wings Without Borders: A Bird Migration Talk. Birds are among nature's most remarkable travelers, carrying stories across continents with every wingbeat. This talk explores migration as a biological wonder and a source of human inspiration, weaving connections between landscapes. With ornithologist Chad Witko (Birding University). For ages 12 and up. 3-5pm, Art Reception: Migrations paintings, curated by GuateMaya Art and Culture Connection depicting scenes integral to village life, Mayan culture, and the history of Lake Atitlan in Guatemala. Art Sales. "Scavenger Hunt" and crafts for kids. Heavy refreshments!

Saturday, October 25

BOOK LAUNCH: L Scully + CA Conrad

Unnameable Books

66 Avenue A, Doors 6:30pm reading 7pm. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DPR0bGbDr51/>

Saturday, October 25

Tony Vacca and Fusion Nomads

The Shea Theater, 8-9pm, \$20

FUSION NOMADS is Tony Vacca on percussion and spoken word, John Sheldon on electric and acoustic guitar, Charles Langford on saxophone, Chris Devine on electric violin, and Jo Sallins on electric bass, percussion and keyboard. These players have travelled the world in the process of creating their respective worlds of music. Together they weave a legacy of tradition and innovation that is the future of where music can take them... and us all. Jazz, World Fusion, Funk, Blues and so much more.

Saturday, October 25

Decades of Musical Bingo

Montague Elks, Turners Falls

7-9pm. Fundraiser: Great Falls Middle School and Turners Falls High School theater program. An amazing night of musical bingo - we will be playing songs from the 80s, 90s.... wear a costume. Just \$10/person for

4 rounds of bingo. Additional bingo cards \$. 5Folks under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1517566929658099>

Sunday, October 26

A French/Breton Jam Session

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2:30-4:30pm

An informal group of musicians gathers to play the enchanting traditional dance music from France and Brittany, commonly known as bal folk.

Sunday, October 26

Contra dance/ Potluck

Montague Common Hall

Caller George Marshall. music by the Monday Night Session. Potluck at 5:45pm or so. Dance at 7pm. Free! Donations, however, are welcome.

Sunday, October 26

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The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8:30pm

With Bellotonesuicide, J Burkett, Triish, Jeff Gallagher