

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls May 7-May 10. To receive this information in your inbox, sign up for the RiverCulture Newsletter:

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**Thursday, May 7**

Bilingual Music & Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-10:45am

Join Tom & Laurie for a highly interactive program geared toward preschoolers and their caregivers. Designed for children ages 0-5 but older siblings are welcome!

**Thursday, May 7**

OPEN: Food Pantry

Brick House, 24 Third St., 10am-1pm

**Thursday, May 7**

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.

**Thursday, May 7**

Patch Burger

St. Kaz., 197 Avenue A.

5-8pm. Open to the public. JOIN ST. KAZ.

**Thursday, May 7**

Recycled Materials Collage Bookmarks

With Jillian Henry

Milers Falls Library, 5-6pm

Get creative and a little resourceful in this hands-on collage workshop with local artist Jillian Henry. Jillian's work is rooted in intuitive, analog collage, transforming everyday objects into expressive pieces. In this workshop, you'll be using reclaimed cardboard and other simple materials to design one-of-a-kind bookmarks that are uniquely yours. All materials will be provided!

### **Thursday, May 7**

#### [Your Library, Your Voice](#)

Millers Falls Library, 6-7pm

Want to learn more about the Main Library Building Project? We're here to give you the information you need and answer your questions! Join Library Director, Caitling Kelley; Trustees Chair, Will Quale; and Adam Thibeault of Downes Construction for a presentation on the project before Montague residents have the opportunity to vote in a special election that could pass the project on Wednesday, June 24th.

### **Thursday, May 24**

Mimi Fang/Hush Puppy

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St. 9:30pm

MIMI FANG (Angsty Power Pop from Brattleboro, VT)

HUSH PUPPY (Commie-Country Trio from WMass)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2841407582870358>

### **Friday, May 8**

Drop-in @TNSA

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant

Every Friday 11am-1pm. Stop by the historic Thompson Temple for a relaxed weekly gathering focused on spiritual connection, conversation, and quiet reflection.

### **Friday, May 8**

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Fish

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30am

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. 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. Siblings and friends are welcome. Meet in the Great Hall.

### **Friday, May 8**

#### [Montague Square Dance](#)

Common Hall, Montague Center

Montague Common Hall

**Caller: Sally Newton.** Music: The Katydids: Mary Fraser, Sally Newton, Alex Scala. 6:30-7:30 families welcome for circle dances and beginner squares. 7:30-9:30pm everyone welcome for regular squares! Suggested donation: Adults \$7-20, Kids: \$3, Family: \$25-40. No one turned out for lack of funds.\* This will be the last dance until September!

**Friday, May 8**

[Great Falls Coffeehouse Series:](#)

[Lara Herscovitch & The Highway Philosophers](#)

Great Falls Discovery Center, 7pm. A rich tapestry of songs with themes that will stay with you. Refreshments available. Donations in support of educational programming.

**Friday, May 8**

[VIMANA](#)

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

Vimana creates all original jazz fusion compositions that have a sound that is contemporary but reflects in our influences from the 1960s and 1970s and weaves together our cultural roots into something that is focused on the groove. The love of music bonds us together and provides a light forward in the darkest of times.

**Saturday, May 9**

Great Falls Farmers Market!

Peskeompskut Park, 9am-1pm

SNAP/HIP are accepted and welcome. A growing lineup of vendors bringing everything from meat to crafts to veggie starts.

**Saturday, May 9**

Turners Falls Fishway

First Street/ Behind Town Hall

Come watch American shad, sea lamprey, and other anadromous fish swim up the Connecticut River as they begin their annual spring migration! Hours for the migration viewing are Wednesday through Sunday (and Memorial Day) 9am-5pm from May 9 through June 7. Free! En Entrance along the Canalside Railtrail.

Learn more here: <https://firstlight.energy/stewardship/turner-falls-fishway/>

**Saturday, May 9**

Park Service Day

Great Falls Discovery Center

10am-noon. Lend a hand during this day of volunteer service to our state parks. Bring your own water and snack. For registration visit [mass.gov/info-details/dcr-park-serve-day](https://mass.gov/info-details/dcr-park-serve-day). For ages 6+

**Saturday, May 9**

OPEN: Food Pantry  
Brick House, 24 Third St., 10am-1pm

**Saturday, May 9**

[Battlefield Walking Tour with David Brule](#)

Meet at the Great Falls Discovery Center

10-11am. May 19th marks the 350th anniversary of the massacre at Peskeompskut. Join David Brule, local historian and coordinator of the Battlefield Advisory Committee (a National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP)-funded study), to learn about this attack and its significance within the King Philip's War. [REGISTER](#)

**Saturday, May 9**

[Great Falls Books Through Bars](#)

104 Fourth St., 1-5pm.

We will be reading and responding to letters from prisoners. Come for a bit or the whole time. If it's your first time attending, please try to come during the first hour. We require masking. The space is accessible. Donations appreciated- thrillers, scifi, fantasy, horror, gay fiction, history, science, and pagan/occult.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1945677339416953>

**Saturday, May 9**

[Bekka Dowland](#)

Element Brewing, Millrs Falls

3-5pm. Bekka's music brings a new fresh and unique sound to the country genre.

**Saturday, May 9**

[Songwriters in the Round](#)

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant

5pm. An intimate evening of music and storytelling as we launch the Songwriters in the Round Summer Concert Series in the historic Thompson Temple at The National Spiritual Alliance. This special format brings three songwriters together on stage, sharing songs, stories, and the deeper inspirations behind their music. In this engaging, conversational setting, you'll hear not just the songs—but what drives them, what shaped them, and what keeps these artists creating. With Helen Hummel, Jake Klar, and Carolyn Walker. Part of a series. Other dates are June 13, July 11, and a finale at the Shea Theater on September 26.

**Saturday, May 9**

Something Wonderful Tonight

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$20/\$30

Something Wonderful Tonight is an 8-piece powerhouse tribute act celebrating the music of Eric Clapton and George Harrison with unparalleled energy and precision. Their performances blend faithful recreations of classic recordings with nuanced interpretations, capturing the fire of Clapton's blues-infused rock and the mystique of Harrison's soulful melodies. With a lineup of passionate and skilled musicians, SWT delivers searing guitar solos, finely crafted arrangements, and a stage presence that commands attention.

<https://sheatheater.org/d/23227/Shea-Presents:-Something-Wonderful-Tonight>

### **Sunday, May 10**

[Sewing 10- Tote Bag!](#)

Swansons Stash House

Noon-3:30pm. \$65-\$75

Swanson's has lots of great upcoming intro sewing classes - whether you're a total beginner or looking for a review, we welcome all levels for our 101s and 102s! These are project-based classes, starting with an introduction to a sewing machine and then taking you through a beginner friendly project. Each class teaches different skills, so you can take them all and keep learning something new! <https://www.swansonsfabrics.com/classes-workshops>

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Thursday, May 14

Susan B Anthony. "Failure is Impossible"

Gill Montague Senior Center

62 Fifth Street, 1pm. FREE! A historical performance by Sheryl Faye that helps audiences understand the impact that women have had on history. SHERYL FAYE currently star in 11 one-woman shows that I tour all over the world including Susan B. Anthony, ueen Elizabeth II, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sally Ride, Helen Keller, Abigail Adams, Eleanor Roosevelt, Clara Barton, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Amelia Aehardt, and Anne Frank. Learn more about Sheryl: <https://sherylfaye.com/>

### **SAVE THE DATE**

May 30

Unity Park/ Riverfront Area

[ReCloaking: ReCircling](#)

[Workshop with Elizabeth James-Perry](#)

10am-3pm (Drop-in). Free! RiverCulture invites you to a unique hands-on workshop led by biologist and artist Elizabeth James-Perry (Wampanoag). Working with natural materials

including seaweed, chlorophyll, oak gall, black walnut and logwood, participants will dye a piece of cotton fabric according to traditional Wampanoag practices. Participants will also have an opportunity to experiment with traditional fish printing and leave with their unique, handcrafted creation. All materials are provided

### [Musica Franklin Fun Fest](#)

1-5pm. Unity Park in Turners Falls

FREE! all-ages festival with live music, crafts, activities, and more!

A vibrant line-up of performers including The Lost Tribe, John Hughes & Stephen Katz, and Música Franklin students. The day will also showcase a lively parade and performance by the Expandable Brass Band and strolling mime performances by My My Mime. Grabbing a bite from Stone Soup Café and try a hands-on arts-and-crafts activity hosted by Artspace Greenfield.