You are invited to the 5th Annual Meeting of the Downtown Great Barrington Cultural District!

Thursday, October 26th at 9 am
Berkshire Food Co-op Community Room
34 Bridge Street, Great Barrington

Join us to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, and to hear about Cultural District activity in the coming year.

All are welcome - please share this invitation!
Please register in advance, we greatly appreciate it.

If you cannot make the meeting but would like to submit a question or comment, please e-mail: culturalgb@gmail.com.

REGISTER NOW

ArtWeek Berkshires begins Saturday!

County-Wide Event Features
Artists in All Disciplines

Berkshire County’s five Cultural Districts and 1Berkshire present ArtWeek Berkshires 2023, October 14-22.

Go to https://berkshires.org/artweek-berkshires/ for more information and to build your ArtWeek itinerary!
Katunemo The Journey II - Oct. 14 & 15

The art collective KATUNEMO presents their second edition of *El Viaje (The Journey)*, an immersive exhibition of paintings, photography, video, and more by 17 artists. Join us for the dance party on Oct 15th at 7 pm.

Bernay Fine Art’s Black & White Show - October 14, 15, 19, 20, 21 and 22

Bernay Fine Art is thrilled to present *Black and White*. Curated to celebrate the sheer elegance of grayscale, the exhibition invites art enthusiasts and nature lovers alike to immerse themselves in the intriguing world of black and white. The artists in the show are: Stephanie Anderson, Judith Braun, Warner Friedman, Guzman, Will Hutnick, Phil Knoll, Simona Prives and Eric Wolf.

Mark Olshansky + Allison Reimus: Real Abstraction - October 14-16,19-22

RA launches its 3rd exhibition, *Real Abstraction*, presenting new work by Mark Olshansky and Allison Reimus, an exhibition that engages and subverts stereotypes of gender, age, fine art, and craft.

The Acting Company: Odyssey - October 14 and 15

What will you do to go home again? Lisa Peterson’s stage adaptation of *The Odyssey, performed by Members of The Acting Company* brings new life to this ancient epic. Four young women trapped in the limbo of a refugee camp retell Odysseus’ adventures as they struggle with their own search for a home.
Natalie Tyler: Open Studio - Oct. 15

Natalie Tyler's sculptures are inspired by the natural world. She works in cast glass, bronze, and ceramics. Visit her Open Studio on October 15th to see her newest creations.

The Kindness Bench - October 15

Join singer/songwriter JoAnne Spies in a kindness collaboration. Together you’ll write a song, a poem, or simply a moment of stillness. This event takes place at the park bench on the corner of Main Street and Castle Street in Great Barrington. Suggested donation of $5-10.

Atelier Aver - October 15

Atelier Aver has an Open Studio showing paintings by Ruby Aver. Meet with the artist and hear about her process she calls Street Zen.

MAPS: Spooky Decay Art - October 18

MAPS, a local 501(c)(3) arts collective, are the Mason Library artists-in-residence. With the community, MAPS is installing a "Literature Garden". For ArtWeek, MAPS is offering a workshop bringing together sculpture and horticulture. MAPS will lead participants in creating sculptural works made of clay and embedded with native plant seeds. These sculptures will be placed in the library's garden. Over the winter, participants can check in on their work and watch as they decay throughout the season. Come spring, flowers will abound!

Salsa with Luana - October 18

Open to absolute beginners ages 12 to adult, Luana Dias David will teach a salsa dancing workshop that is easy, creative and fun! The
class will teach basic steps, partnering, and simple combinations. Tuition assistance is available.

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**Live Screen Printing - October 20**

Come and see us screen printing a multilayered design in our new store location in Great Barrington! Hosted by Bon Dimanche, 32 Railroad Street.

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**Virginia Bradley and Chris Malcomson Open Studio - October 21**

See where the artists work in their beautiful, bright large studios on Long Pond Rd in Great Barrington. Bradley and Malcomson are abstract painters, and Malcomson also creates small watercolors.

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**Open Studio with John Clarke and John Roberts - October 21**

Visual artists John Clarke and John Roberts will open their shared studio to the public on Saturday, October 21st from 2-6pm.

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**Train Stories: a reading with John Clarke and John Roberts - October 21**

Please join John Clarke and John Roberts as they read stories from their days hopping freight trains in the early 2000s.

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**Music and Poetry by Katie Herbst and Natasha Wein - October 21**
Local musician Katie Herbst and poet Natasha Wein will perform original songs and poems at the Center for Peace Through Culture. Katie and Natasha draw from personal experience to explore universal themes of connection, grief, and growth with nature imagery at the forefront; this is the first time they are integrating their individual work into a cohesive performance.

**My Favorite Artist has a Sweet Tooth - October 14-22**

Once again Team Robin has done it! Robin & Co. has a sweet way for you to participate in ArtWeek between gallery and performance visits. Stop into the Candy Shop during ArtWeek, tell us the favorite sweet of your favorite artist, and we will give you a free treat (and a toothbrush to keep that sweet tooth healthy!)

**Creative Economy Jobs**

Find Berkshire County in-person, remote, and hybrid jobs that pay a minimum of $40K a year in all fields, including arts, education, nonprofits, and related, at 1Berkshire's The Jobs Thing. Among some of the current openings of interest are:

- **Director of People and Culture, Norman Rockwell Museum**

You can also find exclusively creative economy jobs, including remote and hybrid opportunities, at MCC's HireCulture. Several sample postings are below.

- **Production Designer, Shakespeare & Co.**
- **Executive Director, Chesterwood**
- **Education Associate, Barrington Stage Company**
- **Deputy Director of Development, Barrington Stage Company**
- **Senior Manager of Membership, MASS MoCA**
- **Communications Coordinator (Assets for Artists), MASS MoCA**
- **After School Leader, Flying Cloud Institute**

**Arts Funding and Resources**
Curated information about funding and financial assistance for those working in the creative economy.

Learn about grants, events, opportunities, and resources, find fellowships and apprenticeships, and identify art spaces and resources by subscribing to MCC's Monthly Newsletter.

Resources for Arts Organizations - October 2023

An overview of MCC's FY24 Programs and Funding Opportunities is available HERE. Be sure to check out NEW programs including Grants for Creative Individuals and Operating Grants for Organizations.

Deadline to apply for grants through the Local Cultural Council Program: October 17, 2023. Learn more HERE.

Creative Capital is a nonprofit, grantmaking organization funding artists in the creation of groundbreaking new work, amplifying the impact of their work, and fostering sustainable artistic careers.

Artist Opportunities for October and November 2023

Upcoming opportunities on the Creative Capital website include the PEN America Literary Awards Robert J. Dau Short Story Prize for Emerging Writers (Deadline 11/1).

NEFA cultivates and promotes the arts in New England and beyond.

Check the NEFA website for a wide range of resources, including:

Recent Publications
Arts & Accessibility
Community Initiatives
Racial & Social Justice Resources

The ArtsHub site regularly updates with opportunities, events, news, and more.

See profiles and list yourself here and learn about promoting yourself on NEFA's related site: CreativeGround.

ArtsHub is an ever-evolving idea designed to highlight and bring together the amazing artists, organizations, and events that are happening within the creative communities of Western Mass.

MASSCreative's Organizing and Advocacy Fellowship is a stipended year-long advocacy leadership development cohort.
Mass Creative advocates for a well-resourced and equitable creative sector essential to the economic and civic vibrancy of Massachusetts.

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| **What:** Clarion Concerts: Young Concert Artists on Tour  
**When:** October 15  
**Where:** Saint James Place  
**Details:** Clarion Concerts presents Young Concert Artists on Tour featuring the music of Ludwig van Beethoven, Joseph Marx, Salina Fisher, and Robert Schumann. |
| **What:** Scott Eyerly's Virtual Met Opera Lecture: Heggie's Dead Man Walking  
**When:** October 19  
**Where:** The Mahaiwe  
**Details:** Scott Eyerly will offer a free opera talk via Zoom the Thursday prior to the Metropolitan Opera’s broadcast the following weekend. |
| **What:** Met Opera Live in HD: Jake Heggie's Dead Man Walking  
**When:** October 21  
**Where:** The Mahaiwe  
**Details:** Jake Heggie’s powerful work has its highly anticipated Met premiere in a new production by Ivo van Hove. Based on Sister Helen Prejean’s memoir about her fight for the soul of a condemned murderer, Dead Man Walking matches the high drama of its subject with Heggie’s poignant music and a libretto by Tony and Emmy Award–winner Terrence McNally. |
Qué: El gran león (2018)
Cuando: 21 de octubre
Dónde: The Mahaiwe

Detalles: León Godoy (Carlos Alcántara) mide un metro y treinta y seis centímetros y no es intimidado por nadie. Aún menos, si se trata de Ivana Cornejo, una hermosa abogada divorciada a quien conoce por las cosas del destino, y con quién tiene una conexión fulminante. Ambos deben combatir los prejuicios de la sociedad – los propios y de los demás – para confirmar que las más grandes historias de amor siempre se presentan de las maneras más inimaginables.

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What: Alan Cumming & Ari Shapiro: Och & Oy! A Considered Cabaret
When: October 27
Where: The Mahaiwe

Details: Alan Cumming (Cabaret, The Good Wife) and Ari Shapiro (NPR’s All Things Considered, Pink Martini) both transport audiences to other worlds through their stories. Now, they’re joining forces in SONG. Enjoy an evening of tunes and tall tales titled Och & Oy! A Considered Cabaret.

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What: Crescendo: Fantastic Baroque!
When: October 28
Where: Saint James Place

Details: Join us for Crescendo’s 20th Season Celebration Concert on October 28 at 4pm! This festive program features music for chorus, soloists, and orchestra by European and Latin American composers.

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What: Beetlejuice (1988)
When: October 28
Where: The Mahaiwe

Details: Tim Burton’s Beetlejuice is fantasy-comedy cult classic featuring Micheal Keaton as the titular eccentric spirit, and Alec Baldwin and Geena Davis as a married-couple-turned-ghosts in pursuit of peace in the afterlife.
Mass Office of Travel and Tourism

The Massachusetts Official Travel and Tourism (MOTT) website includes a FREE business database where you can list your business! To get started, visit their website, where you can sign on as a new business or update your information if you are already registered.

Are you making the most of the #mylocalMA campaign? Submit Your Story for a chance to be featured on social media and in MOTT's My Local MA e-newsletter. You can find more information and resources at Lovemylocalma.com.