

June 2025

Your DGB Cultural District E-News



Great Barrington Farmers Market

[The Great Barrington Farmers Market](#) runs every Saturday Mother's Day weekend thru the second week in November. The market is located at 18 Church St - just behind the Lee Bank on Main St.

The market includes vendors from local farms, including Indian Line Farm, Chaseholm Farm, Off the Shelf Farm, and Cricket Creek Farm, along with bakeries including Berkshire Mountain Bakery, Our Daily Bread Bakery, and Pastries by Hanna.

Other vendors include, Justamere Tree Farm, Ayakoito Japanese Kitchen, and After Hours Great Barrington, just to name a few.



The Great Barrington Farmers Market makes a distinct effort to bring fresh local food to all. The market accepts and offer doubling of SNAP and HIP, WIC and Senior market coupons.

Please visit the market managers table and we will be happy to help you use your benefits to purchase fresh local food for you and your family!

Great Barrington Artist Market (GBAM) x The Great Barrington Farmers Market- The Great Barrington Artist Market (GBAM) runs in conjunction with the Great Barrington Farmers Market every Saturday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

GBAM is a curated outdoor market featuring local and regional handmade gifts and products. Artisans include Planted



Pigments, Reism Ceramics, Petit Plou, Breakout Press Co., Liamolly, Ava Rogers Jewelry, JK Custom Furniture, Katie Nare Jewelry, and more!

Be sure to check out GBAM's social media @ GB Arts Market to stay up-to-date on market happenings and weekly artisan line-ups.

Please note - For our customer's safety and convenience, the Town of Great Barrington has asked that we make every effort to ease traffic on Main Street for people who are visiting the market on Saturday morning.

The intersection of Church and Main will be closed. Customers coming from the North on Main Street are asked to turn left on Pleasant Street to River Street to Church Street. Customers coming from the South are asked to turn right on Bridge Street to School Street to Church Street.

There is available parking on Pleasant Street, River Street, Church Street, and School Street, Behind Searle's Middle School, on the Jane Iredale lot adjacent to their warehouse, and in the parking lot on School Street South of the Iredale headquarters building.

Please follow the [link](#) to learn more about where to park!



W.E.B Du Bois Sculpture Project

Join us on Saturday, July 19th at 2:00 pm for the official unveiling of the W.E.B. Du Bois monument at the Mason Public Library in downtown Great Barrington!

[From the W. E. B. Du Bois Sculpture Project](#) - W. E. B. Du Bois (1868-1963),

born and educated in Great Barrington, was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard achieving world fame as a sociologist, historian, and founder of the NAACP. A prolific author and advocate for the full integration of Blacks into American society, his collection of essays, *The Souls of Black Folk*, is a seminal work in African American literature.

Three years ago, an independent group of local citizens began raising funds to celebrate Great Barrington's most famous native son by erecting a monument to him in front of the Mason Public Library.

In partnership with the town, the group has repaired the library's crumbling steps, added a custom-made, curved marble bench for community events, and will now place a life-size statue of W.E.B. Du Bois on that bench, where visitors from all over can pay homage to him.



Richard Blake with clay model of the Du Bois statue

Volunteers Needed: Members from the sculpture project are looking for volunteers for event set-up, taking place on July 18th in the evening, as well as event clean up, which will be taking place on the 19th at 4:00 pm.

- If you are interested please contact Peter Cherneff - petercherneff@gmail.com

Berkshire Busk!

Returning Friday, June 27th & Saturday, June 28th, starting at 6:30 pm [Berkshire Busk!](#) returns to downtown Great Barrington!

Berkshire Busk! strives to improve community engagement and economic development during the summer in Great Barrington's downtown cultural district by harnessing artistic talent from the community and beyond to create a new and vibrant downtown cultural experience!

This outdoor summertime event series runs from June through August taking place every weekend with performances on Main Street, Railroad Street, and the Triplex Cinema Courtyard!

Berkshire Busk! is free for the entire community to attend! Click the link to check out the [Berkshire Busk! 2025 lineup](#).



Berkshire Busk!

OtherWords Reading Series

[OtherWords](#), is a monthly poetry reading series that takes place at the Mason Library. Curated by poets [Michael Gottlieb](#) and [Evelyn Reilly](#), *OtherWords* is a continuation of the series that was hosted at the Familiar Trees Bookstore and RA Gallery on Railroad Street for the past two years.

June's poetry reading features Carol Diehl, Sue Landers, and Zoe Tuck.

[Carol Diehl](#) is an exhibiting artist and art critic who has been a blogger and early slam performance poet. A former Contributing Editor to *Art in America*, she has taught both painting and writing at Bennington College and the Graduate Fine Arts Program of the School of Visual Arts (NY). Carol has been Visiting Artist and lecturer at, among others, Yale University, Stanford University, University of Pennsylvania, Rochester Institute of Technology, and the University for the Creative Arts (U.K.). Her book, "Banksy: Completed," was published by The MIT Press in 2021.

[Sue Landers](#) is a poet and a pedestrian. Her latest book, *What to Carry Into the Future*, emerged from riding every New York City subway line from end to end. Sue is a former executive director of Lambda Literary. She is also the author of *Franklinstein*, *248 mgs.*, *a panic picnic* and *Covers*. Her chapbooks include *Sidewalk Naturalist*, *15: A Poetic Engagement with the Chicago Manual of Style* and *What I Was Tweeting While You Were On Facebook*.

[Zoe Tuck](#) was born in Texas, became a person in California, and now lives in Massachusetts. She is the author of *Bedroom Vowel*, *Terror Matrix* and the chapbooks *Vape Cloud of Unknowing* and *The Book of Bella*. Zoe is the co-editor of Hot Pink Magazine with Emily Bark Brown. She teaches literature and creative writing classes through her school, Threshold Academy.

The series is free and open to all! Be sure to check-out the Mason Libraries [calendar of events](#) to stay up to date on the monthly series!

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CAROL DIEHL
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Guild of Berkshire Artists

Creative Diversity - New Spring Exhibition at the Colonial Theatre Sponsored by the Guild of Berkshire Artists! Come see *Creative Diversity* at the Colonial and don't miss Berkshire Theatre Group's rich selection of diverse and thought provoking works this season.

"Creative Diversity" consists of TEN works of art selected from Guild of Berkshire Artist applicants by a jury. Media include oils on linen and canvas, photo transfer on metal and Cochineal on paper-print and styles range from realistic to the abstract.

The lobby exhibit showcases the artistic strength and stylistic diversity of the submissions The Berkshire Theatre Group's coming season is chock full of provocative creative diversity with plays like David Lynch's *The Elephant Man* to Ronald Dahl's *Matilda* and everything in between. Diversity is part of who we are and the GBA's show in the Colonial Theater lobby is no exception.



Guild of Berkshire Artists

Works range from photographic realism to impressionistic landscapes to gestural abstract expressionism and you are left to use your creative diversity to make your own interpretation.

Located in the Colonial Theater lobby the exhibit is open May 3rd - July 12th, Tuesdays through Saturdays noon to 5:00 p.m. during box office hours.

All works are for sale and a portion of each sale will go to the education efforts of the Berkshire Theatre Group and The Guild of Berkshire Artists, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that educates members and the public about art and contributes to the quality of life in the Berkshires.

For more information visit [Berkshire Theatre group](#) and [Berkshire Artists](#).

Creative Economy Jobs

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

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:

- [Co-Executive Director, Berkshire Environmental Action Team](#)
- [Human Resources Generalist / Deputy Title IX coordinator, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts](#)
- [Social Workers and Mental Health Counselors, The Brien Center](#)



HireCulture

Creative employment in Massachusetts



- [Senior Manager of Advancement Operations, Mass MoCA](#)
- [Chief Deputy Advancement Officer, Mass MoCA](#)
- [Director of Facilities and Safety, Norman Rockwell Museum](#)

The National Organization for Arts in Health (NOAH) provides transformational leadership to bring the arts in health together and advance the field.



Check out current open hybrid/remote positions in the field of arts in health [here](#).

Arts Funding and Resources

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



Learn about grants, events, and resources, find fellowships and apprenticeships, and identify art spaces by subscribing to [MCC's Monthly Newsletter](#)

[Opportunities & Resources for Orgs – June 2025](#)

Farmers Market Promotion Program - funds projects that develop, coordinate, and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Awards range from \$50,000 to \$500,000. Deadline: June 27, 2025.

Levitt Foundation - accepting applications for multi-year, \$120K Levitt Music Series Grants, which are open to U.S.-based nonprofits to activate underused public spaces through free outdoor concerts in towns and cities across America. Deadline: June 30th, 2025.

Destination Development capital grant program - \$6 million available in FY26 for nonprofit and municipal applicants to expand, construct, restore, or renovate Massachusetts tourism destinations and attractions. Projects located within a

designated Cultural District may receive priority consideration.
Deadline: July 9th, 2025.

An overview of MCC's FY24 Programs and Funding Opportunities is available [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 June and July 2025](#)

[Center for Contemporary Printmaking](#) - The Center for Contemporary Printmaking is fortunate to provide a dedicated studio for our Residency Program: the Helen Frankenthaler Printmaking Cottage. Within this space Resident Artists have the opportunity to produce a body of work in a supportive atmosphere for creative growth and development—using traditional as well as innovative printmaking techniques. The intention of the residency is to offer artists uninterrupted time and privacy 24/7 in a well-equipped studio with onsite living accommodations.

deadline: July 1st, 2025.

[AXS Film Fund](#) - This program is for creators of color in documentary filmmaking or nonfiction new media who identify as living with a disability. We seek to bring visibility to creators who are oftentimes overlooked. While we prefer that a person of color living with a disability is a key contributor to the project, we welcome diverse teams to apply.

Each year we award up to five creators with grants of up to \$10,000 each to assist them in finishing their projects in any stage of production.

Deadline: July 31st, 2025.



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.



Mass Creative advocates for a well-resourced and equitable creative sector essential to Massachusetts's economic and civic vibrancy.

MASSCreative's [Action Network](#) fights for policies that benefit cultural nonprofits, creative businesses, and individual artists in Massachusetts. Where arts, culture, and creativity are recognized as vital components of civically engaged, economically vibrant, and equitable communities.

Great Barrington Public Libraries: Programming & Events



Adult Programs - Mason Library

Open Mic

- Join us for open mic night every third Friday. Share your poetry, play unplugged music, and make connections with other local creatives.
- June 20th - 4:00 pm | July 18th - 4:00 pm

Author Talk: *Huzza!* by Timothy Symington

- June 27th - 4:00 pm

OtherWords Reading Series: Enjoy spoken word poetry and refreshments.

- These events are curated by Michael Gottlieb and Evelyn Reilly, and sponsored by the Friends of Great Barrington Libraries & Board of Library Trustees.
- June 28th - 4:00 pm

1 on 1 Financial Planning with Luke Delorme, CFP, of Tableaux Wealth has offered to give 30 minute appointments to our patrons. Schedule yours today!

- See available appointments on our website. Each appointment is 45 minutes in

- length.
- July 10th

Author Talk: Where the Pulse Lives: a Memoir of Growing Up Gay in the 20th Century by John Loughery

- July 11th - 4:00 pm
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Children's Programs - Mason Library

Brain Builders

- Join Cate each week in this playgroup to explore, think, create, and play. We always have story time and play. Ages 2+, no registration required.
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am

Sing and Dance Together

- Join Cate to sing circle time songs, play drums, bells, and shakers. We'll dance together and play with balls and hoops. Lots of musical fun!
- Fridays, 10:30 am

Lego Building

- Drop in and build with our collection of Legos. Meet up with friends or play with your family! Please leave your personal Legos at home. Ages 5 and up.
- Fridays, 4:00 pm

Youth Chess Lessons

- Mason Library will be hosting free chess lessons for ages 8 and up. No registration required.
- Saturdays, 12:00 pm

Teen Comic Workshop

- The teen comic workshop will be an all-day event for kids ages 12-18 where visiting artist March Grabber will teach the basics of comic creation through presentations, group activities, and a final comic assignment.
- June 21st, 10:00 am

Dot Painting

- Stop by our craft room and paint a sports picture using dot painting.
- June 21st, 1:00 pm

Mason Summer Reading Kick-off

- Kick off the first weekend of Summer Reading with us! We'll have an ice cream taste testing and cornhole at Mason, where you can check out the garden as it gears up for summer right along with us.
 - June 28th, 1:00 pm
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Be sure to visit the [Great Barrington Pubic Libraries](#) website to view more and programming and events!

What | When | Where

What: [Los Lobos](#)

When: Friday, June 20th | 8:00 pm

Where: Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center

Details: Together for over 50 years, Los



Lobos have built an impressive legacy. In between 100-plus concerts a year for five decades running – amassing millions of fans in the process – Los Lobos have released 17 studio albums, seven live records, three compilations, two EPs, and two feature videos.



What: [New York Theatre Workshop's Mind the Gap, Intergenerational Performance Program](#)

When: Monday, June 23rd - Friday, June 27th | Public Performance June 27th, 7:00 pm

Where: Indigo room

Details: Mind the Gap is a free intergenerational theatre program in which youth and elders interview each other and collectively create a performance piece inspired by each other's life stories. The workshop will culminate with a public presentation in which the collaborative work is performed by the participants.



What: [A Jewish Journey Through Broadway](#)

When: Friday, June 27th, 7:30 pm & Saturday, June 28th, 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Where: Saint James Place

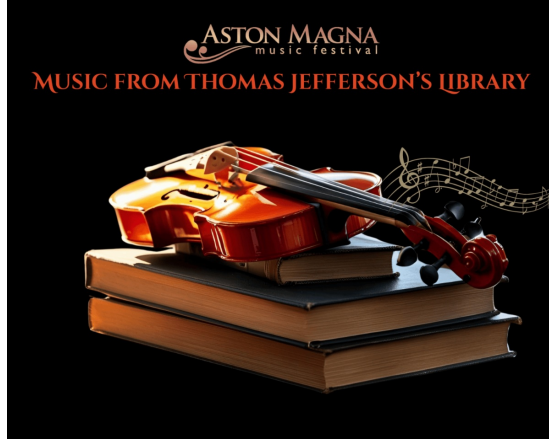
Details: You loved A Jewish Journey Part I so you are sure to enjoy the same journey from 1980-Present !! Revisit iconic shows and songs made famous by Jewish composers of Broadway. Listen to the songs of Sondheim, Kander and Ebb, Frank Wildhorn, Alan Menken, Stephen Schwartz, Pasek and Paul, Marc Shaiman, William Finn, Ahrens and Flaherty, Jason Robert Brown, some of our most prolific Jewish Broadway composers.

What: [Music from Thomas Jefferson's Library](#)

When: Saturday, July 12th, 3:00 pm

Where: Saint James Place

Details: Music from Thomas Jefferson's Library Geminiani, Balbastre, Arne, Purcell, Mozart, Weber Sylvia Berry, harpsichord



and fortepiano; Kristen Watson, soprano; Daniel Stepner, baroque violin.



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](#).

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