

August 2025

## Your DGB Cultural District E-News



## Triplex International Youth Film Festival

Celebrating Youth Filmmakers From Around the World - the Triplex International Youth Film Festival takes place September 19th through the 21st!

Our inaugural 2025 TRI FEST is a space for filmmakers 25 years and younger to showcase their films, connect with peer filmmakers, and be heard.

Want to submit a film? As long as you are 25 years old or younger, we welcome films of all genres and lengths, made with any camera — including mobile phones and other devices.

The TRIPLEX CINEMA hosts movies, filmmaker visits, and cultural events—all rooted in the belief that cinema is a powerful space for connection, dialogue, and inspiration.

To learn more about the event visit the [link](#)!



## Festival Latino of the Berkshires 2025

Festival Latino of the Berkshires celebrates Hispanic Heritage. Taking place on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 12:00 pm. to 6:00 pm., behind the Great Barrington Town Hall

and Saint James Place.

**The Festival is free of charge, open to the public and alcohol-free.**

- Food Vendors
- Sale of Traditional Crafts
- Social Services
- Dance Companies
- and more!

The Festival offers an outdoor and indoor gathering of joy and learning for all who attend — and offers the opportunity for the Latino community to rediscover its roots, strengthen its identity and artistic tendencies.



## Indigo Room Grand Opening

Great Barrington, Mass.—The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will hold a Grand Opening Celebration for its new performance space the Indigo Room from October 10th through October 12th, with performances by jazz vocalist Ann Hampton Callaway, blues guitarist Guy Davis, and family-friendly musician Terry A La Berry, among ceremonial festivities throughout the weekend. Further programming for the Indigo Room is also announced.

The Indigo Room is a flexible performance space in the former Great Barrington firehouse building at 20 Castle Street, next door to the historic Mahaiwe theater.

Seating in the Indigo Room is modular, allowing different audience capacities based on the nature of a program. About 80 patrons fit in an arrangement of café

tables; 100 in plain rows; and 150 when standing-room-only. These seating plans can be customized in various combinations, such as with plain rows behind café tables in front.



“The Mahaiwe team is thrilled to celebrate the opening of the Indigo Room,” says Mahaiwe Executive Director Janis Martinson. “Over the weekend we will demonstrate exactly what the Indigo Room will be: a versatile performance space with a true range of offerings. Between comedy, cabaret, blues, family fun and more, we hope to appeal to all entertainment appetites in our community. Come toast this new cultural hub in downtown Great Barrington!”

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- Tickets to Terry A La Berry, Guy Davis, Matt Cusson, Ann Hampton Callaway and Isaiah J. Thompson are on sale now!
  - Tickets can be purchased online at [mahaiwe.org/events](http://mahaiwe.org/events), or by calling or visiting the Box Office, 413-528-0100, on Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

## *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.

The September poetry reading will take place Saturday the 27th at 4pm. The reading features Nathan Kernan, Peter Gizzi, and Geoffrey Young.



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## Great Barrington Historic Walking Tours

The Great Barrington Historical Society offers two, self-guided walking tours now available on the Apple and Android App Store!

The *Great Barrington Walking Tour* allows visitors to explore the history of Great Barrington from its colonial origins, through the industrial revolution, to the Gilded Age and the 20th century.

While the second historic walking tour allows visitors to explore the Du Bois Freedom Center. This tour explores the history of African American heritage in the Berkshires, the biography of W.E.B Du Bois, and the story of the town's first black church.

Download the Great Barrington Walking Tour App and explore the towns rich history, cultural significance, and historic sites!



## Guild of Berkshire Artists - *Still Life*

*Still Life* as an opportunity for artists to explore their own personal ideas of Composition, including light, color, control of space, telling a story and creating a mini-landscape (in two or three dimensions) – while also celebrating the beauty of common everyday objects, including containers, flora, fauna and other interesting inert objects.

For this show, Lori Bradley brings the outdoors inside to create more intimate versions of her broad view landscape paintings. She likes the flexibility of being able to arrange and rearrange objects, including birds, until she discovers the “right” composition.

Mary Davidson finds self expression through channeling her emotions onto the canvas with a semi-abstract style, intricate detail and a vibrant color palette.

In contrast, the work of Keith Davidson explores the natural world up close and in detail, creating an eye-popping world of tiny leaves and blossoms writ large.

Margie Skaggs finds *Still Life* a great opportunity to experiment with various configurations of her work in clay – by arranging and rearranging pieces to create a pleasing composition or by pairing her 3-dimensional objects with her show colleagues’ 2-dimensional works. Her work is influenced by classical European and ancient Japanese ceramics.

The exhibit is on display at Art on Main Gallery located in West Stockbridge taking place now through September 1st.

# Still Life

July 31 - September 1, 2025

on display at **Art on Main** | Gallery

Show Hours: Thur - Sun, 11am - 4pm  
38 Main Street, West Stockbridge, MA  
Reception: Saturday August 2, 2 - 4pm



Mary Davidson



Lori Bradley



Margie Skaggs



Keith Davidson



Visit the  
webpage



## 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:

- [Director of Corporate Relations, Massachusetts](#)

[College of Liberal Arts](#)

- [Program Supervisor - Mobile Crisis Intervention, The Brien Center](#)
- [Assistant Professor of Engineering, Berkshire Community College](#)



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- [Community Engagement Coordinator, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival](#)
- [Associate Individual Giving Director, Williamstown Theatre Festival](#)
- [Director of Finance, Shakespeare & Company](#)

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 – August 2025](#)

**U.S. Department of Agriculture's Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program** provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business

undertakings. Deadline: Rolling

**The Brooks and Joan Fortune Family Foundation** provides funds to support education, art, and outreach programs and projects. Projects with clear activities and goals with a defined outcome are preferred. Funding requests between \$1,000 and \$10,000 will receive greater consideration. Deadline: Rolling

**Mattina R. Proctor Foundation** provides project support to help nonprofit organizations in Maine and Massachusetts with projects focused on education, music, arts, and media to bolster their communities. Grants up to \$50,000 are available. Deadline: Rolling

An overview of MCC's FY25 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 September and October 2025](#)

[Alterwork Residency](#) - This residency was designed to allow emerging contemporary artists time and space to create new work exploring their practice. Artists may submit a proposal of how they intend to utilize the space as a studio to create new work or a specific project. The residency will culminate in a solo closing reception that is promoted across our extensive network. Proposals should have a contemporary art focus showing experimentation and career reach for the artist. We are especially interested in projects that involve conceptual art, practice or theory or involve the public in their creative process. Deadline: September 30th, 2025

[Craft Research Fund Grant Kit](#) - Grants up to \$15,000 are awarded to support new and interdisciplinary research about craft in the United States. In addition to receiving this prestigious award and funding, recipients of the Craft Research Fund will become members of the Center for Craft Alumni Network. This social platform is designed exclusively for current and previous grantees and offers valuable resources,



networking opportunities, and ongoing support for craft research.

Deadline: October 17th, 2025



*Access online courses and resources designed to help artists build thriving practices at any career stage and in any discipline.*

[Creative Capital Artist Lab](#) - is a new online professional development curriculum designed to help artists build thriving practices at any career stage and in any discipline. Free for individual use, courses are created by art professionals, industry experts, and fellow artists who share vital concepts, skills, and tools to help grow artists' careers—including courses on crafting artist statements, grant proposals, managing multiple income streams, and more.

Videos include ASL and Spanish interpretation, as well as CART services.



*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](#)

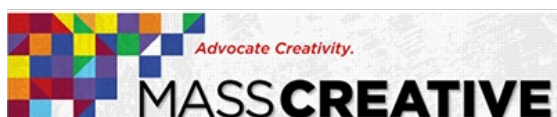
[Racial & Social Justice Resources](#)



*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.*

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.](#)



*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**

### Demystifying Decluttering & Moving with Emily Kloeblen

- Interested to simplify your belongings to create space? Overwhelmed by the prospect of moving yourself or a loved one? Having a hard time feeling settled in your new home? All That Matters Organizing & Move Management will share helpful tips and tricks for tackling the often daunting task of downsizing, moving and resettling.
- Friday, August 29th - 4:00 pm

### Classical Music Listening Party

- In conjunction with the addition of this new database, we will be holding a program to provide a tutorial on how to take advantage of this wealth of music. Alongside the tutorial, we'll listen to some music! The playlist will be curated by Jamie, the Head of Programming, and a trained classical musician herself. These Classical Music Listening Parties will continue to be held on every first Friday of the month with new playlists and new discussion topics for listeners to enjoy.
- Friday, September, 5th - 4:00 pm

### Open Mic Night!

- Join us for open mic night! Every third Friday you can come share your poetry, play unplugged music, and make connections with other local creatives. Open Mic Night is a great time to get together with friends and make new ones in your community, all while taking advantage of a platform for talent and originality in your area.
- Friday, September 19th - 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.
- Thursdays

### Author Talk: Getting to Know You by Claudia Gold

- Dr. Claudia Gold presents her book Getting to Know You, which is relevant not just for practitioners working with infants, but also parents and caregivers. The book comes from both developmental science and extensive clinical experience and describes how taking a stance of not-knowing can help us find our way into another person's experience, offering the greatest opportunity for connection, growth, and healing.
- Friday, September 26th - 4:00 pm

OtherWords Reading Series: Enjoy spoken word poetry and refreshments.

- Saturday, September 27th - 4:00 pm

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### **Children's Programs - Mason Library**

Read to or Visit a Therapy Dog!

- Join us in the Children's Room most Friday mornings at 11:30, to meet a therapy dog who will be available for an hour for patrons to greet, pet, and read to.
- Fridays - 11:30 am

Brain Builders

- Join Cate for fun and games that make us smart! Ages 2+ and their caregivers.
- Tuesdays - 10:30 am

Sing and Dance

- Looking for a way to get up, get out, and get moving? Join us for some bouncy musical fun at the library! We'll sing, dance and play together with drums, bells, balls and hoops. Lots of musical fun for ages 0-5!
- Fridays - 10:30 am

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Be sure to visit the [Great Barrington Public Libraries](#) website to view more and programming and events!

## What | When | Where



**What:** [Berkshire Opera Festival: La Traviata](#)

**When:** Friday, August 29th | 7:30 pm

**Where:** Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center

**Details:** Set amid the splendor of Parisian nightlife, Giuseppe Verdi's timeless tale of love and sacrifice has become one of the most beloved operas of all time. Violetta lives a life of decadence and grandeur until she finds true love for the first time with Alfredo. They leave high society for a life in the countryside together, but when fate intervenes, Violetta must make an agonizing choice. Verdi's exquisite melodies and rousing choruses are a perfect accompaniment for this doomed romance.

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**What:** [Wanda Houston @ Jazz Jams](#)

**When:** Wednesday, September, 10th | 7:00 pm

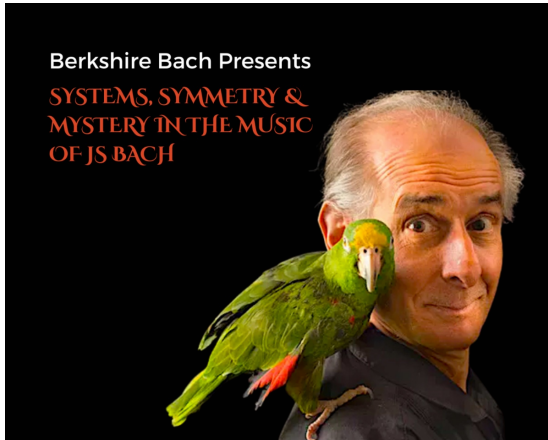
**Where:** Dewey Hall

**Details:** Jazz lovers, jazz musicians, instrumentalists, and vocalists are welcome



at this event!

- \$10-\$25 suggested donation at the door. This is a Card to Culture event. WIC, EBT, and ConnectorCare Cardholders receive free admission.



**What:** [Systems, Symmetry and Mystery in the Music of J.S. Bach](#)

**When:** Saturday, September 13th | 3:00 pm

**Where:** Saint James Place

**Details:** Berkshire Bach and BBS Portals presents Bruce Adolphe, star of “Piano Puzzlers” and Resident Lecturer and Director of Family Concerts of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, in an entertaining and thought provoking program that changes the way we hear Bach’s music. Eugene Drucker hosts a conversation after the presentation on Saturday, September 13 at 3:00pm. Ticket prices: \$40 BBS members/\$45 nonmembers.



**What:** [Dahlia Festival Contest](#)

**When:** Saturday, September 21st | 12:00 pm

**Where:** Dewey Hall

**Details:** Our main event, on Saturday, will consist of a visually stunning display of dahlias submitted for the homegrown dahlia contest which attendees will be mesmerized by, while perusing gorgeous bouquets available for purchase at the bouquet bar, making a flower crown, and enjoying food and beverages available for purchase. There will also be an assortment of local vendors, a garden information booth, and a raffle of fabulous horticultural prizes.

**Be sure to follow the Downtown Great Barrington Cultural District on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date on all the latest news and events happening downtown!**





### 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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