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Your DGB Cultural District E-News



Paying Tribute to Saint James Co- Founder Fred Harris

Fred Harris, co-founder of Saint James Place, entrepreneur, race car driver, and loving husband, died on June 13, 2026 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, after suffering a heart attack. He had been managing serious cardiac conditions for many years. He was 84.

Fred's most enduring legacy may be Saint James Place. In 2008, St. James Episcopal Church on Great Barrington's Main Street faced imminent demolition due to serious structural damage. Fred and his wife, Sally, committed themselves to saving the historic landmark. Through years of hard work and determination, they repurposed the 1857 gothic stone church and adjoining parish hall into a vibrant cultural center for the Berkshires.



Since opening in 2017, Saint James Place has provided a home to dozens of arts and nonprofit organizations, including The People's Pantry. The center welcomes thousands of residents and visitors each year for performances, community programs, and cultural events. Fred considered the creation of Saint James Place to be one of the most important and rewarding endeavors of his life.

Those wishing to honor Fred's memory are encouraged to support [Saint James Place](#) in whatever way feels meaningful, helping to sustain the mission he cared about so deeply.

New to the Cultural District



[The Mossy Cauldron](#), an old-world apothecary inspired by the woodland landscapes of the Berkshires, opened at 35 Railroad Street. Owner Jessica Rosario first started her career over ten years ago in Great Barrington where she first sold her handmade candles at the Great Barrington Farmers Market.

A larger grand opening celebration is planned for later this summer, but visitors are welcome to stop in!



[Meadow House Shop](#), located at 15 Bridge Street (the former Hammertown location) offers curated home furnishings and lifestyle goods. The shop is open daily from 10:00am to 5:00pm, and closed on Tuesdays.

Be sure to follow Meadow House on all platforms to stay up-to-date on future events and giveaways.

Berkshire Busk! 2026

Berkshire Busk! is back with another jam-packed summer schedule with performances every weekend, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, from now until Labor Day.

In addition to the evening performances, make sure to check out the artists performing at the GB Farmers Market on Saturday mornings and the Berkshire Mountain Distillers on Saturday afternoons.

This season will feature two new activities—Busk! Artists will hold a pop-up in July at the lawn in Housatonic, and this season is pleased to announce its first collaboration with Tanglewood!

On Saturday, August 1st at 6:30 PM, Fellows of the Tanglewood Music Center and musicians from the Boston University Tanglewood Institute, alongside Berkshire Busk! artists will be performing at the stages in the Barrington House Courtyard next to the Triplex Cinema. Additionally, on Tuesday, August 4th, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM Berkshire Busk! Artists will be performing on the lawn at Tanglewood for the Tanglewood on Parade.

To find out more about this summer's lineup, visit the [Berkshire Busk!](#) website.



Town of Great Barrington Summer Concert Series

The Town of Great Barrington Summer Concert Series officially begins June 2026!

Upcoming performances include:

- The BTU's - Friday, July 24
- Wanda Houston Band - Friday, July 31
- Todd Mack - Friday, August 14



All concerts are free to attend and begin at 5:30PM on Wednesdays and Fridays. Performances are weather permitting, please visit the [Town of Great Barrington Summer Concert Series Facebook page](#) for the latest updates!

Great Barrington Historic Walking Tours



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:

- [Social Workers and Mental Health Counselors, The Brein Center](#)

- [Director of Philanthropy and Engagement](#)

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- [Events and Fundraising Coordinator, The Du Bois Freedom Center](#)
- [Interim Studio Manager, Snow Farm: The New England Craft Program](#)

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



Use the [NOAH website](#) to check out current open hybrid/remote positions in the field of arts in health.

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 Organizations](#)

[Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund](#) awards grants to Massachusetts nonprofit organizations for capital projects in social welfare, visual arts, and land conservation. Priority is given to well-planned projects with lasting community impact. Deadline: August 1, 2026.

New England Foundation for the Art's [New England States Touring \(NEST\) Grant](#) supports nonprofit organizations to present touring regional, national, and international artists in venues across New England.

Through a competitive selection process, the amount of funding awarded is based on the extent to which the project meets the funding criteria. Partial funding is available and there are options for other funding sources. Deadline: August 3, 2026.

Mass Office of Travel & Tourism's (MOTT) [FY27 Destination Development Capital Grants](#) support improved facilities and destinations with the goals of increasing visitation, enticing repeat visitation, and increasing the direct and indirect economic impacts of the tourism industry in all regions of the Commonwealth. Eligible projects will enhance tourism resources and infrastructure and will aid in destination resiliency. MOTT will strive to take geographic equity into consideration, and projects with a presence in a designated Cultural District or relate to nature-based/agricultural/rural tourism. Deadline: August 11, 2026.

Follow the link for an overview of [MCC's FY27 Programs and Funding Opportunities](#) is available.

Creative Capital

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.

[Creative Capital Artist Opportunities](#)

Find residencies, grants, and award opportunities for artists working in all disciplines.

Creative Capital

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

[Creative Capital Artist Lab](#)

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.

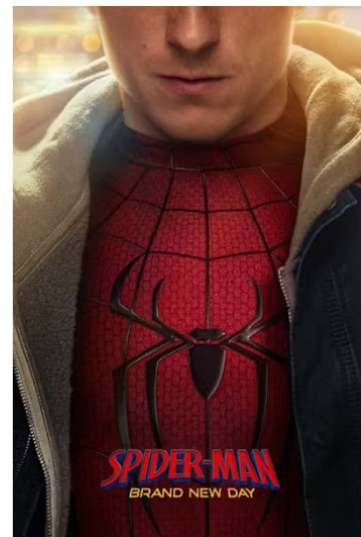
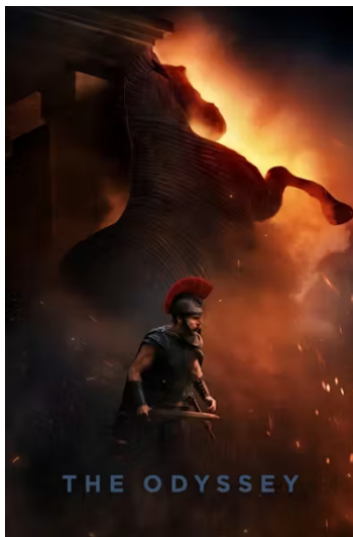
[See profiles and list yourself here](#) and [learn about promoting yourself on NEFA's related site: CreativeGround.](#)



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.

The Triplex Cinema - July New Releases



Be sure to click the link to view upcoming [Triplex showtimes and special events!](#)

Great Barrington Libraries - Mason Library

Adult Programming for July:

- Free 1 on 1 Financial Consultation: Luke Delorme, CFP, of Tableaux Wealth has offered to give 30 minute appointments to our patrons. Contact Dawn to schedule, djardine@townofgbma.gov
- Let There Be Light: Author Efrem Sigel discusses his new book. 4:30PM, 7/21
- Phone Photography & Organizing: There is a world of photography in your pocket. Learn how to make the most of it with tech educator Jimmy Hall. 4:30PM, 7/22
- American Mahjong for Beginners: Join us in the Mason Community Room for an introduction to American Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own covered drink. Exit is via Pleasant Street. You may want to park accordingly. Sponsored by the Friends of GB Libraries. Registration required. 4:30PM, every Thursday
- OtherWords Poetry: Poets Steve Clay, Julie Harrison, and E. J. McAdams, curated by Evelyn Reilly and Michael Gottlieb. Sponsored by the Friends of GB Libraries and Board of Library Trustees. 4:00PM, 7/25

Children and Teen Programming for July:

- Stream Table Program: Stop by to dip your hands in this exploration of water. 10:30AM, 7/22
- Storytime with Gracie: Come by to meet Gracie the therapy dog, stay for a story. 10:30AM, 7/23
- Brain Builders: Join us for a fun weekly drop-in program designed especially for curious two-year-olds (younger kids and older preschoolers welcome too.) Ages 2+, 10:30AM, every Tuesday
- Sing & Dance: Looking for a way to get up, get out, and get moving? We'll sing, dance and play together with drums, bells, balls and hoops. Circle time, dancing and lots of fun! Registration required, ages 0-5, 10:30AM, every Friday
- We Love Stories!: We Love Stories is a free drop-in group for toddlers and young children (ages 3+). Each week, we'll share a picture book and create a simple craft inspired by the story. Ages 3+, 12:30PM, every Tuesday in July
- Youth Chess Club: Whether you're a beginner or a budding grandmaster, come learn, play, and sharpen your skills in a friendly, relaxed environment. Ages 6-18, 11:00AM, every Saturday

OtherWords Poetry Reading Series

Please join us Saturday July 25th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM for a celebration of Granary Books, including a conversation with publisher Steve Clay; an upstate Granary book launch of Ghost Coast, a collaboration between visual artist Julie Harrison and poet E.J. McAdams; and a poetry reading by McAdams.

Steve Clay is the founder and publisher of Granary Books, as well as an editor, curator, archivist, and writer specializing in literature and art of the 1960s, '70s, and '80s. He is the

author or editor of several volumes including *Intermedia*, *Fluxus*, and the *Something Else Press: Selected Writings* by Dick Higgins with Ken Friedman, *Threads Talk Series* with Kyle Schlesinger, *A Book of the Book: Some Works & Projections about the Book & Writing* with Jerome Rothenberg, *A Secret Location on the Lower East Side: Adventures in Writing 1960-1980*, with Rodney Phillips and *Poetics & Polemics, 1980-2005*, with Jerome Rothenberg.

Julie Harrison is a visual artist who probes science and technology to explore the dualities of nature and artifice. Three books by Harrison were published by Granary Books and one with The New Press, and her work has been placed in special collections at The Getty, Library of Congress, Harvard University, Columbia University, Yale University, Brown University, and others. For eighteen years, Harrison was a professor of art at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken NJ, where she founded the Art & Technology B.A. program.

E.J. McAdams is a poet and artist who lives in Harlem. His book of poems *LAST* was published by BlazeVOX in 2023. One of his text-collages was included in the mail art exhibit "Focus Latin America: Art Is Our Last Hope" at Phoenix Art Museum. He was a founding board member of the interdisciplinary Laboratory of Art Nature and Dance (iLAND) from 2004-14 and curated the Social-Environmental-Aesthetics (SEA) reading series at Exit Art that featured poets, visual artists and activists in conversation from 2009 through 2011.

Come for great readings and good company, along with drinks and food provided by the Friends of Great Barrington Libraries.

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

What | When | Where



What: [The Immortal Child: Concert and Reading](#)

When: Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00PM

Where: Indigo Room

Details: The W. E. B. Du Bois Center at UMass Amherst and The Du Bois Freedom Center Present a special evening celebrating the lives, works, and friendship of American scholar-activist W. E. B. Du Bois and the British composer, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor.



What: [A Grand Tour: Bach in Potsdam, Telemann in Paris](#)

When: Saturday, July 25 at 3:00pm

Where: Saint James Place

Details: Aston Magna, the renowned historical instrument ensemble led by Artistic Director Daniel Stepner, offers its 53rd Music Festival Season in the Boston

area and in the Berkshires with music from Paris, Rome, Venice and Potsdam.



What: [Great Barrington Public Theater Summer Series: iBoss](#)

When: Saturday, July 25 through Sunday, August 9

Where: Saint James Place

Details: In a not so distant future, the rapidly accelerating intelligence of AI systems has created “Lisa.” Powered by AI, she wields enormous power. Shockingly, Lisa displays an emergent property of AI — sentience. And from this newly sentient being something else emerges: an emotional agenda. As Job Johnson begins his first in-person evaluation, it’s clear this isn’t going to be just another day at the office.

iBoss is written by Thomas Kee and directed by Clay Hopper.



What: [An Evening with Heather Headley](#)

When: Friday, July 31 at 8:00PM

Where: Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center

Details: Tony and Grammy Award winner Heather Headley considers her multi-faceted career a blessing. She was born and spent most of her childhood on the beautiful Caribbean island of Trinidad. The family moved to the United States in the early ‘90s where Heather’s love for the arts continued.

“Heather Headley is among the top singers with a vocal that absolutely astounds with its intensity... This woman is one of the great entertainers of the day, on record and on stage” —*Billboard Magazine*



What: [Olga Dunn Dance Company's Gala Dance Concert](#)

When: Saturday, August 1, at 7:00PM

Where: Saint James Place

Details: Expect the unexpected at the Olga Dunn Dance Company's Gala Dance Concert on August 1, 7pm. Celebrate the dance company's 50th year with live contemporary dance including live music including legendary Wanda Houston and her musicians, and original new work. Reception immediately following. Sponsored in part by local businesses and donors like you: no ticket charge; first come, first served seating, doors open at 6:30PM.

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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