September 2026

Your DGB Cultural District E-News

Register for the Cultural District Annual Meeting!

Downtown Great Barrington Cultural District Annual Meeting - 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 with anyone who would be interested in the activity of the Cultural District!

RSVP now for the 8th Annual Meeting of the Downtown Great Barrington Cultural District, please e-mail: culturalgb@gmail.com. Alternatively, If you cannot make the meeting but would like to submit a question or comment, please e-mail: culturalgb@gmail.com.

When: Thursday, October 15th at 9 am
Where: Saint James Place

Festival Latino of The Berkshires

Festival Latino of the Berkshires celebrates its 30th anniversary!

Experience a day filled with vibrant, dance, and performances that will transport you to the heart of Latin America.

The Festival Latino of the Berkshires is a non-profit organization founded in 1995 with a mission to celebrate and promote Hispanic heritage throughout Berkshire County. Their primary goal is to educate both locals and visitors, including newer generations of Latinos in the area, about the rich and vibrant culture of the Latino community.

Festival Latino activities will take place at The Great Barrington Town Hall, Saint James Place, and the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center on September 26, 2026 from 2:00 to

6:00PM.

This event is free and open to the public.

Click here to learn more about Festival Latino of the Berkshires.

Berkshire Pottery Tour

Berkshire Pottery Tour is pleased to announce its 13th Annual Tour.

Enjoy self-guided tours of eight working pottery studios around the southern Berkshires. The pottery tour is, set for the weekend of September 26 - 27, with studios open from 10:00AM to 5:00PM each day.

Special guests this year will be Doug Peltzman and Lyndee Deal at Ben Evans' studio, Alison Palmer at Paula Shalan's studio, Hunter Cady at Harry Levenstein's studio, Nina Ryan at Ellen Grenadier's, Marley Reed at Daniel Bellow's studio, Sharon Pollock and Lauren Skelly Bailey at Lorimer Burns' studio. While at Berkshire Art Center you can tour the studios and see work in the Gallery by a dozen artists who teach classes and workshops year round.

Look for the distinctive orange and white Berkshire Pottery Tour road signs at key turns on the weekend of the event.

Admission is free and families are welcome - Berkshire Pottery Tour 2026 Map

Great Barrington Historic Walking Tours

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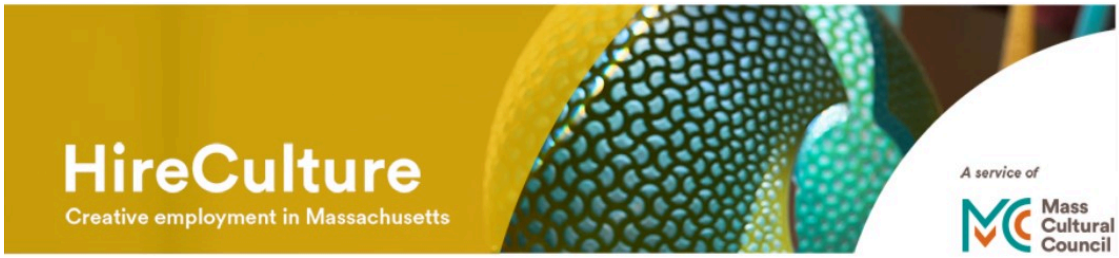
Creative Economy Jobs

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:

- Advancement Consultant, Southern Berkshire Ambulance Squad
- Executive Assistant, Luminary Evaluation



- Development Office, Saint James Place
- Community and School Programs Coordinator

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

NOAH
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION for ARTS IN HEALTH

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 and Artists

Grants for Creative Individuals are unrestricted grants of $5,000 to Massachusetts artists, culture bearers, and creative practitioners to equitably advance creative expression throughout our diverse communities. Deadline: October 27, 2026.

Follow the link for an overview of MCC's FY27 Programs and Funding Opportunities is available.

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.

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

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

Recent Publications
Arts & Accessibility
Community Initiatives

New England and beyond.

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 - Featured Event

Join Berkshire Agricultural Centures (BAV) for the Berkshire International Film Festival (BIFF) Environmental Film Focus screening of *Fork in the Road* on Sunday, October 4, at 3pm at the Triplex in Great Barrington.

This film sheds light on the struggles and resilience of small-scale farmers and communities working around an unjust food system. It highlights how conventional agriculture, climate change, and economic inequality impact independent farmers. Through the lens of both land and sea, the film explores regenerative approaches that

prioritize building healthy soil and restoring ocean health as ways to mitigate climate change. We will illustrate how we can heal the planet while feeding ourselves, suggesting that a shift toward sustainability and justice, whether on land or in the ocean, is essential for our future.

The characters in the film represent the diverse struggles faced by farmers, activists, and communities working around a broken food system. From a family in Henry County, Kentucky, who fight to sustain their farm after losing a dairy contract with a corporate giant, to an Alaskan indigenous kelp farmer, to Latina farmers facing economic and social inequities in California, their stories reflect the broader issues of access to land, capital, and fair markets. We profile practitioners and the non-profits that support them, who embody the resilience and determination needed to overcome systemic obstacles and create a better, more sustainable food future.

When: Sunday, October 4th at 3:00PM

Be sure to click the link to view upcoming Triplex showtimes and special events!

Great Barrington Libraries - Mason Library

Adult Programming for September:

- Making Some Noise Book Club: We're reading stories written by women and about women. Join the Club! Sponsored by the Friends of GB Libraries. 5:00pm, 9/9
- Free 1 on 1 Financial Consultation: Luke Delorme, CFP, of Tableaux Wealth has offered to give 45 minute appointments to our patrons. Contact Dawn to schedule, djardine@townofgbma.gov
- OtherWords Poetry: Poets Todd Colby and Kim Lyons, curated by Evelyn Reilly and Michael Gottlieb. Sponsored by the Friends of GB Libraries and Board of Library Trustees. 4:00pm, 9/26
- 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 at 6:30. You may want to park accordingly. Sponsored by the Friends of GB Libraries. Registration required. 4:30pm, every Thursday

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Children and Teen Programming for September:

- Paws & Play Month Kickoff: Join us at Mason Library as we kick off Paws & Play with a barking good craft and story time for children ages 2–6 and their caregivers! Ages 2-6, 10:30am, 9/1
- Fun with Ducks: Waddle over to Mason for a craft and story time that's sure to make a splash. Ages 2-6, 10:30am, 9/8
- Visit Gracie the Therapy Dog: Gracie and Barbara will be returning to Mason every Thursday to make friends and spread joy. Gracie loves gentle pets, making friends, and seeing all the new books at the library! 3:30pm, every Thursday
- 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
- 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 Reading Series - Please join us Saturday, September 26th from 4:00 – 6:00PM for a poetry reading by Todd Colby and Kimberly Lyons

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

Todd Colby is a visual artist and poet. He is the author of seven books of poetry, most recently, Brilliant Juice. Colby has recently presented his visual art at The Met-Cloisters, Hammond Museum, PULP-Holyoke, Hampden Gallery, 1969 Gallery, Andrew Edlin Gallery, White Columns, and The Picture Room. He has given performances at DIA Art Foundation, MoMA PS1, The Public Theater, Hudson Opera House, The Poetry Project, The Whitney Museum of American Art, and Performa Biennial, among others.

Kimberly Lyons' book of poetry Capella was published by Oread Press in 2018. She is the author of ten other books of poetry, chapbooks and pamphlets. A Selected Poems is forthcoming and she has a recently completed manuscript of poems, Poets vs. the End of the World, and a poetic memoir. Her essay on Mina Loy's novel Insel was included in A Forest on Many Stems: Essays on the Poet's Novel. Her essay on William Blake and contemporary poets was recently included in a feature in Jacket2.

This event is free and open to the public.

Be sure to visit the Great Barrington Public Libraries website to view more and programming and events!

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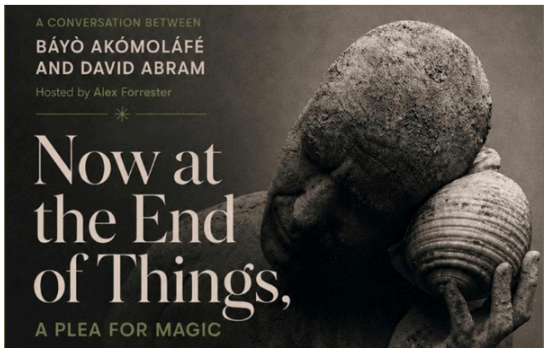

What: Now at The End of Things
When: Thursday, September 24 at 7:00PM
Where: Saint James Place
Details: Now at the End of Things, A Plea for Magic is a public conversation between Báyò Akómoláfé and David Abram, hosted by Alex Forrester of the Schumacher Center for a New Economics.

What: Mahaiwe Rumba – Salsa Class with Luana
When: Saturday, September 26 at 6:00PM
Where: Indigo Room
Details: A 60-minute class before César Orozco's concert on the mainstage to break the ice, teach the crowd fundamental steps, and build energy so that the moment the band starts playing, the dance floor is already packed and moving.

What: César Orozco & SonAhead
When: Saturday, September 26 at 7:00PM
Where: Indigo Room
Details: SonAhead is the latest project of Cuban-Venezuelan pianist, vocalist, composer, arranger, violinist, and educator Cesar Orozco, who is also a 2025 Latin Grammy winner for Best Arrangement. In conjunction with Festival Latino of the Berkshires.

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.

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