

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls January 22- 26. Please Share!

Wednesday, January 22

The Boys from '69

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

With Tom Duncan, Bill McComb, and Jim Barber. They feature folk rock, rock, country, and blues mostly from the '60s and '70s, by such artists as Dylan, Van Morrison, Joe Cocker, and Creedence Clearwater Revival. The band came together for a class of '69 high school reunion a couple of years ago, but each band member has decades of experience in other bands. Come expecting some solid vocal harmonies, songs you can sing along to, and a good time. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1579167936296747>

Thursday, January 23

Bilingual Music & Movement

Montague Center Library

Join Tom & Laurie. Includes English and Spanish playful adaptations of songs and collective creation of new verses that incorporate high interest themes and accessible movements in order to expand vocabulary. Bilingual books will be available for families to add to their home libraries. This winter series is made possible by a generous grant from New Salem Academy.

Thursday, January 23

Quilting 101: Squares/Triangles

Swanson's Stash House, 10am-1pm

\$50. Materials provided. Another installment in our quilting 101 series - take them in any order! We currently offer one day workshops in log cabin blocks, squares and triangles, and quilt finishing/binding. Sign up for Thursday's squares and triangles to begin your quilt journey today! And don't forget about the 90% discount on classes for Stash House members! <https://www.swansonsfabrics.com/classes-workshops>

Thursday, January 23

Brick House Teen Center:

Practical Magic Series with Kaia

24 Third St., 2:30-5:30pm. Join us in the Teen Center Thursdays in January for a continuation of Kaia's practical magic series! This month we will be creating self-care products. This week? Facial Steams!

Thursday, January 23

Nerd Night at the VOO

78 Third St., 8pm

Board Games and Nerdy Drinks, Feat. A Dungeons & DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ONE-SHOT for beginners: Select premade characters, and learn the basics of D&D while solving puzzles and facing enemies in a short dungeon. Sign up is 8pm-9pm, the game run time 9:15-close.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1068379694465292/1223748145595112>

Friday, January 24

Meet and Greet with Montague Villages

Montague Center Library, 10-11am

All ages. Meet and greet for seniors to get to know one another, meet Montague Villages members and volunteers, and learn about what the organization does.. Montague Center Branch Library.

Friday, January 24

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Winter Insects

Great falls Discoveru Center, 10:30-11:30pm

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and crafts. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Siblings and friends welcome. Meet in the Great Hall.

Friday, January 24

Nice & Easy Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-2pm

Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all. Enjoy natural and local history along the way. Dress for the weather with sturdy footwear and bring water. Inclement weather cancels. Meet at the main entrance.

Friday, January 24

Montague Shakespeare Workshop Series

Shakespeare and Meisner with Aileen Gonsalves

1-2pm EST LIVE ZOOM \$25. Join Aileen Gonsalves, an noted director and performer with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC), for an immersive workshop that brings together the art of Shakespeare and the Meisner technique through her pioneering Gonsalves Method. This interactive Zoom session provides a unique opportunity to explore how to establish authentic connections using Shakespeare's heightened language and create consistently compelling characters. This workshop is a must for actors seeking to deepen their performance skills, directors looking to broaden their creative toolkit, or anyone interested in discovering the practical ways in which classic and contemporary performance methodologies intersect. Through replicable exercises, fun games, and a focus on personal connection, Aileen will guide you in unlocking a more profound, resonant, and truthful approach to Shakespeare's text. REGISTER:

<https://www.montagueshakespearefestival.com/all-upcoming-workshops>

January 24-26

Lion King Jr

Ja Duke Theater, Industrial Blvd

Friday-Saturday, 6pm, Sunday 2pm

Disney's The Lion King Jr. is a vibrant, family-friendly musical adaptation of the beloved Disney classic, The Lion King. Featuring a young cast, this 60-minute version captures the heart and spirit of the original with memorable songs like "Circle of Life" and "Hakuna Matata," stunning costumes, and captivating choreography. Perfect for audiences of all ages, The Lion King Jr. takes you on a journey of adventure, friendship, and self-discovery in the African savanna, making it an unforgettable theatrical experience for the whole family. Rated: G, \$12-15. <https://www.jaduketheater.com/>

Friday, January 24

Casey D/C

North Village Smokehouse,

Federal Street, Millers Falls, 7pm

MmmmMmmm Brisket. Yall ate it on me last time so Im back to try again. Oh ya and I'm playing music too... modern country and a bit of classic rock. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1327235751795086>

Friday, January 24

Musical Roulette Trio

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 7pm

There is no wrong bet here, with Don LaCoy, Ken Wysk, and Ben Ware joining forces to give you a complete night of musical entertainment in one of the most down to Earth, comfortable venues in the area. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1969262873555278>

Friday, January 24

Ramon & Jessica/Call me Bea

Unnameable Books, 66 Avenue A, 7pm

Suggested Donation \$15 NOTA. RAMON & JESSICA has been creating offbeat, charming, and musically ambitious songs for over 20 years. With four original albums and two decades of memorable performances across the U.S. and abroad, their explorations of a cappella vocal arrangements, unique instrumentation, and minimalist incorporation of experimental, folk, and pop influences have long been loved by listeners of all ages for its heart, whimsy, and creative spark. [www.ramonandjessica.net](http://www.ramonandjessica.net) CALL ME BEA is an original music project by Bea Maxwell. Bea is a non-binary, queer, and Jewish Amherst

based performer-composer that draws influences from jazz and indie rock to make a comic yet sardonic bedroom pop. <https://www.facebook.com/events/901849485267586>

Friday, January 24

Les Derailleurs/Ex Temper

The Rendeizvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Les Déraillleurs bring the post-punk party! Eric Danton says of their latest single: "Leave It On" is a lean indie-rock tune stacked with blazing guitars and a taut rhythm section that propels Joey Dérailleur's expressive, catchy vocal melody." Ex-Temper creates dynamic, guitar-driven rock, lovingly described as "witchy grunge." The band blends intricate vocal harmonies and heavy riffs with a fresh take on many 90's influences. For over a decade, they've been crafting original music that defies convention while staying innovative and authentic. Suggested donation of \$10, with 100% of the money going to charity.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/605746081817760>

Saturday, January 25

TALK: Forgotten Immigrants: The Bohemians of Turners Falls

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2-3pm

Beginning in the 1870s, drawn by the promise of work at the John Russell Cutlery factory, almost 300 Bohemian immigrants left farms in central Europe to start life anew in the industrial village of Turners Falls. This illustrated talk by local historian Jim Bridgman, based on over 35 years of research and his new book, *Forgotten Immigrants*, explores the lives of these intrepid pioneers. Find out what motivated Bohemians to leave their ancestral homes, and what they found once they arrived in Western Massachusetts. Sponsored by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association. For youth and adults. Meet in the Great Hall. <https://www.facebook.com/events/3963935623835266>

Saturday, January 25

Jewish Deli Night

Dream House Restaurant, 37 Third St., 5-8pm

Traditional Jewish Deli fare accompanied by Pro-Palestinian fundraising and education opportunities. Reservations open by phone (413)863-5068.

Saturday, January 25

TSB Band

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 7pm

ROCK with Ryan Interlande, Tom Silva, Chris Richardson and Bruce Richardson!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2352895341713600>

Saturday, January 25

MELT at Montague Retreat Center

Featuring: Grammy nominated Gnawa Musician Samir Langus.

177 Ripley Road. Doors: 6pm/Yoga: 6:30pm/Opening Circle & Cacao Blessing: 8pm

Samir Langus & Friends: 8:30/ DJ Luminus: 10:15pm. ABOUT SAMIR LANGUS: Born and raised in the city of Ait Melloule, in Agadir, Morocco, his passion for music stems from the variety of street sounds of his city. Gnawa is the southern Moroccan trance music with roots in pre-islamic animist traditions. It is an hypnotic, take on this ecstatic, trance-inducing tradition which has enthralled and inspired generations of musicians from around the world. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1113045839945659>

Saturday, January 25

Shea Presents: CINEMASTORM

Free double Feature! 7:30-10:30pm. Our first CinemaStorm- the Shea's monthly beer and film club- of 2025 is an Animation Rocks! double feature. Join us on Saturday 1/25 for *Rock & Rule* (1983) and *Daft Punk's Interstella 5555* (2003). As one anonymous CS member puts it: "Debbie Harry, Cheap Trick, Iggy Pop, Lou Reed, Earth Wind & Fire, and Daft Punk. Awwwww yeah." What more do you want?! Oh, okay- beer! Wine! Snacks! Trivia! Flicks! Free admission thanks to Northeast Solar! Join the storm- CinemaStorm!

Saturday, January 25

The Frost Heaves & Hales : Post-Inauguration Hangover Party

Benefit for the ACLU & Planned Parenthood

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Let's get together, rock out, and raise money to protect Planned Parenthood & enable the ACLU to fight his un-democratic policies. The Frost Heaves & Hales will get the party started followed by dance rockers Rival Galaxies. \$5 suggested donation (split evenly between Planned Parenthood & the ACLU) but no one turned away for lack of funds. <https://www.facebook.com/events/600905482586731>

Sunday, January 26

Greg Reil (Acoustic)

An afternoon jam session! Come down for a Bloody Mary and lunch while he rocks the house!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2643510345838407>

Sunday, January 26

A French/Breton Jam Session

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2:30-4:30pm

All ages. An informal group of musicians gathers to play the enchanting traditional dance music from France and Brittany, commonly known as bal folk. This is not a performance but rather a coming together of musically minded friends. The event is free and open to the public to come and go at will. Meet in the Great Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 1

First Generation Theater Presents: MOTHER TONGUE

Shea Theater, 7:30pm

“Mother Tongue” is an original multilingual physical theater performance (for ages 12+) created by the Performance Project’s First Generation Ensemble. The piece highlights local and global social justice issues, and is inspired by members’ lived experiences, their families and communities. The Ensemble originates from Congo/Tanzania, Bhutan/Nepal, South Sudan/Darfur, Puerto Rico, Holyoke, and Springfield, MA. The 90-minute performance weaves together movement, music, dance, theater, and stories in Arabic, Swahili, Nepali, Spanish, and English and incorporates themes of language, culture, identity, diaspora, hypermasculinity, transphobia, racism, education, the school to prison pipeline and revolution.

Montague Shakespeare Festival

CASTING & ENSEMBLE EVENTS

The Montague Shakespeare Festival invites you to be part of something extraordinary through our entirely virtual casting process. We're seeking passionate performers of all kinds – actors, musicians, artists, and performers of all ilk– to bring Shakespeare's dark masterpiece, Macbeth, to life in the heart of Turners Falls. Important Note: If possible, attendance at all three workshops is highly encouraged, as these sessions will lead to the final casting decisions for MACBETH at the Shea Theater.

REGISTER: <https://www.montagueshakespearefestival.com/casting-events>

Session #1: Saturday, February 1. 1-2:30pm

Session #2: Sunday, February 2, 1-2:30pm

Session #3: Saturday, February 8, 1-2pm

