

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. February 19-23. Please Share!

Wednesday, February 19

Wes Brown and Friends

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

Local jazz musician Wes Brown plays live every 3rd Wednesday ("Wes-day") joined by talented musicians from all over the valley! <https://www.facebook.com/events/1071444621400506>

Thursday, February 20

Bilingual Music and Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-11am

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.

Thursday, February 20

Montague Cultural Council 2025 Kick Off

Shea Theater Arts Center, 6-8pm

FREE! This event will honor the work of artists and arts organizations who provide substantial public benefit to Montague residents and are committed to the goal of fostering a more equitable and resilient community. The event will feature presentations and live performances by Cloudbelly, Shea Theater and Arts, Antennae Cloud Farm, Good Music Makes Good Neighbors, Weathervane Community Arts, RiverCulture, The Nolumbeka Project, Musica Franklin, Real Live Theater, RPM Fest, Alexis Hott, "Customers from Hell" and more. The lobby of the Shea Theater will host a Black History Month exhibition by three visual artists and former James Weldon Johnson fellows Kamil Peters, Noland Anderson, Mecina Gomes. Light refreshments. Free! <https://sheatheater.org>

Friday, February 21

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Winter Birds

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30-11:30am

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, February 21

Nice and Easy Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1pm

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, February 21

Montague Shakespeare Festival Workshop

“Say What You Mean” presented by Siubhan Harrison

ZOOM, 1pm, \$25 Join Siubhan Harrison in a transformative one-hour workshop focused on preparing Shakespeare's text for an audition. Whether you're an actor with years of experience or someone just beginning to explore the world of Shakespeare, this workshop is designed to equip you with practical skills and insights to confidently bring Shakespeare's language to life during auditions. Siubhan's extensive career, which includes roles in productions like "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "The School for Scandal" at the RSC, as well as notable television credits such as "Holby City" and "Fifteen-Love," has given her a wealth of experience in tackling Shakespeare's challenging text. REGISTER

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

Friday, February 21

Shea Presents: Little Lies Fleetwood Mac Tribute

Shea Theater, 8-10pm, \$20

Little Lies is an 8-piece tribute from Boston performing an authentic playlist of your favorite Fleetwood Mac hits. Join us for a night of romance, drama, and, of course, Rumours! Featuring two female and two male vocalists, along with an ensemble of professional musicians dedicated to capturing the magic of one of the world's most successful bands. <https://sheatheater.org>

Friday, February 21

Olivia Nield

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

Local guitar phenom. <https://www.facebook.com/events/474751655494017>

Saturday, February 22

Author Reading with Astrid Sheckels

Great Falls Discovery Center, 3-4pm

All ages. Local author, Astrid Sheckels, reads Hector Fox and the Map of Mystery. Look for animals from the story with a Map of Mystery scavenger hunt! Sponsored by the Montague Public Libraries. Meet in the Great Hall. <https://www.facebook.com/events/609237598523095>

Saturday, February 22

Neal Sabol

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner!

Millers Falls Rod and Gun, 6-10pm

All ages. Tickets \$15. Doors/dinner 6pm. Music 7pm-10pm. “I am an American Country singer/songwriter and I play acoustic guitar. I sing and write country music in the style of Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Randy Travis, Hank III, Garth Brooks, Jamey Johnson and many other artists. I play mostly at local venues.” <https://www.facebook.com/events/470466192800964>

Saturday, February 22

Make Your Own Cotton Candy Cake

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 6pm

The winter blues getting you? Let's have a party!

Spin with Lynn Cotton Candy Creations, we will get together to learn how to spin your own cotton candy. You can get creative, add different candies, different sprinkles make your own cake. We'll place some trivia and bingo games for prizes. It will be a fun evening. \$20 per person.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2328925620797244>

Saturday, February 22

MELT with Boubacar Diabate & SambaLolo & TreeJ

Montague Retreat Center, Ripley Road

A heart centered inclusive community exploration and celebration,

in a barefoot sacred setting. 6pm doors. 6:30pm Opening Yoga w/ Zsuzsa, 8pm

Opening Circle & Cacao Blessing, 8:30pm Boubacar Diabate & SambaLolo: 10:15pm Ecstatic Dance w/ TreeJ: 11:45pm Closing Circle. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1117206086463999>

Saturday, February 22

Trae Sheehan

Element Brewing, Millers Falls

Show #4: Night of original of music.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1140107834164017>

Saturday, February 22

Shea Presents: Tommy Castro and the Painkillers

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$24/\$30

"The hardest thing to do," says internationally beloved soul-blues rocker Tommy Castro, "is be yourself, take some chances and bring your fans along with you." Throughout his long, constantly evolving career, guitarist, singer and songwriter Tommy Castro has always remained true to himself while exploring, growing and creating new music, and he has taken his thousands of devoted fans right along with him. Castro is one of the brightest stars in the blues-soul genre. Voracious blues energy and ultimate soul power...impassioned vocals and pure inventiveness in his stellar guitar solos." –Blues Music Magazine

<https://sheatheater.org>

Saturday, February 22

Sam Mulligan/Dave Richardson

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

DAVE RICHARDSON is an observer. With his warm, expressive voice and his acoustic guitar, he invites listeners to experience snippets of life through his songs: a fragment of overheard conversation, the recollection of a feeling, a snapshot of an event. SAM MULLIGAN is a rock singer and songwriter who specializes in silly lyrics, grungy guitars, and energetic gameboy beats. Based in Turners Falls, Massachusetts, he has been performing live with gameboys as his backing band since 2012.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1188503982898775>

Sunday, February 23

French/ Breton Jam Session

Grea 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.

Sunday, February 23

Mystra Night with Major Stars, Mibble, Bulle, Sister X-Mas, Initiate Explosion

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1116037803258313>