

This weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. Thursday, February 13-16.

Thursday, February 13

Bilingual Music and Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-11am

Join Tom and Laurie. 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. Made possible by a generous grant from New Salem Academy.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/602690545746563/602690572413227/>

Thursday, February 13

“Protecting Kids on the Internet”

Brick House, 24 Third St., 10:30am-noon

For parents and caregivers. Everything Computers will show you how! Info/register: 413-800-2496.

Thursday, February 13

Quilting 101: Log Cabin Blocks

Swansons’s Stash House. Noon-3pm

An introduction to quilt piecing with strips! Use this class to get started, and grow your quilt on your own to whatever size you want, or make a mini quilt to use as wall hanging or mat. All materials are included, if you want to work with specific fabrics you are welcome to supply your own. \$50 REGISTER: <https://www.swansonsfabrics.com/classes-workshops#comingup>

Thursday, February 1

Millers Falls Library Book Club

23 Bridge St. 5:30-6:30pm

Join us to discuss Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder.

Thursday, February 13

Galentine’s Day at Element Brewing

Millers Falls, 6-9pm

Chocolate charcuterie: Homemade chocolate terrine, chocolate salumi, and truffles. Margarita Special: Pitchers of strawberry margarita. Live music: by Gabe Jay

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1168295838045133>

Friday, February 14

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Porcupines

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 14

Nice & 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 14

Montague Shakespeare Festival Workshop

Speeches and Soliloquies: Dynamic Language” With Voice and Text Coach, Zoe Littleton

1pm. \$25. interactive one-hour Zoom session that focuses on how to bring Shakespeare's iconic monologues to life, with a special emphasis on personal interpretation, vocal versatility, and emotional resonance. Zoe, who has a decade of acting experience and an MFA in Professional Voice Studies from the prestigious Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, will lead participants in understanding how to effectively embody Shakespeare's language. REGISTER:

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

Friday, February 14

CINEMASTORM PRESENTS:

Bad Daddy Double Feature the Shea Theater, 7-10pm FREE!

QUICK CHANGE (1990) and COLLATERAL (2004). Beer. Flicks. Trivia. Free Admission!! Big thanks to Northeast Solar for sponsoring this series and keeping it free for ALL!

Friday, February 14

MONTAGUE SQUAREDANCE

Montague Common Hall. Montague Center. Caller: Grance Clements. Band: Devilish Mary. 6:30-7:30 families welcome for circle dances and beginner squares. 8-10pm (ish) everyone is welcome for regular squares. Suggested donation: Adults \$7-20, Kids: \$3, Family: \$25

No one turned out for lack of funds. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1148211240255073>

Friday, February 14

Mystra Night!

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

Featuring: ID M Theftable, Jeff Unfortunately, Owen manure, and Shea Mowatt!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/28127893490192174/>

February 15-23

Investigation Station: Amphibians and Reptiles in Winter

Great Falls Discovery Center, All day

At the welcome desk: What are amphibians and reptiles up to during the winter? Join us at our investigation station by the Welcome Desk to find out. Explore through touchable artifacts and habitat diorama scavenger hunts. For ages 4 and up.

Saturday, February 15

Building a Blizzard: Make a paper snowflake

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-3pm

Get inspired by the story of Vermont's Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley and his obsession with snowflakes. In this drop-in program make your own unique snowflake art or use gel printing techniques. All art materials provided. Along the way learn just what makes each snowflake unique. Families welcome! For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up who have mastered basic scissor skills. Meet in the Great Hall.

Saturday, February 15

Collective Liberation Film Series.

Great Falls market, 109 Avenue A,

Raising the Voice of Cuba. Sponsored by Western Mass Codepink and MAPA. Order dinner at great Falls Harvest. 6pm Presentation. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DF5ed8-Jqa8/>

Saturday, February 15

Valentine's Candle-Making Workshop

Element Brewing, Millers Falls, 6pm

Whether you're planning a date night, a fun outing with friends, or simply looking for a relaxing way to unwind, this event offers the perfect blend of craft and charm. All supplies needed to create two 8oz candles in jars (jar types may vary depending on the event) A selection of seasonal scents and decorations to personalize your candles. \$39 Register: <https://tinyurl.com/5dheh6t3>

Saturday, February 15

In-Store: Live Performance by The New Incarnation

Music Connection, 187 Avenue A, 7pm

Progressive/Indie Rock Compositions.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/609691321552245>

Saturday, February 15

United Arc Presents: ARC-A\_POLOOZA

Shea Theater, 7-9pm

A benefit for The United Arc. With a fantastic lineup! Performances by Evelynroze, The Bromantics, Alex Casavant, T.J and the Peepers, Hyfy, Bordertown, and John Waynelovich! Sponsored by Greenfield Savings Bank, Greenfield Cooperative Bank and Renfrew Real Estate – we sincerely appreciate all their continued support! \$20-\$25 <https://sheatheater.org/d/22124/The-United-Arc-Presents:-ARC-A-PALOOZA>

Saturday, February 15

Trae Sheehan

Element Brewing, 7pm

Show #3. Trae is coming back to perform at the taproom for 4 shows all with different setlists and we can't be more excited! <https://www.facebook.com/events/9003076076412388>

Saturday, February 15

Honky Tonk Heartbreak:

Anti- Valentines Day Vinyl Listening Party

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

Dj Brew Foot will be spinning classic country, honky tonk, hillbilly, western swing, rockabilly, jump blues, and other twangy tunes on vinyl. For this special Honky Tonk Heartbreak anti-Valentines Day party you can expect to hear cheatin' songs, drinkin' songs, fightin' songs, breakup songs, get out of my life songs, but NO sappy love songs.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/973404297520849>

Sunday, February 16

History Talk: A Bridge Too Far

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2-3pm

What about building new bridges in Gilded Age Turners Falls drove neighbors and whole towns against each other? How do these dramas and debates that played out in newspapers and town meetings still impact us today? Join DCR staff as we piece together the stories and lessons of

these burning questions affecting all five villages in Montague during the late 1800s. For youth and adults. Meet in the Great Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**THURSDAY, February 20**

**Montague Cultural Council 2025 Kick-Off Reception**

Shea Theater, 6-8pm

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. Kamil Peters is a contemporary metal artist working out of Ludlow, MA.

Montague Cultural Council 2025 Kick-Off Reception is free, accessible, and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided, and the Shea Theater has a cash bar. The Montague Cultural Council is part of the Local Cultural Council (LCC) program, sponsored by the Mass Cultural Council, a State Agency.