

### FLORA IN WINTER 2025 at Worcester Art Museum

55 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA 01609



See art in a new way.

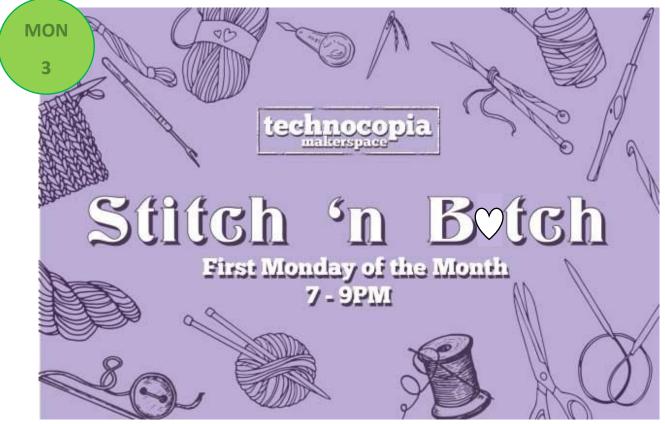
How do you represent a suit of armor with roses? A portrait with peonies? A raging storm with tulips? This winter come closer to the art you thought you knew reimagined through floral arrangements throughout our galleries.

Related events for this four-day event will include talks, demonstrations, tours, and special evening hours. There is something for everyone during this floral extravaganza.

Flora in Winter is a museum-wide takeover and general admission prices do not apply during this time.



### **\*MARCH EVENTS 2025\***



Technocopia 44 Portland St., Floor 6, Worcester, MA 01608

Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or any textiles-based hobby you have to a monthly group hangout at Technocopia! On the first and third Monday evening of every month, join us for an evening of relaxing, chatting, and working on your latest textiles-based hobby! Bring your own project, or just bring yourself, and use some of our supplies to just try things out!





Pixels + Petals, An Orchid Exhibition February 8, 2025 - March 23, 2025

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA 01505, (508) 869-6111 Included with Garden admission: EBT \$2 up to 4 people, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Get ready for a blast from the past with New England Botanic Garden's annual orchid exhibition. Pixels + Petals combines the vibrant world of retro video games with the delicate beauty of orchids in a one-of-a-kind experience. Thousands of living orchids in bloom are artfully showcased throughout the Garden's two subtropical conservatories. Rewind, flash back, and immerse yourself in pixelated charm as nostalgia and nature unite.





Registration opens: February 19th, 2025

Digitizing Family Photos, Slides, or Converting VHS Tapes Worcester Public Library, 5:30pm - 6:30pm, Main Library, Digital Studio

Learn to preserve your family's history with the use of our digitization and conversion equipment. Scan old family photos and slides or convert VHS and audiocassettes into digital formats.

Click on the link below for more information:

Digitizing Family Photos, Slides, or Converting VHS Tapes - Worcester Public Library







# **Knitting Circle**

Worcester Public Library, Thursday, March 06, 2:15pm - 3:15pm, Main Library, Computer Lab

All needlecraft enthusiasts are welcome to join us in person or virtually from the comfort of your own home!

All needlecraft enthusiasts are welcome to join us in person or virtually from the comfort of your own home! Knit along with us on a themed project, knit for charity (see details below), or feel free to knit something you are working on already. Basic knitting will be taught in-person only. If you want to learn to knit, please bring a pair of size 7 or 8 straight knitting needles and a skein of worsted weight yarn.

To join this program virtually, please click this Zoom link or copy and paste it into your browser: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84652418748





# MAPLE DAYS at Old Sturbridge Village Wednesday - Sunday, February 19th - March 9th

1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA \$3 per adult daytime admission for up to four people per EBT or WIC card. https://www.osv.org/



For many at Old Sturbridge Village, the first whiff of spring isn't the aroma of spring flowers – it's the smell of wood smoke and maple syrup, a sure sign that the sap is rising and spring is on the way. Join us for "Maple Days" on select dates in February and March, when the Village's working sugar camp demonstrates maple sugaring as it was done in early 19th-century New England.





Music Brew Barn, 455 Highland Ave, Phillipston, MA 01331, (978) 895-9658

Join us on Saturday nights in the Brew Barn Taproom on Red Apple Farm for an evening Dan-O Music Bingo from 6-8.

Fun for all ages! Free to play! Prizes for bingo winners each round
Always free to play, and super fun!
Free admission. Family Friendly. Dog Friendly!

Come out for delicious farmhouse feasts from our kitchen, local craft ales from Moon Hill Brewing, hard ciders from Red Apple Farm,
Hardwick Vineyard Winery fruit wines, Dean's Beans Organic Coffee, hot mulled cider and more!

Featuring TimberFire Pizza in the taproom serving up their awesome wood fired pies until 8pm!

The Country Store is open until 8pm and stocked with fresh baked pies, homemade fudge, Bart's handcrafted ice cream, locally-made products & gifts, fresh pressed cider and world-famous cider donuts!Stop by for a pint & a bite, a hot mulled cider or hot cocoa, grab a cider donut from the Country Store!



SUN 9

### TRADITIONAL IRISH SEISIUN

Worcester Hibernian Cultural Centre
19 Temple Street, Worcester, MA 01608, (508) 792-3700
Free and open to all, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Recurring monthly on the 2nd Sunday



A gathering of Irish traditional musicians for the purpose of celebrating their common interest in the music by playing it together in a relaxed, informal setting, while in the process generally beefing up the mystical cultural mantra that hums along uninterruptedly beneath all manifestations of Irishness worldwide.



# **MARCH EVENTS 2025**♣



There are several public fridges within Worcester. This was created as a supplemental resource. First come, first serve. Please click on the website for more information and the location of a fridge near you!

https://woofridge.org/



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### **FOOD PANTRIES**

The link below gives the locations.

and times of the 30 food banks in Worcester.

This link also helps you find food banks in your town and has a zip code search for the one nearest you.

https://www.foodpantries.org/ci/ma-worcester





Try your cooking skills with an old Irish favorite, Irish Oatmeal! <a href="https://www.wikihow.life/Cook-Irish-Oatmeal">https://www.wikihow.life/Cook-Irish-Oatmeal</a>



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Hikes near MILLBURY, MA

https://www.alltrails.com/us/massachusetts/millbury

#### **HIKE CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS**

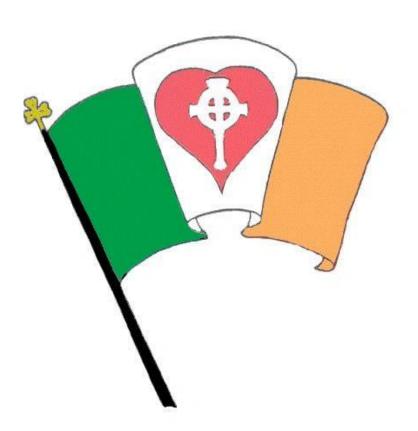
The Greater Worcester Land Trust is a small non-profit organization. located in Worcester, Massachusetts and is dedicated to preserving and protecting Worcester County's critical open space.

Worcester Hikes-3 Complete (hikeworcester.com)



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SUN 16



### ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

Click on link below for more info!

Worcester County St. Patrick's Parade











### What is Kanopy?

Kanopy is the best video streaming service for quality, thoughtful entertainment.

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We partner with public libraries to bring you an ad-free experience that can be enjoyed on your TV, mobile phones, tablets and online.

www.kanopy.com









Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester, MA 01608 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Admission: Free & Open to the Public

Time: Doors 11:30am | Show Noon Audience: All Ages Artist: TBA

The Brown Bag Concert Series, presented by Mechanics Hall and 90.5 FM WICN, has been a beloved tradition in Worcester since 1983. These hour-long concerts by acclaimed regional and national performers are held in the Great Hall on select Wednesdays from noon to 1pm. Bring your own "brown bag" lunch, and enjoy wonderful music while eating your lunch! Cabaret-style seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. All concerts are free, open to the public, and subject to change.

The accessible entrance to Mechanics Hall is located on Waldo Street. Elevators are located in the ground-floor lobby and provide access to the second and third floors. Please note, there is no elevator access to the balcony. All concerts take place in the Great Hall on the third floor. If you need assistance, please contact the Mechanics Hall Ticket Office, Wednesday through Friday from 11:00am-5:00pm, by calling 508-752-0888.

Whenever possible, Brown Bag Concerts are also broadcast live on WICN 90.5FM, and streamed live on WICN.org.







Creative Hub Worcester, 653 Main St., Worcester, MA 01608

Free!

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Recurring weekly on Thursday

Whether you're an artist, or a beginner who wants to explore a new creative endeavor in a safe and inclusive space,
join us \*\*every Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm Creative Hub\*\*
You can bring your own project and materials to work on anything creative or utilize the variety of art materials that will be available.

Let's celebrate community and get creative together!

\*\*Hosted by the Queer Craft Club of Worcester\*\*

Free and open to anyone who identifies as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community (18+)

RSVP encouraged: https://queerartistmakernights.eventbrite.com



### Fitchburg Art Museum

185 Elm Street, Fitchburg, MA

The Fitchburg Art Museum is a catalyst for learning, creativity, and community building.

We accomplish this mission with education programs, public art projects,

community partnerships, and creative economy initiatives.

FRI 21



### EBT Discount \$2 per person

Days & Hours Wednesday - Friday, 12-4pm Saturday & Sunday 11am-5pm 978-345-4207

https://fitchburgartmuseum.org/plan-your-visit







# museum of science and nature The mission at the EcoTarium is to inspire a passion for science and nature -

and it is our passionate team that makes this possible!

\$4 per person for EBT or WIC cardholders up to a total of 4 family members. A valid EBT or WIC card and the cardholder's photo ID are required.

https://ecotarium.org/







As a member of the *Card to Culture* and *Museums For All* programs, we are proud to offer EBT or WIC cardholders from all 50 states up to 4 free Exhibit Hall admissions, with valid state photo ID all year long.

Home | Museum of Science, Boston (mos.org)



### **Millbury Senior Center**

One River Street, Millbury, MA, 01527, (508) 865-0851

Classes & Clinics | Millbury MA





Social Bingo 1pm

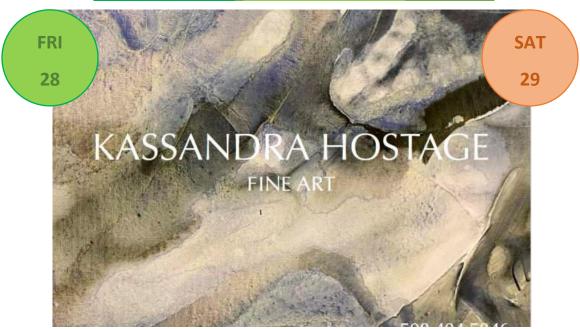


Light exercise classes on Mondays and Fridays 9:30 am to 10:15 am



9:00am to 11:30am Monday through Friday the Senior Center in Millbury holds card games.





# DISCERNMENT: A SOLO PAINTING EXHIBITION Presented By Kassandra Hostage

3/26/2025, 3/27/2025, 3/28/2025, 3/29/2025, 3/30/2025, 4/2/2025, 4/3/2025, 4/4/2025, 4/5/2025, 4/6/2025

Jean McDonough Arts Center, 20 Franklin St., Worcester, MA 01608 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Join us as Kassandra Hostage exhibits her newest works in her first solo painting exhibition, titled, 'Discernment.' The opening reception will take place on Saturday, March 29th, 2025 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the JMAC Gallery in Worcester.

- cocktail attire encouraged\*

For more information contact | Kassandra Hostage | khostage@gmail.com | [www.kassandrahostage.com](http://www.kassandrahostage.com/)





SUN 30

### **ELM PARK**

292 PARK AVENUE, WORCESTER, MA

Elm park has flat walking paths to enjoy.

### **GREEN HILL PARK**

MON 31

1 GREEN HILL PARKWAY, WORCESTER, MA

Green Hill Park is a great getaway right in the city of Worcester.

It has Vietnam Memorial, hiking paths, picnic tables.

and benches alongside the water.





### FREE & DISCOUNTED ADMISSION WITH EBT CARD

Card to Culture- https://www.mass.gov/info-details/ebt-card-to-culture-organizations

#### MASSACHUSETTS: NATURE, PARKS & FRESH WATER BEACHES

- Day Trips/Events/Places- <a href="https://www.massdaytripping.com/hiking-state-parks">https://www.towerhillbg.org/planyourvisit/</a>
- Mass Audubon <a href="https://www.massaudubon.org/">https://www.massaudubon.org/</a>; <a href="https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/broad-meadow-brook">https://www.massaudubon.org/</a>; <a href="https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/broad-meadow-brook">https://www.massaudubon.org/</a>; <a href="https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/broad-meadow-brook">https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/broad-meadow-brook</a>
- Massachusetts freshwater beaches- https://www.visit-massachusetts.com/state/fresh-water-beaches/
- Massachusetts park locations- https://www.mass.gov/visit-massachusetts-state-parks/locations? page=1
- Rail trails: https://www.traillink.com/trailsearch/?state=MA , http://masstrails.com/rail-trails-map.html

#### WALKING FOR WHEN ITS COLD, RAINY OR JUST TOO HOT

<a href="https://local.aarp.org/auburn-ma/mall-walking/">https://local.aarp.org/auburn-ma/mall-walking/</a>, <a href="https://local.aarp.org/auburn-ma/mall-walking/">https://local.aarp.org/auburn-ma/mall-walking/</a>, <a href="https://www.outletstoresmalls.com/outlet-malls/auburn-mall">https://www.outletstoresmalls.com/outlet-malls/auburn-mall</a>

#### **MASSACHUSETTS: MUSEUMS, FESTIVALS & CULTURAL EVENTS**

- Festivals- https://www.findfestival.com/massachusetts/
- Massachusetts (MA) Museums and Galleries in the Central Regiongalleries/
- Multicultural Events in Massachusetts- <a href="https://www.visitma.com/things-to-do/multicultural/">https://www.visitma.com/things-to-do/multicultural/</a>
- Women's Historical Landmarks- https://worcestercentralkidscalendar.com/womens-history-landmarks-to-visit-in-massachusetts/



# Check it out

**HIP FINDER** 

### MASSACHUSETTS: FARMERS MARKETS, FAIRS & AGRICULTURAL EVENTS

SNAP/HIP (Healthy Incentive Program)

Benefits explained- <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-healthy-incentives-program-hip">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-healthy-incentives-program-hip</a>
Find Farmers markets that accept HIP- <a href="https://dtafinder.dtadash.ehs.mass.gov/">https://dtafinder.dtadash.ehs.mass.gov/</a>,

<a href="https://guide.farmfreshri.org/food/farm.php?farm=1141">https://guide.farmfreshri.org/food/farm.php?farm=1141</a>

- Fairs and Agricultural Events- https://www.mass.gov/service-details/calendar-of-culinary-and-agricultural-events
- Find a Market Near You https://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/markets, https://www.recworcester.org/farmers-markets
- Winter Farmer Markets- <a href="https://massnrc.org/farmlocator/map.aspx?Type=Winter%20Markets">https://massnrc.org/farmlocator/map.aspx?Type=Winter%20Markets</a>
- Pick Your Own- https://www.mass.gov/guides/pick-your-own-farms

#### **DAY TRIPS/EVENTS**

• Look for some fun daytrips here! <a href="https://www.massdaytripping.com/fun-attractions">https://www.discovercentralma.org/see-do/events/</a>, <a href="https://www.discovercentralma.org/see-do/events/">https://www.discovercentralma.org/see-do/events/</a>

#### **TOWN EVENTS/CALENDARS**

- Bellingham events- <a href="https://www.townplanner.com/bellingham/ma/events/">https://www.townplanner.com/bellingham/ma/events/</a>
- Bellingham Library- <a href="https://www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org/">https://www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org/</a>
- Franklin, MA Events and Things to Do- <a href="https://www.americantowns.com/franklin-ma/events/">https://www.americantowns.com/franklin-ma/events/</a>
- Hopedale Events- <a href="https://www.americantowns.com/hopedale-ma/events/">https://www.americantowns.com/hopedale-ma/events/</a>
- Milford Events- <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ma--milford/free--events/">https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ma--milford/free--events/</a>
- Millbury Senior Center Events- <a href="https://www.millbury-ma.org/senior-center/pages/classes-clinics">https://www.millbury-ma.org/senior-center/pages/classes-clinics</a>



Millbury Library Events- https://www.millburylibrary.org/events

#### **WORCESTER: EVENTS, LIBRARIES & MUSEUMS**

- Worcester, MA Events and Things to Do- https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ma--worcester/events/
- Worcester Public Library Calendar- https://mywpl.org/?q=online-calendar
- Worcester Art Museum- https://www.worcesterart.org/information/hours-and-admission/
- Worcester Historical Museum- https://www.worcesterhistory.org/visit/
- Worcester Cultural Coalition- https://worcesterculture.org/calendar-of-events/
- Holy Cross free movies- https://www.holycross.edu/arts-culture/seelos-film-series
- American Antiquarian Society- https://www.americanantiquarian.org/programs-events

#### MISC. INTERESTS

Car Shows- https://carshownationals.com/massachusetts-car-shows/, https://www.hebertcandies.com/blogs/events/thursday-nightcruzzin-car-show, http://www.janinesfrostee.com/events/

### PLEASE NOTE:

Some events require preregistration due to limited seating. Contacting ahead of time is suggested.

& AND REMEMBER, IT'S ALWAYS YOUR CHOICE!



Questions? Suggestions? Please contact Kat Hastings at 508-868-4331, khastings@mychoiceprograms.com