



MAY 2024 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. An adult must accompany children. For more information call (413) 863-3221.



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VISITOR
CENTER

OPEN 6 days a week:

- Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Open Monday, May 27, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed with our dynamic exhibit dioramas. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center also includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheel-chair accessible. Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls.

ONGOING,
MAY 5—
JUNE 29

GREAT HALL EXHIBIT:
WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE?*

The exhibit *What's On Your Plate?* asks artists to investigate the entanglement of food, time, commitment, and ecology. Curated by Exploded View, in collaboration with our 2024 *Food, Farms, and Factories* project and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

ONGOING,
MAY 5—
OCT. 27

MADE IN MONTAGUE*, Hallway Gallery

This exhibition explores products currently made in Montague. Some of these products have a long local history. Others are on the cutting edge of technology. Curated by Anne Harding and Michaela Henry for our *Food, Farms, and Factories* project.

ONGOING,
MAY 9—
JUNE 25

STORYWALK® — RUBY'S BIRDS

Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! Join us on the Center's grounds for a free self-guided StoryWalk® featuring the children's picture book *Ruby's Birds* by Mya Thompson, for readers ages 3-7 and everyone who celebrates birds. Follow the path to book pages posted along the route.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

FRIDAYS,
MAY 3 & 10

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR

5/3: Birds; 5/10: Fish, 10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall

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.

FRIDAYS,
MAY 3, 10,
17, 24, & 31

NICE & EASY WALKS*

1:00—2:00 p.m., Main Entrance

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. 5/24 *Food, Farms, and Factories* topic is sea lamprey.

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

coming events



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SATURDAY,
MAY 4

FIND US AT THE FARMERS MARKET!*

10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Peskeompskut Park

Part of our *Food, Farms, and Factories* project. Join DCR staff and the Friends of the Center for family activities about food and growing food. The Great Falls Farmers Market is located between 6th and 7th streets along Avenue A at Peskeompskut Park.

SUNDAY,
MAY 5

THE LISTENING EAR,* 12:00—3:00 p.m., Great Hall

All ages. Cultural archivist Christian McEwen gathers stories ranging from feasts and family recipes to the growing challenges of everyday life. Stop by Christian’s ear and share your stories! In collaboration with Exploded View and our 2024 *Food, Farms, and Factories* project and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

SUNDAY,
MAY 5

OPENING PERFORMANCE:

WHAT’S ON YOUR PLATE?*

2:00—4:00 p.m., Great Hall

For ages 12 and up. “8” is a new interdisciplinary work by Exploded View. This performing arts group explores the themes of food, farms, hope, community, and climate through art, word, and performance. In collaboration with our 2024 *Food, Farms, and Factories* project and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

FRIDAY,
MAY 10

GREAT FALLS COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS:

MARK MANDEVILLE & RAIANNE RICHARDS

7:00—9:00 p.m., Great Hall

All ages. Come to the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center’s concert series featuring local talent. Enjoy folk music for modern times with Mark Mandeville and Raianne Richards. Refreshments available. Sliding scale suggested donations, all in support of educational programming at the Center.

SATURDAY,
MAY 11

MAKE YOUR OWN MEADOW,*

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Great Hall

For ages 12 and up. Learn how to create your own pollinator-friendly meadow with landscape designers Tom Sullivan and Peter Wackernagle. Following, take a short walk to see pollinator gardens in downtown Turners Falls. In collaboration with Exploded View and our 2024 *Food, Farms, and Factories* project.

SATURDAY,
MAY 18

NOLUMBEKA PROJECT DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

1:00—3:30 p.m., Great Hall and outdoors

All ages. Commemorate the 348th Anniversary of the Great Falls Massacre and the 20th anniversary of the Reconciliation Ceremony, outdoors weather permitting, or in the Great Hall. Tribal members and non-Tribal public are welcome. Honored guests include: Liz Coldwind Santana Kiser, Elder, Council Woman, and Tribal Historical Preservation Officer for the Chaubunagungamaug Band of Nipmuck Indians; Elnu Abenaki Chief Roger Longtoe Sheehan; and others. For more info visit: www.nolumbekaproject.org. Free and open to all. Light refreshments provided. Co-sponsored by Nolumbeka Project and DCR.

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Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park
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SUNDAY,
MAY 19

WILD AND CULTIVATED EDIBLE PLANTS:*

A SHOW 'N TELL, 2:00—4:00 p.m., Great Hall

Ages 12 and up. Many invasive plants, like garlic mustard and goutweed, are tasty and nutritious additions to our diet. Author/illustrator Blanche Derby brings samples of her wild and cultivated plant friends for this indoor presentation in the Great Hall. In collaboration with Exploded View and our 2024 *Food, Farms, and Factories* project.

SATURDAY,
MAY 25

ART NATURALLY SERIES: FELTED FISH*

10:30—12:00 p.m., Great Hall

Discover nature and culture through story, poetry, and art in our series of free Art Naturally programs. Using words and images, instruction and techniques you create an art piece inspired by the natural world to take home. Learn how the shad's shape helps it swim upstream. Make a wet-felted underwater scene. For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). All art materials provided.

SUNDAY,
MAY 26

A FRENCH/BRETON JAM SESSION

2:30— 4:30 p.m., Great Hall

An informal group of musicians gathers to play the enchanting traditional dance music from France and Brittany, commonly known as bal folk. Please note, 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.

SATURDAY,
JUNE 15

SAVE THE DATE!

16TH ANNUAL FREE FAMILY FISHING DAY

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Visit us for a day of FREE fishing fun. Enjoy annual Family Fishing Day at Barton Cove, with additional activities at Great Falls Discovery Center. Adults and children of all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Event is held rain or shine. Parking is free at each site. More details coming soon.

* FOOD FARMS & FACTORIES

In 2024, the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center present programs and exhibits about *Food, Farms, and Factories*, continuing conversations about rural life in Turners Falls and Franklin County. Supported by the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center, RiverCulture, the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Montague Public Libraries. Funded by Mass Humanities through the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Visit greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org/foodfarmsandfactories to learn more.

