

# 2019 Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month: Nov. 20 - Dec. 20

## Wednesday, November 20, 2019

By Massachusetts law, every November 20 – December 20 is Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month (SHVAM). Below are events known to the Garden. Consult your local homicide bereavement services for information about other possible observances in your area.

### Louis D. Brown Peace Institute Presents the SHVAM Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony Gala

*Enacted in 2000, the annual SHVAM was created in an effort to educate the public and policymakers about the impact of murder on families and communities and uplift the peace-building efforts of survivors.*

#### **SHVAM Opening Ceremony**

Friday, November 22, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Massachusetts State House Grand Staircase

#### **SHVAM Closing Ceremony Gala**

Friday, December 20, 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Lombardo's Regency Room

6 Billings St.

Randolph, MA

For more information about either of these events, contact [Danielle Bennett](#).

See the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's SHVAM calendar of events [here](#).

### The Riverview Chamber Players' Fourth Annual Harmony & Hope - Responding to Violence with Music

*This concert and community event is designed to help ease the pain in our hearts, to remember the love of those killed, to give hope for a future without violence, and to provide an opportunity for a renewed sense of gratitude and joy for life. At the center of the performance will be a tea-light ceremony in remembrance of homicide victims.*

Saturday, December 7, 3:00 p.m.

Dewitt Center

122 Dewitt Dr.

Roxbury, MA

[Click here for more information](#)

The Homicide Bereavement Program at Baystate Health Family Advocacy Center  
Presents the 6th Annual Peace and Remembrance Gathering

Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 p.m.

Baystate Health Family Advocacy Center  
300 Carew Street, Suite 2  
Springfield, MA

For more information, [click here](#) or call 413-794-9816

Loved By Many: The Musical Memorial Project

Saturday, December 14, 1-3:30 p.m.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Courtyard and Calderwood Hall  
25 Evans Way  
Boston, MA

For more information, [click here](#) or call 617-566-1401