

**NEW YEARS UPDATE FROM THE NWCT ARTS COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2025**



In 2025, with your support, the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council worked hard to continue to shape a creative region that is strong, connected, and full of momentum.

**CULTURAL DISTRICTS**

In September of 2025, New Milford was announced as the 13<sup>th</sup> municipality in the state to be designated as a Cultural District.



The borough of **Bantam** in Litchfield has submitted their application for the establishment of the new **Bantam Arts District**.

The Bantam Arts District currently awaits to receive a date for their official designation from the state.

In 2025 Norfolk formed their committee to begin the Cultural District application process.

**ARTS NIGHT OUT**



In 2025, with funding from Northwest Community Bank Foundation, we presented 4 free networking events, including our annual art supply drive for Torrington Area Families for Autism (TAFa).

Read more about the work we did in our 2025 Annual Report:



ARTISTIC DIRECTOR MOSES PENDLETON

# MOMIX

# BOTANICA

SEASON 2

FEB 21 at 7:30pm & FEB 22 at 2pm

The Warner Theatre, Torrington CT  
Tickets available at [www.warnertheatre.org](http://www.warnertheatre.org)

# NWCT ARTS COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2026



MOON UNIT ZAPPA & FRIENDS; CLOSING RECEPTION 2/7  
SOUTERRAIN GALLERY OF WISH HOUSE, CORNWALL; SEE SHORT RUNS  
IMAGE: GARDEN WITCH BY JETT ULYSSES

Discover LITCHFIELD HILLS

EDUCATION @ THE WARNER

## ARTSPLOURATION

# SPRING FLING

APRIL 13-17

[WARNERTHEATRE.ORG/SPRINGFLING](http://WARNERTHEATRE.ORG/SPRINGFLING)

A half-day multifaceted arts education program that features visual arts, dance, acting, movement, jewelry-making, sewing, collaging, puppetry, and so much more!

Suitable for ages 7-14

MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF:  
**The Neag Foundation**

[WARNERTHEATRE.ORG](http://WARNERTHEATRE.ORG)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**THEATER**  
Mary Shelley's **FRANKENSTEIN**  
Friday, 2/13 - Sunday, 2/15

**ART SHOW**  
**HISTORIC PRESENCE**  
Featuring Taha Clayton  
Artist Reception: Saturday, 2/21

**CONCERT**  
**THE HOTCHKISS PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**  
Opera arias sang by Polish mezzo-soprano Magdalena Kulig followed by movie music favorites by John Williams.  
Saturday, 2/21

[hotchkiss.org/arts](http://hotchkiss.org/arts)

**PHOTOGRAPHY FOR CREATIVES**

ARTWORK  
CONTENT  
HEADSHOTS

[www.DebraLillStudio.com](http://www.DebraLillStudio.com)  
[DebraLillStudio@gmail.com](mailto:DebraLillStudio@gmail.com)

# FEBRUARY 2026

ONLINE & IN-PERSON EVENTS

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

### Lemons, ... Lemons" by Sam Steiner

3 pm - 5 pm; Judy Black Washington Depot; judyblackpark.org

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

### Downton Abbey, the Grand Finale

1 pm - 3:30 pm; Movie; Gunn Memorial Library Washington; gunnlibrary.org

### Native Peoples of North America

1 pm - 2:30 pm; Online; owllibrary.org



### Chess Club

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm; Harwinton Public Library Harwinton; harwintonpl.org

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

### Wedding Singer Auditions

6 pm - 9 pm; Warner Theatre Torrington; warnertheatre.org

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

### Wedding Singer Auditions

6 pm - 9 pm; See 2/3

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

### Art Book Club

2 pm - 3 pm; Five Points Arts Center Torrington; fivepointsarts.org

### Stitching in the Stacks

6 pm - 7 pm; David M. Hunt Library Falls Village; huntlibrary.org

### Ponte Club Fundraising Dinner

6:30 pm - 8 pm; Mattatuck Museum Waterbury; mattmuseum.org

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

### Poetry: Season of Winter's Retreat

7 pm - 9 pm; The JCC in Sherman Sherman; jccinsherman.org

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

### Seedy Saturday

9:30 am - 3 pm; Harwinton Public Library Harwinton; harwintonpl.org

### Monthly Book Sale

10 am - 1 pm; David M. Hunt Library Falls Village; huntlibrary.org

### Take Your Child to the Library Day 2026

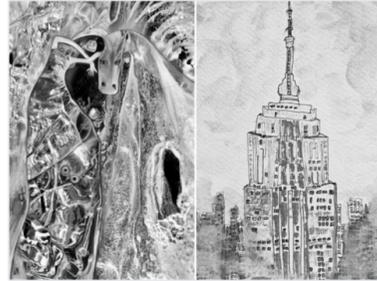
10 am - 3 pm; Morris Public Library Morris; morrispubliclibrary.net

### Take Your Child to the Library

10:30 am - 11:30 am; David M. Hunt Library Falls Village; huntlibrary.org

### Moon Unit Zappa & Friends

3 pm - 5 pm; Closing; Souterrain Gallery West Cornwall; souterraingallery.com



### 12 Moons to Feature Kala Farnham

6:30 pm - 9:15 pm; The Center on Main Canaan; thefvct.org

### Gallery Opening

6:30 pm - 8 pm; Village Center for the Arts New Milford; villagecenterarts.org

### Live @AMP: Nicole Zuraitis

7 pm - 9 pm; American Mural Project Winsted; americanmuralproject.org



## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

### Sip & Shop for Valentine's Day

11 am - 5 pm; Whiting Mills Winchester; whitingmills.com

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

### Native Peoples of North America

1 pm - 2:30 pm; See 2/2

### America's 250: The President's Club

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library Litchfield; owllibrary.org

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

### Trivia & Treat Night

6:30 pm - 8 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library Litchfield; owllibrary.org

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

### Sip & Decorate Cookie Party

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm; Brinx Café & Wine Bar Torrington; brinxct.com



### Mystery Book Club

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm; Morris Public Library Morris; morrispubliclibrary.net

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

### Afternoon Book Discussion

2 pm - 3 pm; Harwinton Public Library Harwinton; harwintonpl.org

### Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group

2 pm - 3:30 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library Litchfield; owllibrary.org

### Fiction Book Discussion Group

3:30 pm - 5 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library Litchfield; owllibrary.org

### Evening Glow - True North Trio

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm; Litchfield Cmty. Center Litchfield; thecommunitycenter.org

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

### Book Club: The Gathering, by Anne Enright

1 pm - 2 pm; Gunn Memorial Library Washington; gunnlibrary.org

### Love Stories Lantern Tour

5:30 pm - 7 pm; Litchfield History Museum Litchfield; litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org

### A Valentine's Celebration

7 pm - 10 pm; Palace Theater, Poli Club Waterbury; litchfieldperformingarts.org

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

### Family Day: Metal Mania w/ Battle Hill Forge

10:30 am - 5 pm; American Mural Project Winsted; americanmuralproject.org



### 24th Ann. Memorial Sweetheart Run/Walk

12 pm - 2 pm; Litchfield Community Center Litchfield; thecommunitycenter.org

### A Midwinter's Night in the Village Benefit

6 pm - 8 pm; David M. Hunt Library Falls Village; huntlibrary.org

### Nevermore Masquerade

7 pm - 10 pm; Mattatuck Museum Waterbury; mattmuseum.org

### Dinner & Music: The Red Dirt Girls

7 pm - 9 pm; The JCC in Sherman Sherman; jccinsherman.org

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

### Plastic Wars Movie & Discussion

6 pm - 7:30 pm; Gunn Memorial Library Washington; gunnlibrary.org



## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

### Family Dinner

6 pm - 8 pm; Litchfield Community Center Litchfield; thecommunitycenter.org

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

### Frenemies: Art of World Greatest Rivalries

6 pm - 7 pm; Gunn Memorial Library Washington; gunnlibrary.org

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

### Friday Feast & Dancing Feet

1 pm - 3 pm; Litchfield Community Center Litchfield; thecommunitycenter.org

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

### America 250: U.S. Poets Laureate

11 am - 12:30 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library Litchfield; owllibrary.org

### Historic Presence

4 pm - 6 pm; Reception; Hotchkiss School Lakeville; hotchkiss.org



### This Beautiful Place by Suzan Scott

5 pm - 7 pm; David M. Hunt Library Falls Village; huntlibrary.org

### MOMIX Botanica Season 2

7:30 pm - 9 pm; Warner Theatre Torrington; warnertheatre.org



### HPO & Magdalena Kulig

7:30 pm - 9 pm; Hotchkiss School Lakeville; hotchkiss.org

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

### MOMIX Botanica Season 2

2 pm - 3:30 pm; See 2/21

### CT Son: Oliver Wolcott Jr. w/ John Lizzi

3 pm - 4:30 pm; Litchfield History Museum Litchfield; litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

### Native Peoples of North America

1 pm - 2:30 pm; See 2/2

### Evening Book Discussion

6 pm - 7 pm; Harwinton Public Library Harwinton; harwintonpl.org

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

### Kids After School Art Day

4:45 pm - 7 pm; Litchfield Community Center Litchfield; thecommunitycenter.org

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

### Drums, Dreams & Our Story

1 pm - 2 pm; David M. Hunt Library Falls Village; huntlibrary.org



### Book Club - Prophet Song, by Paul Lynch

6 pm - 7 pm; Gunn Memorial Library Washington; gunnlibrary.org

### Viewing of His Truth Is Marching On

6 pm - 7 pm; New Milford Public Library New Milford; johnbrownproject.org

### Songs From the Duke Ellington Songbook

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library Litchfield; owllibrary.org

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

### The Becoming

7:30 pm - 9 pm; Hotchkiss School Lakeville; hotchkiss.org



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

### Meet Your Monger

11 am - 12 pm; Harwinton Public Library Harwinton; harwintonpl.org

### Traveling the Great Divide

2 pm - 3 pm; David M. Hunt Library Falls Village; huntlibrary.org

## LONG RUNS

### Call for Submissions: ASAP! Celebration of Young Writers; 2/1 thru 3/22

12 am - 11:45 pm; Online; asapct.org

### Chronos Exhibit; 2/4 thru 2/14

10 am - 5 pm; New Hartford Artisans Guild New Hartford; newhartfordartisansguild.com



### ColorForms: Paintings by Ellen Oster; 2/2 thru 3/14

12 pm - 7 pm; Minor Memorial Library Roxbury; minormemoriallibrary.org

### First Bloom by Deana Tierney May; 2/2 thru 3/14

9:30 am - 5 pm; Gunn Memorial Library Washington; gunnlibrary.org



## LONG RUNS (CONT.)

### Katie Ré Scheidt Art Show; 2/13 thru 3/8

9 am - 5 pm; The Judy Black Memorial Park Washington; judyblackpark.org

### Love Rendered; 2/21 thru 3/21

10 am - 5 pm; New Hartford Artisans Guild New Hartford; newhartfordartisansguild.com

### Mary Shelley's Frankenstein; 2/13 thru 2/15

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm; Hotchkiss School Lakeville; hotchkiss.org

### New England Sculpture Association the MATT: Learning from the Past; 2/1 thru 2/15

11 am - 4 pm; Mattatuck Museum Waterbury; mattmuseum.org

### Shark is Broken; 2/19 thru 3/14

8 pm - 10 pm; Performance; TheatreWorks New Milford; theatreworks.us

### Two New Exhibitions Opening Five Points Gallery; 2/6 thru 3/6

1 pm - 5 pm; Five Points Gallery Torrington; fivepointsarts.org

## WORKSHOPS

### AMERICAN MURAL PROJECT

Winsted; americanmuralproject.org

### Teen Art Studio; 2/14; 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Teen Art Workshops: Intro to Oil Painting; 2/28; 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

### DAVID M. HUNT LIBRARY

Falls Village; huntlibrary.org

### Learn Libby w/ Anna; 2/12; 1 pm - 3 pm

### FIVE POINTS ARTS CENTER

Torrington; fivepointsarts.org

### Trash to Treasure: Hand-Made Artist Books; 2/1; 10 am - 2 pm

Writing Artist Statement: Finding the Language for Your Practice; 2/3 thru 2/10; 6:30 pm - 8 pm

### Tiles, Small Bowls & Surface Techniques; 2/4 thru 2/25; 10 am - 2 pm

Introduction to Drawing the Figure; 2/4; 1 pm - 3 pm

### Gel Plate Printing & Mixed Media Collage; 2/5 thru 2/26; 10 am - 12 pm

Traditional Watercolor; 2/6 thru 2/27; 11 am - 3 pm

### Monthly Open Figure Drawing; 2/15; 2 pm - 4:30 pm

Collagraph Printmaking; 2/21 thru 2/28; 10 am - 4 pm

### Making Pop-Up Cards!; 2/22; 10 am - 12 pm

Introduction to Paper Engineering & Pop-Ups; 2/22; 1 pm - 4 pm

### Building Composite Ceramic Forms; 2/28; 10 am - 2 pm

### GUNN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Washington; gunnlibrary.org

### Kids Crafternoon; 2/3; 12 pm - 2 pm

Teen Craft Night; 2/3; 5:30 pm - 7 pm

Art of Meditation w/ Jeanine Chayka; 2/7; 10 am - 12 pm

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### GUNN MEMORIAL LIBRARY (CONT.)

Adult: Engraved Heart Keychains; 2/14; 10 am - 11:30 am

Adult: Crafting History - Pintmaking; 2/17; 2 pm - 3:30 pm

Grades 4 & 5: Engraved Heart Keychains; 2/21; 10 am - 11:30 am

Creative Listening Lab (Grades 4&5); 2/23; 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Creative Family Fun: Pinecone Critters; 2/28; 10 am - 11 am

### HARWINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Harwinton; harwintonpl.org

### Teen Zentangle; 2/11; 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Craft & Chat; 2/20; 3 pm - 5 pm

### LITCHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

Litchfield; thecommunitycenter.org

### Grades 4-5: Skill Seekers - Afterschool

Enrichment Program; 2/3 thru 2/24; 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Grades 1-3: Skill Seekers - Afterschool Enrichment Program; Tuesdays & Thursdays; 2/5 thru 3/12; 2/5 thru 2/26; 5 pm - 7 pm

Live, Learn, Lunch: From CT to Capitol Hill; 2/11; 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Pierogi Class; 2/23; 11 am - 1 pm

Legos w/ Noah; 2/28; 11 am - 1 pm

### MATTATUCK MUSEUM

Waterbury; mattmuseum.org

### Lunch & Learn: Chinese Educational Mission; 2/4; 12 pm - 1 pm

Adult: Sketching in the Galleries; 2/7; 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Kid: Happy Hearts Card Making; 2/7; 12 pm - 1 pm

Youth: My Besties & Me; 2/7; 2 pm - 4 pm

### MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Online; morrispubliclibrary.net

10 Tips to Manage Stress; 2/10; 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### THEATREWORKS NEW MILFORD, INC.

New Milford; theatreworks.us

### TWKids: Murder the Renaissance Faire; 2/3 thru 2/24; 4 pm - 6 pm

### VILLAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

New Milford; villagecenterarts.org

Clay Play; 2/7; 1 pm - 3 pm

Dirty Date Night; 2/14; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

A Studio Affair; 2/21; 6:30 pm - 10 pm

Women, Wine, & Wheel; 2/21; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm



MORE DETAILS  
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