

## SUMMER UPDATE FROM THE NWCT ARTS COUNCIL

### ANNOUNCING THE CREATIVE ECONOMY SUMMIT



### CREATIVE ECONOMY SUMMIT

The NWCT Arts Council & the NW Hills Council of Governments will be hosting a half-day summit focused on connecting and developing the creative economy in the Litchfield Hills.

The event will take place on **Thursday, September 11** at the Five Points Arts Center in Torrington from 8:30am - 1pm. Tickets are \$25 and includes networking breakfast and full program.

### BANTAM ARTS FACTORY MURAL UNVEILED

On June 29, 2025, the borough of Bantam came alive with celebration as community members gathered at the Bantam Arts Factory to officially unveil a vibrant new mural by renowned artist Danielle Mailer.

The project was managed by the Litchfield Arts Council, with the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council serving as fiscal sponsor.



### CULTURAL DISTRICT UPDATE

We have 2 towns in NWCT that are well on their way to designation as official state Cultural Districts.

We are working with both New Milford and the borough of Bantam in Litchfield, as well as the CT Office of the Arts to recognize the abundance of arts and culture in downtown districts.



### VOICES, VENUES, AND VIBES IN TORRINGTON

In April we worked with the CT Office of the Arts to facilitate a 2-day workshop with the AIR Collaborative in downtown Torrington. The result was the creation of a new program series called Voices, Venues, and Vibes.

The group will host three events in the pilot fall series, aimed at engaging young adults in civic community life and giving them the opportunity to connect and speak in a public forum.

## SAVE THE DATES!

NORFOLK  
ARTISTS



& FRIENDS

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Art Barn Gallery  
Battell Stoeckel Estate, Norfolk, CT

### SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW:

Thurs., Jul. 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 – 7 p.m.

### GALA RECEPTION:

Fri., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

**Sat., Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Noon – 5 p.m.

**Sun., Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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**SUMMER SOUNDS**  
Friday, August 1



**SCHUBERT'S FINEST**  
Friday, August 8  
Saturday, August 9



**BARTÓK'S WORLD**  
Friday, August 29  
Saturday, August 30

Fridays, 7:30 pm :  
Merryall Center, New Milford

Saturdays, 7:30 pm:  
St. Andrew's Church, Kent



For tickets and information visit  
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# NWCT ARTS COUNCIL

AUGUST 2025



CELEBRATING THE GRUMBLING GRYPHONS' 45TH ANNIVERSARY; 8/1  
HOUSATONIC REGIONAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, FALLS VILLAGE; SEE SHORT RUNS  
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LITCHFIELD HILLS

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## ARTS NIGHT OUT!

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LITCHFIELD  
MUSEUM | INGRAMHAM LIBRARY  
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 21  
6 - 8 PM



Network with local creatives and cultural  
professionals while you enjoy complimentary  
drinks and light refreshments!

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thru JULY 6

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AUGUST 2025

ONLINE & IN-PERSON EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

**27th Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing**  
4:45 - 7:30 pm; Hotchkiss Library  
Sharon, hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

**Edgar Allen Poe Speakeasy**  
6, 8, or 10 pm; Warner Theater  
Torrington, warnertheatre.org

**45th Gala Performance & Celebration**  
7 - 9 pm; Housatonic Valley Regional HS  
Falls Village, grumblingsgryphons.org

**A Summer's Evening**  
7:30 - 8:45 pm; Merryall Center  
New Milford, scemusic.org

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

**Plein Air Event at White Hart Inn**  
9 am - 7 pm; White Hart Inn  
Salisbury, newhartfordartisansguild.com



**27th Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing**  
10 am - 4:30 pm; see 8/1

**Ask a Master Gardener**  
10 am - 12 pm; New Milford Public Library  
New Milford, newmilfordlibrary.org

**Monthly Book Sale**  
10 am - 1 pm; David M. Hunt Library  
Falls Village, huntlibrary.org

**Edgar Allen Poe Speakeasy**  
2, 4, 6, or 8 pm; see 8/1

**Reception: Sarah Blodget & Tina Puckett**  
3 - 6 pm; Souterrain Gallery  
West Cornwall, souterraingallery.com

**In Plain Sight**  
6 - 8 pm; Village Center for the Arts  
New Milford, villagecenterarts.org

**12 Moons to Feature Ed Thorney**  
6:30 - 9:15 pm; Center on Main  
Falls Village, twelvemoonscoffeehouse.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

**Puppet Story-Telling with Cindy Davis**  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm; JCC in Sherman  
Sherman, jccinsherman.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 (CONT.)

**Reception: Turi Rostad**  
4 - 6 pm; Norfolk Library  
Norfolk, norfolklibrary.org

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

**Everything in This Country Must**  
11 am - 12 pm; Book Talk; David M. Hunt  
Library; Falls Village, huntlibrary.org

**More Ego-Less Chess (ages 6 to adult)**  
5 - 6:30 pm; Hotchkiss Library  
Sharon, hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

**Science Heroes and Pizza Night**  
6 - 8 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library  
Litchfield, owlrary.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

**Adult Day Trip: Clinton Crossing Outlet**  
10 am - 4:30 pm; Litchfield Cmty. Center  
Litchfield, thecommunitycenter.org

**Lunch & Learn: Mozart's Many Mysteries**  
12 - 1 pm; Mattatuck Museum  
Waterbury, mattmuseum.org

**Adult Program - Genealogy Club**  
6 - 7 pm; New Milford Public Library  
New Milford, newmilfordlibrary.org

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

**Coffee Talk**  
2 - 3 pm; New Milford Public Library  
New Milford, newmilfordlibrary.org

**Fossil Dig!**  
3:30 - 4:30 pm; David M. Hunt Library  
Falls Village, huntlibrary.org

**LGBTQIA+ Game Night**  
5:30 - 7 pm; David M. Hunt Library  
Falls Village, huntlibrary.org

**Oliver Wolcott Jr.: Presented by John Lizzi**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library  
Litchfield, owlrary.org

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

**Midday Talks: Pearls from Carol**  
12 - 1 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library  
Litchfield, owlrary.org

**Anansi the Trickster Spider**  
2 - 3 pm; Performance; Mattatuck Museum  
Waterbury, grumblingsgryphons.org

**Documentary Screening of Arthur Miller**  
5:30 - 8:30 pm; Minor Memorial Library  
Roxbury, minormemoriallibrary.org



FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 (CONT.)

**Concerts on Lawn: Community Open Mic**  
6 - 7 pm; David M. Hunt Library  
Falls Village, huntlibrary.org

**Schubert's Finest Hour**  
7:30 - 8:45 pm; Merryall Center  
New Milford, scemusic.org



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

**Access for All Free Admission**  
11 am - 5 pm; Mattatuck Museum  
Waterbury, mattmuseum.org

**Willie Niniger Concert**  
5:30 - 7 pm; Barns at Caroline Ferriday  
Preserve; Bethlehem, bltct.org

**I Feel The Earth Move: Music of Carole King**  
7 - 8:30 pm; Concert; Mattatuck Museum  
Waterbury, mattmuseum.org

**Schubert's Finest Hour**  
7:30 - 8:45 pm; St. Andrew's Church  
Kent; see 8/8

**The Rough & Tumble**  
7:30 - 9:30 pm; Merryall Center  
New Milford, merryallcenter.org

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

**Movie Monday: His Girl Friday**  
2 - 4 pm; Mattatuck Museum  
Waterbury, mattmuseum.org

**The President's Club - John Adams**  
3:15 - 4:15 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library  
Litchfield, owlrary.org

**Meeting Grandfather in his Fiction**  
5:30 - 6:30 pm; Lecture; Norfolk Library  
Norfolk, norfolklibrary.org

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

**Monthly Critique Sessions - August**  
2 - 3 pm; Five Points Arts Center  
Torrington, fivepointsarts.org

**More Ego-Less Chess (ages 6 to adult)**  
5 - 6:30 pm; see 8/5

**Open Mic Night**  
6:30 - 9:30 pm; Merryall Center  
New Milford, merryallcenter.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

**Day Trip: Mass MocA Museum**  
9:30 am - 5:30 pm; Litchfield Cmty. Center  
Litchfield, thecommunitycenter.org

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

**Cocktails & Conversations: Body Imagined**  
5:30 - 7 pm; Mattatuck Museum  
Waterbury, mattmuseum.org

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

**Outdoor Movie Night**  
7 - 9 pm; Judy Black Memorial Park  
Washington Depot, judyblackpark.org

**Seat of Our Pants**  
7:30 - 9:30 pm; Merryall Center  
New Milford, merryallcenter.org

**Steve Bennett Memorial Comedy Show**  
7:30 - 9:30 pm; JCC in Sherman  
Sherman, jccinsherman.org

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

**Choral Festival at Norfolk**  
4 - 5:30 pm; Norfolk Chamber Music  
Festival; Norfolk, norfolkmusic.org

**DRIFTLINES - Reception**  
5 - 7 pm; David M. Hunt Library  
Falls Village, huntlibrary.org



**A Studio Affair**  
6:30 - 10 pm; Village Center for the Arts  
New Milford, villagecenterarts.org

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

**Sunday Speaker: CT Audubon Society**  
1 - 2 pm; JCC in Sherman  
Sherman, jccinsherman.org

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

**Family Fun Day: Back to School Bash!**  
1 - 5 pm; Mattatuck Museum  
Waterbury, mattmuseum.org

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

**Kids Summer Lego Club**  
9 am - 1 pm; Litchfield Community Center  
Litchfield, thecommunitycenter.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

**Community Acoustic Jam**  
2 - 4 pm; Litchfield Community Center  
Litchfield, thecommunitycenter.org

**Magic Show & Sum. Reading Celebration**  
3 - 4 pm; Morris Public Library  
Morris, minormemoriallibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 (CONT.)

**End of the Summer Reading Bash**  
3:30 - 5 pm; David M. Hunt Library  
Falls Village, huntlibrary.org

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

**Adult Day Trip: Newport/Bowen's Wharf**  
9 am - 7:15 pm; Litchfield Cmty. Center  
Litchfield, thecommunitycenter.org

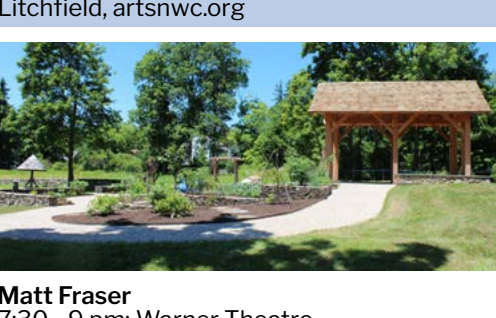
**Kids Summer Lego Club**  
9 am - 1 pm; see 8/19

**Mark Scarbrough on American Poetry**  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm; Gunn Memorial Library  
Washington, gunnlibrary.org

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

**Choral Festival at Norfolk**  
4 - 5:30 pm; Norfolk Chamber Music  
Festival; Norfolk, norfolkmusic.org

**DRIFTLINES - Reception**  
5 - 7 pm; David M. Hunt Library  
Falls Village, huntlibrary.org



**Matt Fraser**  
7:30 - 9 pm; Warner Theatre  
Torrington, warnertheatre.org

**Sunset Concert: Al Fenton Big Band**  
6 - 8 pm; Litchfield Community Center  
Litchfield, thecommunitycenter.org

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

**Salsa Night**  
6 - 9 pm; Mattatuck Museum  
Waterbury, mattmuseum.org

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

**I Got Saved by the Beauty of the World**  
9:30 - 3:30 pm; Wisdom House  
Litchfield, wisdomhouse.org

**Museum Minis**  
10 - 11 am; Mattatuck Museum  
Waterbury, mattmuseum.org

**Growing Up In The Woodstock Generation**  
1:30 - 2:30 pm; Performance; JCC in  
Sherman; Sherman, jccinsherman.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

**Augustfest**  
4 - 6 pm; David M. Hunt Library  
Falls Village, huntlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

**Book Talk & Signing w/ Author Josh Silver**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm; Morris Public Library  
Morris, minormemoriallibrary.org

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

**Author Meet: Genevieve Wheeler Brown**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm; Oliver Wolcott Library  
Litchfield, owlrary.org

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

**Lunch and a Movie**  
1 - 4:30 pm; New Milford Public Library  
New Milford, newmilfordlibrary.org

**Bartok's World**  
7:30 - 9:30 pm; Merryall Center  
New Milford, scemusic.org

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

**Bluegrass Jamboree**  
1 - 2:15 pm; Sherman Town Center  
Sherman, scemusic.org

**Bartók's World**  
7:30 - 8:45 pm; St. Andrew's Church  
Kent; see 8/29

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

**Bluegrass Jamboree**  
1 - 2:15 pm; Kent Barns; Kent  
5:30 - 6:45 pm; Judy Black Memorial Park  
Washington Depot; see 8/30

LONG RUNS

**August Concert Series;** Fridays; thru 8/22  
5:30 - 7:30 pm; First Congregational Church  
Washington, washingtonct4music.org

**DJ Stenson Solo Exhibition;** thru 8/2  
10 am - 5 pm; New Hartford Artisans Guild  
New Hartford, newhartfordartisansguild.com

**Circle Mirror Transformation;** thru 8/3  
8 - 10 pm; TheatreWorks New Milford  
New Milford, theatretworks.us

**Ingrid Freidenbergs: Collage Redux**  
Tuesdays thru Saturdays; thru 8/8  
1 - 5 pm; David M. Hunt Library  
Falls Village, huntlibrary.org



**Norfolk Chamber Music Festival**  
Fridays & Saturdays; thru 8/9  
8 - 10 pm; Norfolk Chamber Music Festival  
Norfolk, norfolkmusic.org

LONG RUNS (CONT.)

**Architecture Walking Tour;** Saturdays  
thru 8/16; 1 - 2 pm; Litchfield  
History Museum; Litchfield,  
litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org

**O'Keeffe In Conversation;** Tuesdays &  
Thursdays; thru 8/17  
11 am - 4 pm; Mattatuck Museum  
Waterbury, mattmuseum.org

**Heatwaves & Hues**  
Thursdays thru Sundays; thru 8/17  
12 - 6 pm; Gallery 25  
New Milford, gallery25ct.com

**August Concert Series;** Fridays; thru 8/22  
5:30 - 7:30 pm; First Congregational Church;  
Washington, washingtonct4music.org

**Finding the Light by Chandra Rogers**  
Mondays & Wednesdays thru Saturdays thru  
8/23; 10 am - 5 pm; Minor Memorial Library  
Roxbury, minormemoriallibrary.org

**Clue: A Walking Mystery;** Thursdays thru  
Sundays; Hourly at Various Times  
8/8 thru 8/24; Warner Theatre  
Torrington, warnertheatre.org

**Chris Barnard + Jeff Joyce;** thru 8/24  
9 am - 5 pm; Judy Black Memorial Park  
Washington Depot, judyblackpark.org

**Celebration of Young Photographers: Call  
for Art;** thru 8/27; 12 am - 12 am; ASAP!  
Online, asapct.org

**Sip Dip Done;** Fridays; thru 8/29  
7 - 9 pm; Riverton Frame Company  
Torrington, therivertonframeco.com

**Peril and Possibilities Exhibit**  
Thursday thru Saturday; thru 8/30  
10 am - 3 pm; Gunn Museum  
Washington, gunnlibrary.org

**August Light**  
Fridays thru Sundays; 8/8 thru 8/30  
1 - 5 pm; Kent Art Association  
Kent, shermanartists.org

**2025 Glass Orb Scavenger Hunt;** thru 8/31  
12 am - 12 am; Merwinsville Hotel  
Gaylordsville, merwinsvillehotel.org

**Merwinsville Hotel Summer Tours**  
Sundays; thru 8/31  
2 - 4 pm; Merwinsville Hotel  
Gaylordsville, merwinsvillehotel.org

**2025 Small Works Juried Exhibition**  
Tuesdays thru Sundays; thru 9/6  
1 - 5 pm; Five Points Center  
Torrington, fivepointsarts.org

**DRIFTLINES: by Heather Neilson & Babs  
Perkins;** Tuesdays thru Saturdays; 8/16 thru  
9/12; 6 - 9 pm; David M. Hunt Library  
Falls Village, huntlibrary.org

**The Big Show**  
Thursday thru Saturday; thru 9/13  
10 am - 5 pm; New Hartford Artisans Guild  
New Hartford, newhartfordartisansguild.com

LONG RUNS (CONT.)

**Music Mountain Summer Festival**  
Saturdays; 7 - 9 pm; Sundays; 3 - 5 pm  
thru 9/14; Music Mountain  
Canaan, musicmountain.org

**Mixed Media Exhibit**  
Thursdays thru Sundays; 8/3 thru 9/28  
11 am - 5 pm; Souterrain GalleryWest  
Cornwall, souterraingallery.com

WORKSHOPS

**American Mural Project**  
Winsted, americanmuralproject.org

**Summer @AMP: Eco-STEAM;** thru 8/1  
8:30 am - 3 pm

**Summer @AMP: Band Lab;** thru 8/1  
9 am - 3 pm

**ASAP!**  
Washington, asapct.org

**Summer Camp;** Mondays thru Fridays  
thru 8/15; 9 am - 3:30 pm

**Indigo and Clay Resist;** 8/14; 2 - 5 pm

**Cannoli Making;** 8/15; 3:30 - 5 pm

**Debra Lill Studio @ Whiting Mills**  
Winsted, debrailstudio.com

**iPhone Photography Class for Jewelers**  
8/10; 1 - 3 pm

**iPhone Photography Class for 2-D Artists**  
8/16; 1 - 3 pm

**Five Points Arts**  
Torrington, fivepointsarts.org

**Experimental Black & White w/ Pinhole  
Cameras;** 8/2; 9:30 - 4:30 pm

**Reflections of Life: Painting Glass in Oils**  
8/2 & 8/9; 10 am - 4 pm

**Handbuilding Techniques;** 8/14 thru 8/16  
10 am - 3 pm

**Summer Teen Art Labs;** Mondays thru  
Thursdays; thru 8/14; 1 - 4:30 pm

**Cyanotype with Botanicals;** 8/16  
10 am - 4 pm

**Ink & Cotton: Screen Printing on Fabric**  
8/23 & 8/30; 10 am - 4 pm

**Painting Creatively From Photos;** 8/23  
12:30 - 4:30 pm

**Creative Compositions;** Saturdays; thru 9/6  
10 am - 1 pm

**Gallery 25**  
New Milford, gallery25ct.com

**Summer Art Club w/ Liz Rosiello;** 8/7 & 8/14  
6 - 8 pm

WORKSHOPS (CONT.)

**Gallery 25 (CONT.)**  
**Sip & Paint the New Milford Bandstand**  
8/16; 6 - 8 pm

**Make A Plate: Glass Fusing Workshop w/  
Pam Elkow;** 8/21; 6 - 8 pm

**Grumblng Gryphons**  
Waterbury, grumblingsgryphons.org

**Theater Arts Camp @ the Mattatuck  
Museum;** 8/4 thru 8/8; 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Gunn Memorial Library**  
Washington, gunnlibrary.org

**Kids Crafternoon in the Makerspace**  
8/5 & 8/19; 12 - 2 pm

**Kids Coding Club: Game On!** 8/9 & 8/16  
10 - 11 am

**Adult: Beyond the Basics: Fine Tuning 3D  
Prints w/ Cura;** 8/12; 2 - 3 pm

**French Club for Adults;** 8/14; 1 - 2 pm

**Teen D&DIY: Miniatures;** 8/14; 5:30 - 7 pm

**Adult - Practical AI with Mike Ingber;** 8/21  
6 - 7:30 pm

**Adult - 3D Printed Box;** 8/23; 10 - 11:30 am

**Adult - Crafting History: Wax Seals;** 8/26  
2 - 3:30 pm

**Adult - Crochet Club with Missy Stevens**  
8/28; 2 - 4 pm

**Litchfield Community Center**  
Litchfield, thecommunitycenter.org

**Bloom Where Planted: Pressed Flower  
Suncatcher;** 8/8; 11:30 - 12:30 pm

**Mattatuck Museum**  
Waterbury, mattmuseum.org

**Summer Camp;** Mondays thru Fridays  
thru 8/8; 8:30 am - 5 pm

**Adult: Paint a Pot;** 8/9; 2 - 4 pm

**New Milford Public Library**  
New Milford, newmilfordlibrary.org

**Ukulele Club;** 8/12; 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Ukrainian Egg-Making;** 8/14; 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**ESL Cafe;** 8/14; 6 - 7:30 pm

**Sit & Stitch;** 8/26; 3:30 - 5 pm

**Drop-In Tech Help;** 8/27; 6 - 7 pm

**Collage-Making;** 8/28; 5 - 7:30 pm

**Oliver Wolcott Library**  
Litchfield, owlrary.org

**Art, Nature & Magic;** Fridays; thru 8/15  
12 - 1 pm

