

# THE ARTS CALENDAR for AUGUST

## Middletown Presenters

- ArtFarm**  
119 Highland Avenue • info@art-farm.org • www.art-farm.org • 860.346.4390
- Art Guild of Middletown**  
P.O. Box 205      Bob Spooner, Pres.      860.346.6546
- Broad Street Books**  
45 Broad Street      Mon-Fri 9a-6p; Sat & Sun 9a-5p      860.685.7323
- The Buttonwood Tree • North End Arts Rising, Inc.**  
605 Main Street, P.O. Box 71      860.347.4957  
Hrs: Sun 1-2p; Mon 3-6p; Tue 11a-3p & during performances  
thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com • www.buttonwood.org
- CT Gilbert & Sullivan Society**  
P.O. Box 2152 • cgss@snet.net • www.ctgilbertandsullivan.org      1.800.866.1606
- CT Heritage Productions**  
46 Bretton Road      860.347.7771
- Eternal Perks Coffee House**  
Grace Lutheran Church, 1055 Randolph Rd  
www.gracemiddletown.org      860.346.2641
- Greater Middletown Chorale**  
P.O. Box 527      Dawn Alger, 860.539.9334; John Coghill, 860.285.8208
- Greater Middletown Concert Assoc.**  
P.O. Box 2622      Barbara Arafefh      860.347.4887
- Green Street Arts Center**  
51 Green Street      860.685.7871  
gsac@wesleyan.edu • www.greenstreetartscenter.org
- Klekolo World Coffee**  
181 Court Street      Mon-Fri 7a-1a; Sat, Sun 8a-1a      860.343.9444
- Local 499, Amer. Federation of Musicians**  
Roy Wiseman, President      860.344.0066
- MAC650**  
650 Main Street      860.343.1516
- Middle City Stage Company**  
kellydimauro@middlecitystage.org • www.middlecitystage.org • 860.346.6051
- Middletown Public Schools Cultural Council**  
c/o Middletown Bd of Education, 311 Hunting Hill Avenue      860.638.1419
- Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater**  
128 Washington St • Mon-Fri 10a-5p • www.oddfellows.org • 860.347.6143
- Russell Library**  
123 Broad St., • Mon-Thur 9a-8:30p; Fri 9a-6p; Sat 9a-5p      860.347.2528
- Valley Shore Chorus**  
860.346.2674
- Vinnie's Jump & Jive Dance Hall & Art Gallery**  
424 Main Street      www.vinniesjumpandjive.com      860.347.6971 x3777
- Wesleyan Potters**  
350 South Main Street      Gallery Hours: Tues-Sat 11a-5p      860.347.5925
- Wesleyan University Galleries**      Tues-Sun noon-4 p; closed Monday
- Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery, Washington Terrace      860.685.2500
- Davison Art Center, 301 High Street      860.685.2330
- Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies (hrs: 1p-4p)
- 343 Washington Terrace      860.685.2330
- Wesleyan University**
- Crowell Concert Hall, World Music Hall - Wyllys Avenue  
Center for the Arts, Washington Terrace
- Box Office:      860.685.3355
- Russell House, 350 High Street      860.685.2280
- Wesleyan Writing Program/Writers Conference**
- Anne Greene, Director      860.685.3604
- agreene@wesleyan.edu • www.wesleyan.edu/writers

Are you on this list?  
Should you be?

Is your arts event listed?

Contact us at City Arts Office, 860.343.6620 x201  
or stephan.allison@cityofmiddletown.com

P.O. Box 1300 • Middletown, CT 06457-1300



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## For what it's worth . . .



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On Wednesday, August 4th from 5:30-7:30pm the creative achievements accomplished by the children in our KIDS ARTS Creative Arts camp will be presented. This 5 week program, sponsored by the MCA, supports 60 children ages 6-14. This year we had an Art Tech class taught by Shane Grant, and a Troubadour class taught by Lauren Agnelli which combines music and creative writing to produce a 12 page newspaper "The Inside Scoop" and some songs - all of which will be revealed on August 4th. The "Reveal" will take place at The Buttonwood Tree - 605 Main Street, at the corner of Liberty and Main Streets.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Children's Circus of Middletown - "Eat's All Good" - takes place on Friday August 6th at 5pm (raindate is 8/7 at 5pm). Presented by Oddfellows Playhouse, the Middletown Commission on the Arts, with additional support from the City of Middletown and the Middlesex United Way, the circus takes place at Macdonough School, 66 Spring St. Will their unicycling pizza delivery team make it to your door in 30 minutes or less? Will the acrobatic chefs manage to keep all their eggs up in the air? Or will a giant army of ants overrun the circus picnic? Don't worry! "Eat's All Good". The 22<sup>nd</sup> Children's Circus of Middletown takes on the food pyramid and delivers a healthy, balanced circus of fun under the direction of Skyler Sullivan, with fantastic and delicious backdrops designed by Jason Leinwand, and some delightful dinner music provided by the circus band under the direction of Eric Kuhn.



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Also, August marks another Open Air Market at the Wadsworth Mansion. Not to be missed if you want to flavor the local goods while soaking up local cultural offerings - August 22nd.

A free event hosted by The Coffeehouse Recording Studio of note taking place at The Buttonwood Tree on Aug. 29th - a serious stroke a number of years ago limited Middletown's preeminent folk bluesman Nate Simmons' ability to perform and share his authentic Piedmont-style acoustic blues but it never took his spirit, determination, or bluesman style. Stop in and say hello, share some stories and photographs and perform a song or two if you wish. Nate will be there to enjoy the festivities.

Thank you for supporting the arts.

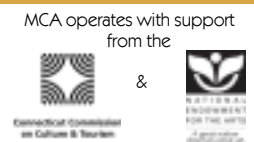
*Stephan Allison*  
Stephan Allison, Coordinator



MIDDLETOWN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT CALENDAR:** must be received by the 10th of the month preceding publication and may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the Commission. For additional info., call 860.343.6620 x201.

# AUGUST 2010



The programs and services of the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts are made possible by municipal tax dollars, and the contributions of residents and local businesses.

## Arts On View

- 191914 Arts Salon** 44 Green Street      860.770.9721
- Adath Israel Judaica Museum** 48 Old Church Street      860.346.4709  
Hrs: Mon-Tues 9-3p, Wed. 9-6p, Thur. 9-3p, Fri. 9-12p. Call for a guided tour.
- Art Guild of Middletown** 390 Main St., Middlefield      860.346.6546
- Broad Street Books** 45 Broad Street      860.685.7323  
Hrs: M-Fri 8a-8p; Sat/Sun 9a-5p • www.wes.bkstr.com
- The Buttonwood Tree** 605 Main Street      860.347.4957  
Bookstore hrs: Sun 1-2p; Tues 11a-3p • Call or check www.buttonwood.org/listings for performance/event hrs • Anything Slambovian may happen – see the posters & photographs of Gandalf Murphy & the Slambovian Circus of Dreams, hear their magical music
- Green Street Arts Center** 51 Green Street      860.685.7871
- Harriet Amanda Chapman Scandinavian Handicrafts**      860.347.9022  
Starr Mill Pond, 88 Beverly Heights Hrs. Tue-Sat 10a-5p
- It's Only Natural Restaurant** 386 Main St. Market      860.346.9210  
Open daily at 11a • www.ionrestaurant.com
- Deck Art by Ted Esselstyn • Inside: Art by local artists change regularly
- Javapalooza** 330 Main St.      860.346.5282
- Kidcity Children's Museum** 119 Washington St.      860.347.0495
- Klekolo World Coffee** 181 Court Street      860.343.9444  
Hrs: Fri/Sat 7a-midnight; Sun-Thur 7a-7p
- La Boca Mexican Restaurant & Cantina** 520 Main Street      860.347.4777  
On Display: Pastels by Chris Geary
- Luther Ridge at Middletown Art Gallery** 628 Congdon St. West      860.347.7144  
M-F 10a-4p • www.lutherridge.org
- MAC 650 Gallery** 650 Main Street      860.343.1516
- Middlesex Community College** 100 Training Hill Road      860.343.5806  
call for hours at either location • Pegasus Gallery and The Niche: 2010 Arts & Media Festival—works from MxCC's Broadcast Communications, Fine Arts, Graphic Design and Multi-Media Students—thru 9/5
- Middlesex County Historical Society** 151 Main Street      860.346.0746  
Gen. Mansfield House—Hrs. Tue & Wed 1-4p; Thu 10a-1p
- Exhibits Ongoing: *Their Own Stories: Voices from Middletown's Melting Pot • Hard & Stirring Times: Middletown and the Civil War • Greetings from Middletown—Changing Views of a Colorful City*
- Middletown Framing** 501 Main Street      860.347.0064
- Middletown Sports Hall of Fame** 58 Bernie O'Rourke Drive      860.347.9575
- Municipal Bldg./City Hall** 245 deKoven Drive      860.343.6620, x201  
Hrs: M-F 8:30a-4:30p City Art Collection • 2009 MCA Annual Arts Award: *Self Portrait* by Jessica Pandolfe • 2010 MCA Annual Arts Award: Sculpted piece by Joshua Arabas
- Painters Touch** 806 Millbrook Road      860.344.9670
- Russell Library** 123 Broad Street      860.347.2528  
Hrs: M-Th 9a-8:30p; Fri 9a-6p; Sat 9a-5p; • Lobby; & 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl: CPA Prison Arts Program permanent collection • Info Area, 2<sup>nd</sup> fl: Pen and ink drawings by Lynda Gardner
- Ursel's Web** 140 Washington Street      860.344.0041  
Hrs: Tu-Fri 10a-6p; Sat 10a-5p; Middletown Art Guild Members' Exhibit featuring Jean Maynard – Watercolors and Acrylic Paintings
- Vinnie's 10,000 Eyeballs Gallery** 424 Main St.      860.347.6971 x3777  
Ongoing call for Artists to display art work.
- Wesleyan Potters Gallery/Shop** 350 South Main Street      860.347.5925  
Hrs: Wed-Fri 10a-6p; Sat 10a-4p; Sun 12-4p: • "Faculty Show" thru 8/15
- Wesleyan University**      860.685.3355  
Davison Art Center, 301 High Street—Hrs. Tue-Sun 12-4p: Closed thru August • Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery—Hrs: Tue-Sun 12-4p; Fri 12-8p: • Mansfield Freeman Ctr. for East Asian Studies Gallery - Hrs: Tue-Sun 1-4p: • Zelnick Pavilion (217 High St.); 9a-10p • Olin Library, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl. East, Church St.—Hrs: M-Fri 9a-5p  
*Ongoing:* Book Sale—public welcome; Student Artwork. Basement Level

## Middletown Commission on the Arts

100 Riverview Center - Suite 140 • P.O. Box 1300 • Middletown, CT 06457-1300  
www.cityofmiddletown.com/arts • stephan.allison@cityofmiddletown.com

**Staff:** Stephan Allison, Coordinator; Barbara Santangelo/Becky Carroll, Admin. Assistants  
**Submit Listings to:** barbara.santangelo@cityofmiddletown.com

**Mayor:** Sebastian N. Giuliano

**Commission:** Joyce Kirkpatrick (Chair), Robert Resnikoff (Vice Chair), Barbara Arafefh, Patricia Evans, Fran Ganguli, Lee Godburn, Richard Kamins, Jennifer Lecce, Charlotte McCoid, Michele Lau (*Student Rep.*)

**Council Members:** Robert P. Santangelo, David Bauer

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## Opportunities . . .

**191914 Ministries, Inc.**  
44 Green Street • www.191914.com or email info@191914.com • Free workshop experience in Emerging Artist Development Series (EADS) and Dream Capture Group. Call ..... 860.770.9721

**AmericanTowns**  
New web site! Post information about your organization with articles, photos and upcoming event dates. Also offers press release tool to send news to media. If interested, visit americantowns.com or email jim@americantowns.com.

**Art Guild of Middletown**  
390 Main St., Middlefield • Pastel classes w/Ellie Bender-203.257.5224 & Watercolor classes with Bivenne Staiger-860-632-7334 • Call for all Pastel Teachers: Dale Michaels Wade, Pres. of Pastel Painters of Cape Cod looking for teachers for Beat the Winter Blahs program for 2010. If interested, respond to dalemwade@comcast.net • The Guild Goes Green-Collecting and recycling old art books & magazines • Interested in exhibiting, call Emily Newton at ..... 860.349.3751

**ARTFARM**  
Touring shows available for booking: *Woman's Will & Circus for a Fragile Planet*. Contact Marcella Trowbridge or Dic Wheeler ..... info@art-farm.org or 860.346.4390

**Artists for World Peace**  
Fundraising for International Peace Belt / Rosebud Reservation, SD. www.artistsforworldpeace.org ..... 860.347.4129 or 860.685.1789

**Barbara Beck Studio**  
Original art: watercolors/prints/collages may be viewed/purchased. Call ..... 860.346.4615

**The Buttonwood Tree (North End Arts Rising, Inc.)**  
Sun – 1p: Food Not Bombs • Mon - 6p: Wing Chun study group, Martial Arts; 7:30p: Anything Goes! Open Mic (starts again on 8/16) • Tues – 9:30a: Tai Chi with Tom Cushing, walk-ins welcome anytime • Thu - 5p: Kundalini Yoga, no exp. Needed (no class on 8/12); 1<sup>st</sup> Thu - 6:30p: Open Mic • Call ..... 860.347.4957

**CT Gilbert & Sullivan-Celebrating 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**  
P.O. Box 2152, Middletown • 10/22,23,24: *The Mikado* w/orchestra - Performing Art Center at MHS. www.ctgilbertandsullivan.org ..... 800.866.1606

**CT Heritage Productions**  
Call Peter Lofredo or email ptlofredo@earthlink.net. .... 860.347.7771

**CT Poetry Society**  
Meets monthly (variable dates) from 6:45p-8:45p. Call Bill McMahon ..... 860.347.6175

**Connecticut Woodcarvers Association**  
10a-2p. Carving walking sticks. CT Forest & Park Bldg, Route 66 • New carvers & families w/ children ages 10+ welcome. For info, ctwoodcarver@gmail.com or visit www.ctwoodcarvers.org.

**Dance Outfitters**  
386 Main St. (Main St. Market) • www.dance-outfitters.com ..... 860.638.0086

**Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) – Wadsworth Chapter**  
This year's American History Essay Contest for grades 5-8 is accepting essays titled “Memoirs of Paul Revere” until the deadline of 1/10/11. For specific information, rules and award info, contact Bryna O’Sullivan: 860.344.0477 or nmyflyer@yahoo.com.

**Friends of the Davison Art Center (FDAC)**  
Alsop House, 301 High St. Information on the Friends, fdac@wesleyan.edu ..... 860.685.2500

**Greater Middletown Chorale**  
Call for singers – all voice parts needed. 1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal held on Tues. 9/7 at Holy Trinity Church. Auditions for vocal placement can be arranged in advance by contacting Joseph D’Eugenio, Artistic Director and Conductor - 203.394.7988 or joedeukenio@hotmail.com • Contacts: Dawn Alger 860.539.9334 or John Coghill 860.285.8208 or jdcoghil@snnet.net • website www.gmchorale.org

**Greater Middletown Concert Association**  
Concerts/Opera Series: subscriptions/tickets, reserved numbered seats also available. Visit www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org or call 860.347.4887 or 860.346.3369

**Green Street Arts Center**  
Accepting reservations for evening/weekend classes for all ages • New! Passport Class Series in World Music and Latin Dance • Seeking writers & photographers to participate in Flash Forward, 2nd Tue. Photo Meetups & Writers Out Loud! www.greenstreetartscenter.org ..... 860.685.7871

**Javapalooza**  
330 Main St. • Open Mic Nite every Thurs ..... 860.346.5282

**La Boca Mexican Restaurant & Cantina**  
520 Main Street, Open invitation for artists to exhibit ..... 860.347.4777

**Literacy Volunteers of Central Connecticut**  
Seeking volunteers to teach Basic Reading and ESL ..... 860.347.0337

**Meditation in Middletown**  
91 Beverly Heights. • Mon. & Thurs.-7p, Sat.-noon. Meditation at the Starr Mill Waterfall. Free and open to the public. Presented by Bob Vinci. www.themeditationman.org ..... 860.685.8716

**Middle City Stage Company**  
Seeking Playwrights and Filmmakers for it's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5Arts Program – 5ARTS2011. One act plays by Connecticut based playwrights and finished films produced from original screenplays. For more info, email kellydimauro@middlecitystage.org or call ..... 860.343.1516

**Middlesex County Community Foundation**  
Watch listings for Morning Musings-upcoming free workshops for non-profit staff and volunteers to help build their capacity. See Listings, Aug. 18 for new program. .... 860.347.0025

**Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords – if you love to sing...**  
Gina Fredericks, musical director - Joyce Ghent, founder/ chair. Call ... 860.342.3120 or 346.8045

**Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education (MILE)**  
For Seniors 50+, MxCC, 100 Training Hill Rd. • Volunteer Opportunities available for various programs (artists) call Nancy Jordan 860.667.2035 or email najor@msn.com • Other classes-Tai Chi and Chi Kung; Historical Jesus; computer classes; Elder Law, art; Great Decisions and more. For more info or receive a brochure contact MILE at www.mileonline.org. Call ..... 860.343.5863

**Middletown Adult Education**  
Classes available in art, dance, yoga, music lessons, photography, crafts, kickboxing, Pilates, Tai Chi, Chi Kung and Ai-Chi. 398 Main St., www.maect.org ..... 860.343.6044

**Middletown Artists Coop (MAC) • MAC650 Artspace**  
650 Main Street. • mac650.blogspot.com ..... 860.343.1516  
Resident artists live in affordable housing & provide arts community service for local groups. 1 & 2 bedroom units available w/studio space. Call for more info.

**Middletown Commission on the Arts (MCA)**  
8/4; 5:30p Kids Arts Creative Arts Reveal featuring 6 to 14 yr. olds & the skills learned in the summer programs, held at The Buttonwood Tree - 8/6; 5p: Kids Arts 2010 Circus Performance featuring over 200 kids ages 8-14, held at Macdonough School. Visit www.cityofmiddletown.com/arts or call ..... 860.343.6620 x201

**Middletown Framing**  
501 Main St. • If interested in receiving promotions for deals/special sales, email dmitri@middletownframing.com. .... 860.347.0064

## Opportunities . . .

**Middletown Symphonic Band**  
8/18; 7p: Allyn Brook Park Durham (raindate: 8/19, 7p). Meets Thurs. - 7p at Middletown HS, LaRosa La. Wind instrumentalists & percussionists welcome. No audition/dues. Visit www.middletownsymphonicband.org or call Kathleen Takaki ..... 860.267.4636

**Middletuners, The Senior Chorus of Middletown** *Do you love the “old” songs?*  
Join the rehearsals every Tues. 2-4 pm. Call Barbara Arafeh ..... 860.347.4887

**Oddfellows Playhouse**  
See website for fall class offerings! www.oddfellows.org ..... 860.347.6143

**Painters Touch**  
806 Millbrook Rd-Jackie Peterson originals/prints. Call for appt. or look for “open” sign outside. View displays of various artworks. .... 860.344.9670

**Paradise Lost**  
Egress Films offers John Milton's Paradise Lost as performed by John Basinger captured on film by Andreas BURGESS. Four DVD set includes all 12 books plus special features. To view or obtain your copy, visit www.paradiselostperformances.com

**Piano Instruction.**  
Instruction w/experienced teacher, Carolyn Halsted. All ages/levels welcome. Call 860.343.0677

**Russell Library**  
Interested in displaying your work or a collection at the Library? Call 860.347.2528 x135 • Descriptive videos avail. for visually impaired, call 860.347.2520 • CT Museums passes available • GrantStation: Valuable Online Grant Sources offered for public use

**Senior Center Programs for Seniors 60+**  
Classes/Programs: Yoga; Exercise; Line Dancing; Tai Chi. Senior Dances w/live bands, more. Call for info. Reg. req'd. .... 860.344.3513

**Shaped Note Singing – if you like to sing...**  
Performances of “The Bill of Rights”: 8/17: St. Katherine, Drexel Parish, NH; Oct.: Long Wharf Theater, New Haven • Join a group of shaped note singers. Group meets every 1st Sun of the mo. at the Downey House Lounge (corner of High & Court Sts). Contact Neely Bruce - nbruce@wesleyan.edu or ..... 860.685.2578

**South Church Goes to Tanglewood**  
8/15: *Americans, Expressionists, and Paris* Tanglewood-The Boston Symphony Orchestra. Meet at City Hall parking lot off deKoven Drive at 11:15a; bus leave 11:30a SHARP! Bus leaves Tanglewood 4:45p and returns to parking lot in Middletown approx. 7p. For details, contact Mike Long or Elizabeth Nocera at ..... 860.346.2714.

**Stage Left Dance and Fitness Center**  
100 Riverview Ctr., Suite 100. Classes available. Call Lorrie or Cindee Tine. .... 860.346.6928

**The NIA Technique**  
Dance/Fitness/Wellness with Julie Deak. Call. .... 860.347.1825

**Valley Shore Sweet Adelines Chorus (women)**  
New members welcome. Sing 4 part harmony Tue 7:15 pm, Village at So. Farms. .. 203.379.0650

**Vinnie's Jump & Jive Community Dance Hall**  
CALL FOR ARTISTS! Looking for colorful artwork to display in *10,000 Eyeballs Gallery* space • Group bookings-rental space now available. Alcohol/smoke free • Classes in Swing (Open swing every Tue), Hip Hop, NIA, Line Dancing; Belly Dancing, Tap, Salsa, Waltz, B-Boy/B-Girl, Afro Contemporary, Yoga & Weekend Parties. vinniesjumpandjive.com ..... 860.347.6971 x3777

**Wadsworth Mansion at Long Hill Estate**  
421 Wadsworth St • Tours Weds-2-4p, call to confirm. Mansion trails open daily. Call ..... 860.347.1064

**Wesleyan Potters**  
350 S. Main St. (Rt. 17) • Pottery, jewelry, weaving & basketry classes for children and adults. Call. 860.347.5925

**Yoga in Middletown**  
438 Main St. • yogainmiddletown.com • Summer Morning Intensive, Aug. 2-5, plus many weekly classes for all levels from beginners thru advanced • Back Care & Pre-Natal, resume in the fall. • Gift Certificates available • Since 1991. .... 860.347.YOGA (9642)

**Yoga Possibilities**  
99 Beverly Heights • On-going classes Thu @ 5:30p ..... 860.670.4880

## Just For Kids

**The Buttonwood Tree (TBT)** ..... **860.347.4957**  
Every Tues & Thu; 3:45-5p: Free Chess Classes with Gasper Ortiz. Registration required.

**Community Health Center (CHC)** ..... **860.347.6971 x3662**  
Family Wellness Center programs (all ages). Reg. req'd. Call Julie Deak, FWC Supervisor.

**Friends of the Davison Art Center (FDAC)** ..... **860.685.3355**

**Green Street Arts Center (GSAC)** ..... **860.685.7871**  
Call or visit www.greenstreetartscenter.org • Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Kidcity Children's Museum** ..... **860.347.0495**  
119 Washington St, “Hands on” for 6 mo-10 yrs. & accompanying adults. Hrs: Sun-Tue, 11a-5p; Wed-Sat, 9a-5p.

**Middlesex County Historical Society** ..... **860.346.0746**  
Gen. Mansfield House, 151 Main Street • www.middlesexhistory.org •

**Middletown Adult Education** ..... **860.343.6050**  
Even Start Program/Family Learning Program-call for info

**Middletown Commission on the Arts** ..... **860.343.6620 x201**  
8/4; 5p Kids Arts Creative Arts Reveal - 8/6; 5p: Kids Arts 2010 Circus Performance

**North End Action Team (NEAT)** ..... **860.346.4845**  
NEATNotes, capella choir, and the Da Vinci Group, videography projects. For kids 8-14 residing in the North End. Call NEAT if interested in joining.

**Oddfellows Playhouse (OP)** ..... **860.347.6143**  
Call or go to www.oddfellows.org for more info and reservations.

**Russell Library (Children's Dept)** ..... **860.347.8479**  
www.russelllibrary.org • **Teens:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mon; 4p: Teen Book Club • 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed; 4p: Teen Advisory Committee • **Grade 4 & up:** 8/6 – 3-4p: The Disintegration Project – Create art that will be exposed on library grounds to the elements, see how this changes the art. Results will be viewed next March • 8/16 & 50 – 2p: Books into Films Series featuring *The Lightning Thief* and *InkHeart* • 8/19 & 26 – 4-5p: Creative Writing Group • Independent Program: *Phantasmagoria:* a Reading Program for Older Children – come in & pick up a game board – the chance to win prizes for summer reading!  
**Younger Children: Ages 3 & up:** 8/11 – 10a: Wet Wild Water Crafts • **Ages 3 - 6:** 8/3, 10 & 17 – 10a: Summer Stories – discover new stories & hear old favorites. Sing, move and make a small craft! For children & their adult • **Ages 1 yr. & under:** 8/4, 11 & 18 – 1:30p: Baby Rhyme Time, sing songs, learn rhymes & fingerplays. Learn about the library & what it has to offer.

**Vinnie's Jump & Jive** ..... **860.347.6971 x3777**  
Classes available for kids ages 5-14, toddler and pre-school • Reg. req'd. Call for info.

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**Sun 1 Music**  
4p Shaped Note Singing this month will be at Neely Bruce's house. Call for info 860.685.2578.

**Theater**  
2p *Guys and Dolls*, a musical performed by the Middletown Teen Theater. *Middletown High School Performing Arts Center, 200 LaRosa Lane*

**Tue 3 Summer Sounds**  
7p Bring your lawn chairs, blankets for a relaxing evening to enjoy music of **Sam Vinci Band**, standards, jazz & Italian favorites, presented by the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts. *South Union Park, corner Old Church, Pleasant & Main Sts. (Rain location: South Church)*

**Wed 4 Kids Arts Creative Arts Reveal!**  
5:30p Kids, ages 6-14 will show their talents/skills learned through art workshops they attending during Kids Arts 2010 5-week camp sessions – “Troubadour & More” and “Art Tech”. Creative Arts program is under the direction of Anne-Marie Cannata of NEAR, Inc. For info, call 860.343.6620 ext. 201 or 860.250-5597. *The Buttonwood Tree, 605 Main Street*



Photo Credit: Anne-Marie Cannata

**Thu 4 Music**  
7p Bob Gotta's Open Mic-bring your own instrument or play TBT's piano or congas. *TBT*

**Fri 6 Kids Arts Childrens Circus Performance**  
5p *Eats All Good:* over 200 kids, ages 8-14 will entertain you with skills learned during their 5-week camp sessions and under direction of the Oddfellows Playhouse in its 22<sup>nd</sup> Year. Also performing are kids in Oddfellows Advanced Circus Program (ACP). For info, call 860.343.6620 ext. 201 or 860.250.5894. (Rain date: 8/7 at 5p) *Macdonough School, corner Stack/Pease/Spring Streets*



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**Sat 7 Russell Knitters**  
11a Bring your knitting projects to share ideas and expertise. No registration required. *Meeting Room 3, Russell Library*

**Tue 10 Summer Sounds**  
7p Bring your lawn chairs, blankets for a relaxing evening to enjoy music of **Sonny Rogers Band**, lively mix of music from the 70's thru the 90's, presented by the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts. *South Union Park, corner Old Church, Pleasant & Main Sts. (Rain location: South Church)*

**Wed 11 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Middletown Motorcycle Mania**  
5p-9p Over 1,500 motorcycles line Main St. which will be closed from South Greet to Washington St. Motorcycle Awards with Band Entertainment. Contact: Cathy

Duncan – cduncan@middlesexchamber.com or 860.347.6924. Website: www.midtowncmmania.com.

**Thu 12 Creative Juice Meeting**  
Monthly meeting-time and place TBD

**Sat 14 Russell Writers**  
9:30a This month's assignment is to craft a narrative, using some dialogue if you wish, within which you include “I am/was rendered nearly immobile as/when/because/ from/due to...” All writers, beginners to experienced are welcome. *Meeting Room 3, Russell Library*

**Sun 15 Music**  
South Church Goes to Tanglewood (see “OPPS” for details) Enjoy the Boston Symphony Orchestra with Thomas Martin (clarinet) and Jean-Yves Thibaudet (piano). Contact Mike Long or Elizabeth Nocera at 860.346.2714.

**Tue 17 Summer Sounds**  
7p Bring your lawn chairs, blankets for a relaxing evening to enjoy music of **Joey Mildardo & the Musical Cavaliers**, lively polkas, obereks & waltzes, presented by the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts. *South Union Park, corner Old Church, Pleasant & Main Sts. (Rain location: South Church)*

**Wed 18 Middlesex County Community Foundation**  
9a Information session about the 2010-2011 grant cycle, prior to the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> deadline for the Letter of Intent (LOI) Applications at MCCF. You can access info and the LOI Application on the Grants Process page by visiting www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org, and clicking on the 2010 Grants box. For more info, please call 860-347-0025 or email thayer@middlesexcountycf.org. *Middlesex County Community Foundation, 211 South Main Street*

**Fri 20 Music**  
8p Sandra & Eric Lichter – Acoustic Folk-Rock. *TBT*

**Sun 22 Music**  
11a Dave Downs performs. *BrewBakers, 169 Main St.*

**8th Annual Open Air Market & Arts Festival**  
9a-4p The historic Mansion will transform its 700 foot vista into a marketplace and festival. Over 70 vendors will gather to sell CT grown or made products. Stroll from tent to tent purchasing fresh produce, fruit, cheese, breads & prepared foods. Visitors will be encouraged to lounge on the lawn with lunch and listen to live music performed on the patio. Families can bring their children and spend the day. It will be a day to discover the Wadsworth Mansion, enjoy music and art and experience the tradition of shopping at an open-air market.

- Vendors include: Flash & Fire Pottery, Cold Goat's Farm, Silks by Lucia, LaDeDah! Jewelry, hand spun yarns by Tidal Yarns, Wadsworth Mansion, Northfordy Farm, Hometown Bakery, fine artist Adele Johnson and many more.
- Informational booths will include the Middletown Commission on the Arts (who sponsor the day's musical offerings) and others.
- Children's and Musical entertainment will include:

9:30-11:30a Middletown Symphonic Band Performance  
10a-2p Allegra Farms horse drawn carriage rides  
10a-4p Face Painting  
11:45a-1:45p The Dramatix Showband  
2-4p Tune Chic

- Docent-led historical tours given by Friends of Long Hill Estate throughout the day
- Shuttle Parking available at Snow School. Additional Parking available at Mercy High School. For info, call 347.1064.

Event takes place at *Wadsworth Mansion at Long Hill Estate, 421 Wadsworth Street*

**Tue 24 Summer Sounds**  
7p Bring your lawn chairs, blankets for a relaxing evening to enjoy music of **Kitty Kathryn**, jazz standards, presented by the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts. *South Union Park, corner Old Church, Pleasant & Main Sts. (Rain location: South Church)*

**Wed 25 Middletown Commission on the Arts**  
7p Regular meeting scheduled for tonight has been cancelled. Next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 7p.

**Fri 27 Music**  
8p The Spoken Word of Sympetalous – Spoken word, poetry and music. *TBT*

**Sat 28 Music**  
8p Laura Siersema – piano & vocals – progressive and light jazz music. *TBT*

**Sun 29 Music**  
4p Nate Simmons Appreciation Day – hosted by The Coffeehouse Recording Studio. *TBT*

**Tue 31 Summer Sounds**  
7p Bring your lawn chairs, blankets for a relaxing evening to enjoy music of **Elite Syncopation**, authentic ragtime & early jazz, presented by the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts. *South Union Park, corner Old Church, Pleasant & Main Sts. (Rain location: South Church)*

**For more information on the presenting organizations, refer to the outside page for addresses, phone nos., & hrs. of operation.**