

# arts calendar NOVEMBER 2017

## For what it's worth . . .

Another active month in the City as we approach the holidays of November and December. I'll illuminate some of the activities here but be sure to view the complete listings inside this calendar. Of course, if you can bear to go to your browser and enter the realm of Facebook, you'll find extensive details of all the events along with the very latest updates. If you are a Facebook user, please remember to "Like" and "Follow" us at [facebook.com/CityArtsOffice](https://www.facebook.com/CityArtsOffice). It just happens to be the most comprehensive and current source for the Arts in Middletown and it's a public service offered at no charge to our constituents (that's you).

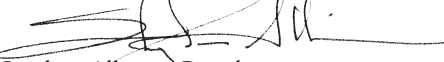
Our good friends at Oddfellows Playhouse recently sent out their Fall Newsletter (you can view it online at [oddfellows.org](http://oddfellows.org)) and one of the highlights is that Executive Artistic Director, Kristen Palmer, has announced the publication of her play, *Once Upon A Bride There Was A Forest*, now available on Amazon. As I understand it, this opens the door for the eventual production of the play now that it's been published. So, congratulations to her. There's more news in their newsletter (and, why wouldn't there be? it's a newsletter!). Check it out.

While on the topic of Oddfellows Playhouse, it's nice to see other theater people stepping up to help the Playhouse during their Fall Fundraising day. I'm speaking about the Vintage Players (the "Company") presentation of an original piece written for the Company by Carolyn Kirsch. The piece is entitled "So Bea It". It's reportedly a "quirky little comedy with a heart of gold" that will be performed at OP on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7:30p and on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3p. The cast includes Jane McMillan, Richard Kamins, Cookie Quinones, Carolyn Kirsch, and Billy Johnstone (an accomplished New York actor w/an extensive background on Broadway making his debut with the Company). Also in the cast are Emma and Linda Kaskel, Pat Farrell, and Gerry Matthews. Reservations are recommended, a reception follows each performance, and you can reserve/purchase tix by visiting [oddfellows.org](http://oddfellows.org).

This being November means that "Black Friday" approaches, the day after Thanksgiving - November 24. While this can turn into a rather crass commercialization of the spirit of the holidays, in Middletown it means that Holiday on Main Street kicks things off with a truly family event featuring carolling, marching bands, hot chocolate, steaming coffee, popcorn, and the annual tree lightings along the breadth of Main Street from the south end to the north end. The highlight is on the South Green (Union Park) with the middle school and high school bands and choruses performing and you listening and singing along in anticipation of the tree lighting. All the details are to be found on the Holiday of Main website: [www.HolidayOnMain.com](http://www.HolidayOnMain.com) and the family activities continue on the following 4 Saturdays.

So, don't spend any time fretting over the upcoming Winter. Get out and enjoy all that the Arts in Middletown have to offer in November!

Thank you for supporting - **and participating in** - the arts!

  
Stephan Allison, Coordinator

**Editor's note:** if you have something you think may be of interest to our readers, send me an email at [arts@middletownct.gov](mailto:arts@middletownct.gov) - we welcome guest submissions to this column. Thanks.

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- Art Guild of Middletown**  
P.O. Box 205 Joyce Senesac, Pres. 860.358.9212
- The Buttonwood Tree • North End Arts Rising, Inc.**  
605 Main Street, P.O. Box 71 860.347.4957  
Call or check the website for hours of operation  
[www.buttonwood.org](http://www.buttonwood.org) • [thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com](mailto:thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com)
- CT Gilbert & Sullivan Society**  
P.O. Box 313, Middlefield 06455 860-554-1256  
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- CT Heritage Productions**  
Teresa Langston, 152 Nejako Drive 860.398.9247
- GMChorale (The Greater Middletown Chorale)**  
P.O. Box 527 • [www.gmchorale.org](http://www.gmchorale.org) • [info@gmchorale.org](mailto:info@gmchorale.org) 860-316-4854
- Greater Middletown Concert Assoc.**  
P.O. Box 2622 • [www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org](http://www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org) 860.347.4887
- Green Street Teaching & Learning Center**  
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- Klekolo World Coffee**  
181 Court Street 860.343.9444  
Mon-Thur 6:30a-10p; Fri/Sat 6:30a-12a; Sun 7a-7p
- MAC650**  
650 Main Street 860.343.1516
- Middletown Public Schools Cultural Council**  
c/o Middletown Bd of Education, 311 Hunting Hill Avenue 860.638.1419
- Middletown Stage Company**  
Performing Arts Center @MHS, 200 LaRosa Lane • [middletownstagecompany.org](http://middletownstagecompany.org)
- Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater**  
128 Washington St • Mon-Fri 10a-5p • [www.oddfellows.org](http://www.oddfellows.org) • 860.347.6143
- R.J. Julia Bookstore**  
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- Russell Library**  
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- Valley Shore Chorus** 860.346.2674
- Vinnie's Jump & Jive Dance Hall & Art Gallery**  
424 Main Street [www.vinniesjumpandjive.com](http://www.vinniesjumpandjive.com) 860.347.6971 x3777
- Wesleyan Potters**  
350 South Main St. Gallery Hrs: Wed-Sat 10a-5p, Sun 12-4p 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
- Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies (hrs: Tues-Fri noon-4 p) 860.685.2330
- 343 Washington Terrace
- 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](mailto:agreene@wesleyan.edu) • [www.wesleyan.edu/writers](http://www.wesleyan.edu/writers)

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT CALENDAR: 10th of the month** preceding publication. **EVENTS LISTINGS (Arts On View, Just For Kids, Listings) will now be entered on our Facebook page.** All other information may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the Commission. For additional info., call 860.638.4510

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## Arts On View

- 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** Post Office Box 205 860.358.9212  
See Listings inside this calendar for demonstration & workshop details.
- \*Art Walk Middletown**  
1st Thursdays May through October, beginning at 5p. Get your Art Walk map at Mac650 or call 860.759.8499. Participating galleries listed with an \*.
- \*The Buttonwood Tree** 605 Main Street 860.347.4957  
Bookstore: call for hours or check [www.buttonwood.org](http://www.buttonwood.org) for performance/event hrs. *Nature's Wonders, photographs by Meghan Mandeville & Emmett Varricchio.* 11/1 - 11/30, reception 11/19, 4:30p.
- \*Green Street Teaching & Learning Center** 51 Green St. 860.685.7871
- ION Restaurant** 606 Main Street 860.346.9210  
Call or visit [www.ionrestaurant.com](http://www.ionrestaurant.com) for hrs. • local artists' works displayed
- Kidcity Children's Museum** 119 Washington Street 860.347.0495
- \*Klekolo World Coffee** 181 Court Street 860.343.9444  
Hrs: Mon-Thur 6:30a-10p; Fri/Sat 6:30a-12a; Sun 7a-7p.
- La Boca Mexican Restaurant & Cantina** 337 Main Street 860.347.4777
- \*MAC 650 Gallery** 650 Main Street 860.343.1516  
Hosting figure drawing sessions every 2nd Thurs. from 7 to 10p - 18 and over, \$10. Any questions: call Marc - 860.759.8499.
- Middlesex Community College** 100 Training Hill Road 860.343.5806  
Hrs: M-Th 8a-8p, F 8a-4p. The Niche, Founders Hall. Pegasus Gallery, Chapman Hall - *Kathleen Deep - Where I Wander* 11/6/17-1/3/18, Reception 11/15, 5p.
- Middlesex County Historical Society** 151 Main Street 860.346.0746  
Gen. Mansfield House-Hrs. Mon-Thu 10a-3p; Sat. 10a-2p • Docent Program - call for details • *A Vanished Port: Middletown & the Caribbean, 1750-1824.*
- \*Middletown Framing** 502 Main Street 860.347.0064  
Hrs: M-F 10a-6p; Sat 10a-3p or by appt.
- \*Municipal Bldg./City Hall** 245 deKoven Drive 860.638.4510  
Hrs: M-F 8:30a-4:30p City Art Collection • 2017 MCAAAA: Chad Pennington
- New England Emporium** 386 Main Street 860.346.1200  
Hrs: Daily 7a-9p • [www.newenglandemporium.com](http://www.newenglandemporium.com) • New art display each month
- Painters Touch** 806 Millbrook Road 860.344.9670
- \*R.J. Julia Bookstore** 413 Main Street 860.685.3939  
Hrs: M-Sat 9a-9p; Sun 9a-6p • [www.wesleyanrjulia.com](http://www.wesleyanrjulia.com)
- Russell Library** 123 Broad Street 860.347.2528  
Hrs: M&F 10a-6p; T&Th 10a-8p; Wed 1-8p; Sat 10a-2p. *Over the Top: Liberty and Victory Bond Posters from World War I*, through 12/1.
- Ursel's Web** 140 Washington Street 860.344.0041  
Hrs: Tue-Fri 10a-6p; Sat 10a-5p • New works from local artists. Annual Christmas Show, Oil Paintings/Watercolors by *Aleta Gudelski*, through November
- Wesleyan Potters Gallery/Shop** 350 South Main Street 860.344.0039  
Hrs: M&T by appt.; W/F/Sat 10a-5p; Th 10a-6p; Sun noon-4p. *Featured Key Members Show - Ann Broderick/Arline Edmonds/Deb Stephen/Deb Strano/Vicky Zuelling*, through 11/3.
- Wesleyan University** 860.685.3355  
Davison Art Center, 301 High St. *Sasha Rudensky: Acts and Illusions*, through 12/8  
• Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery *Black Pulp!*, through 12/10; *Up In Arms*, through 12/10  
• Mansfield Freeman Ctr. for East Asian Studies Gallery *Jiaqi Maria Ma: (BEIJING)*, through 12/8 • Zelnick Pavilion (217 High St.) • Olin Memorial Library, Lobby, 252 Church St.



## Middletown Commission on the Arts

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**AmericanTowns** -  
Create a press release to send news to media. americantowns.com or jim@americantowns.com  
**Art Guild of Middletown** - P.O. Box 205  
See *Listings* for this month's special events. The Guild collects & recycles old art books & magazine • Info: www.middletownartguild.org • Demos, workshops, classes meet at Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Road, Cromwell. Contact: Joyce Senesac, Pres., sack3@comcast.net ..... 860.358.9212  
**ARTFARM**  
Touring shows available: *Woman's Will & Circus for a Fragile Planet*. Contact Marcella Trowbridge/Dic Wheeler for info ..... info@art-farm.org or 860.346.4390  
**Artists for World Peace (AFWP)**  
A non-profit organization creating opportunities for artistic expression that fosters world peace and raises funds to benefit humanitarian causes. www.artistsforworldpeace.org Call..... 860.301.9757 or 860.685.1789  
**Arts Stakeholders Group (ASG)**  
Open to any interested and invested arts stakeholder in the community. Networking/occasional potluck meetings. Interested? Like to sign up? Contact .....arts@middletownct.gov  
**The Buttonwood Tree (North End Arts Rising, Inc.)**  
Mon-10:30-11:30a Hearing Voices Network • 7:45p: Moments of Gratitude, 8p: Anything Goes! Open Mic • 1st and 3rd Tues 6 pm: Laughter Yoga • 1st Thu-7-9p: Bob Gotta's Acoustic Open Mic • 4th Thu: 7-9p Drum Circle • Sat-10:30-noon: Aligned with Source workshop. Call ..... 860.347.4957  
**Community Foundation of Middlesex County** - 49 Main Street  
Watch listings for upcoming free workshops for non-profit staff and volunteers to help build their capacity. Call ..... 860.347.0025  
**CT Gilbert & Sullivan** - P.O. Box 313, Middlefield 06455  
Visit www.ctgands.org or call ..... 860-554-1256  
**CT Heritage Productions** - 152 Nejako Drive  
Teresa Langston, telangston@chproductions.org ..... 860.398.9247  
**Connecticut Poetry Society**  
The Middletown Chapter meets the last Wednesday ea. month in Meeting Room 3, Russell Library at 6p. RSVP to Pamela at ..... pamelacps@hotmail.com or 860.563.5761  
**Connecticut Woodcarvers Association**  
CT Forest & Park Bldg, Route 66 • New carvers & families w/children ages 10+ are welcome. 11/5-monthly meeting 10a-2p. ctwoodcarver@gmail.com • www.ctwoodcarvers.org.  
**Dance Outfitters** - 386 Main Street (Main Street Market)  
www.dance-outfitters.com ..... 860.638.0086  
**Friends of the Davison Art Center (FDAC)** - Alsop House, 301 High Street  
Info: fdac@wesleyan.edu or http://fdac.wesleyan.edu/ ..... 860.685.2500  
**GMChorale (Greater Middletown Chorale)**  
GMChorale rehearses Tuesdays 7p to 9p, at Cromwell's Bethany Lutheran Church, just off I-91 and Rt. 9 and is looking for experienced & qualified singers. Visit www.gmchorale.org  
**Greater Middletown Concert Assoc.**  
www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org or call ..... 860.347.4887 or 860.346.3369  
**Green Street Teaching & Learning Center**  
Private lessons-registration open for kids and adults.  
For info, www.wesleyan.edu/greenstreet or call ..... 860.685.7871  
**La Boca Mexican Restaurant & Cantina** - 337 Main Street  
Open invitation for artists to exhibit ..... 860.347.4777  
**Literacy Volunteers of Central Connecticut**  
Seeking volunteers to teach Basic Reading and ESL ..... 860.229.7323  
**Mattabesett Canoe Club at Harbor Park** - 80 Harbor Drive  
For info on latest happenings, call ..... 860.347.9999  
**Meditation in Middletown** - 91 Beverly Heights  
Mon. & Thurs.-7p, Sat.-noon. Meditation at the Starr Mill waterfall. Free & open to the public. Presented by Bob Vinci. www.themeditationman.org ..... 860.685.8716  
**Mezzo Grille** - 106 Court Street. For info on latest happenings, call ..... 860.346.6000  
**Middlesex County Historical Society**  
*A Vanished Port: Middletown & the Caribbean, 1750-1824.* ..... 860.346.0746  
**Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords** – if you love to sing...  
Looking for new members, join until 9/19. Rehearsals at 6:45p, Fox Parish Center (St. Francis Assisi Church). Gina Fredericks, musical director - Joyce Ghent, founder/chair. Visit www.vocalchords20.org or call ..... 860.342.3120, mention "Vocal Chords"  
**Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education (MILE)** - MxCC, 100 Training Hill Road  
Offering many arts-related programs, membership required.  
Info, contact MILE at www.mileonline.org ..... 860.343.5863  
**Middlesex Music Academy** - 440 Main Street  
Lessons in guitar, drums, bass, woodwinds, brass, voice, piano & violin. All ages & levels welcome. .... 860.344.0525  
**Middletown Adult Education** - 398 Main Street  
Classes available in art, dance, yoga, music lessons, photography, crafts, zumba.  
www.maect.org ..... 860.343.6044  
**Middletown Art Academy** 504 Main Street-Suite South-3  
Visual art instruction for all ages. www.middletownartacademy.com ..... 860.344.0554  
**Middletown Artists Coop (MAC) • MAC650 Artspace** - 650 Main Street  
Hosting figure drawing sessions every 2nd Thurs. 7 to 10p - 18+, \$10. Call Marc - 860.759.8499. Info on exhibiting/space use contact mac650gallery@gmail.com  
Resident artists live in affordable housing & provide arts community service for local groups. 1 & 2 bedroom units available w/studio space. www.mac650.com ..... 860.759.8499  
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Rm. B-11, Municipal Bldg., 245 deKoven Drive. Visit us on Facebook.com/CityArtsOffice, www.middletownct.gov/arts, or call ..... 860.638.4510  
**Middletown Framing** - 502 Main Street  
For deals/special sales email dmitri@middletownframing.com ..... 860.347.0064  
**Middletown Scottish Country Dancers** ..... 860.653.5258  
Classes for beginners/experienced dancers. Partners not necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes.

# Opportunities . . .

Every Wednesday, 7:15-9:30p, Classes Sept - June, held at First Church, 190 Court St.  
**Middletown Symphonic Band**  
Meets Thurs., 7p at Middletown HS. Wind instrumentalists/percussionists welcome. No audition/dues. www.middletownsymphonicband.org or middletownsymphonicband@gmail.com  
**Middletuners, The Senior Chorus of Middletown** *Do you love the "old" songs?*  
Join the rehearsals every Tues. 2-4 pm. Call Barbara Arafef ..... 860.347.4887  
**Oddfellows Playhouse**  
Register for Fall classes. Visit www.oddfellows.org ..... 860.347.6143  
**Painters Touch** - 806 Millbrook Road  
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. 4 DVD set includes all 12 books plus special features. To view or obtain your copy, visit www.paradiselostperformances.com  
**Piano Lessons**  
Experienced teacher. Ages 6 and up, all levels welcome. Performing 9/17, 3p-see listings.  
Contact: Carolyn Halsted ..... 860-343-0677  
**Russell Library**  
Friends of the Russell Library sponsor monthly book sales • Russell Readers: all welcome, 2nd Tue-7p • Descriptive videos available for visually impaired, call 860.347.2520 • CT Museums passes available • GrantStation: Online Grant Sources ..... 860.347.2528  
**Senior Center Programs for Seniors 60+** 61 Durant Terrace  
Yoga, Exercise, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Oil Painting, more - Reg. req'd., call 860.638.4540  
**Stage Left Dance and Fitness Center** - 100 Riverview Center, Suite 100  
Classes available. Call Lorrie or Cindee Tine ..... 860.346.6928  
**Valley Shore Sweet Adelines Chorus (women, 4 part harmony)**  
New members welcome. Tue 7:15p, Open Door Missionary Baptist Church, High St.  
Call ..... 203.379.0650  
**Vinnie's Jump & Jive Community Dance Hall**  
Alcohol/smoke free • Classes in breakdancing, ballroom, hooping, bellydancing, jazz, tap, salsa, country line dance, swing, and blues. Special dance events for everyone ea. mo. vinniesjumpandjive.com ..... 860.347.6971 x3639  
**Wadsworth Mansion at Long Hill Estate** - 421 Wadsworth Street  
Tours Wed-2-4p, call to confirm. Mansion trails open daily. Call ..... 860.347.1064  
**Wesleyan Institute for Lifelong Learning (WILL)**  
Offering short courses reflecting interests/needs of our community taught by retired/current WU faculty, others. Classes conveniently scheduled in afternoon and early evening.  
Call ..... 860.685.3355  
**Wesleyan Potters**  
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**Yoga in Middletown** - 438 Main Street  
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**Yoga Possibilities** - 99 Beverly Heights  
Ongoing classes Thursdays @ 5:30p ..... 860.670.4880

# Out of Town Opportunities - Call the Arts Office for a complete listing

Americans for the Arts ..... 202.371.2830  
Visit Americans for the Arts Job Bank-a free link to jobs in the arts: jobbank.artsusa.org/  
Find Federal grantmaking agencies on-line & apply at www.arts.gov/grants  
Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) ..... 860.500.2332

## Just For Kids

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The Buttonwood Tree (TBT) .....	860.347.4957
Community Health Center (CHC) .....	860.347.6971 x5172
Family Wellness Center programs (all ages). Reg. req'd. Call Anna Rogers, FWC Supervisor.	
Edu Designs .....	626.940.4768
Art Presentations for schools/classrooms, presented by Emmy Award winning animator and author Ruth Elliott. Contact Ruth at director@edudesigns.org or call her. www.edudesigns.org	
Green Street Teaching & Learning Center (GSTLC) .....	860.685.7871
Call for info or visit www.wesleyan.edu/greenstreet	
Kidcity Children's Museum .....	860.347.0495
119 Washington St., "Hands on" for 6mo-8yrs w/adults. Hrs: Sun-Tue, 11a-5p; Wed-Sat, 9a-5p.	
Middletown Adult Education .....	860.343.6044
Family Learning Program-call for info	
Middletown Art Academy .....	860.344.0554
504 Main St.-Suite South-3. Arts instruction for all ages. www.middletownartacademy.com	
Middletown Commission on the Arts.....	860.638.4510
Visit our Facebook page: facebook.com/CityArtsOffice.	
North End Action Team (NEAT) .....	860.346.4845
NEATNotes, capella choir & 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
Visit www.oddfellows.org to learn more of their offerings and/or register.	
Russell Library (Children's Dept) .....	860.344.8479
www.russelllibrary.org • Passes available for museums in CT • Call/go online for the complete schedule/to register for programs.	
Vinnie's Jump & Jive .....	860.347.6971 x3639
Classes available for kids ages 5-14, toddler and pre-school • Reg. req'd. Call for info.	
Wesleyan University Youth Gamelan Ensemble .....	860.685.3355
Call for info.	

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**Wed 1 NaNoWriMo - Writers!**  
6p For writers participating in *National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)*, an opportunity to gather and commiserate. The idea is to write a novel in 1 month (info at https://nanowri.org/). Also at 10a, 11/4; 10a & 6p, 11/18; 6p on 11/30. *RL*  
**Classic Mystery Book Discussion**  
6:30p Discussing the mystery novel, *The Bishop Murder Case* by S.S. Van Dine. *Meeting Room 2 (MR2)*, Russell Library (*RL*)  
**Reading/Music**  
7p The Paragraphs, a memoir from Rick Berlin, will have a reading to correspond with the music he'll perform. *Wesleyan RJ Julia Bookstore (WRJJ)*  
**Thu 2 Veterans' Writing Group**  
6:30p *We Were There: Writing Your Military Experiences*, led by Elisabeth Petry. Also 11/9, 11/16, 11/30. *MR2, RL*  
**Music**  
6:30p *First Thursday Jazz*, featuring *Jazz Affair. Lan Chi's Vietnamese Restaurant, 505 Main St.*  
7p *Bob Gotta's Open Mic*, every 1st Thursday, sign-ups begin at 6:30p. *The Buttonwood Tree (TBT)*  
**Author Talks**  
7p *Signs of Hope - Messages from Subway Therapy*, a compilation by Matthew "Levez" Chavez, is the topic. *WRJJ*  
7p *To Vietnam in Vain: Memoir of an Irish-American Intelligence Advisor, 1969-1970*, a memoir by Edward A. Hagan, will be covered. *Hubbard Room (HR), RL*  
**Fri 3 Storytelling**  
8p *Stary City Troupe*, trained by Matt Dicks of *The Moth* fame. *TBT*  
**Sat 4 Annual Book Sale**  
10a *Friends of the Wesleyan Library* hold their annual book sale, until 4p with remainders sold on 11/5. *Olin Memorial Library lobby, Church St.*  
**Visual Art**  
2-4p *6th Annual Members Exhibition of the Art Guild of Middletown* held at the *Portland Library, Portland*  
**Music**  
7p *Strange Ranger*, from Oregon, presented by Tiny Box Booking. *MAC650 Gallery*  
8p *Washboard Slim & The Blueights* - blues, jugband, early jazz, rockabilly - think the Jim Kweskin Jug Band of the '60s. *TBT*  
**Mon 6 Film**  
7p *A Plastic Ocean* - it's time to rethink plastic. A feature presentation of *The Elements: An Annual Environmental Film Series* hosted by the Rockfall Foundation. *Chapman Hall, MxCC*  
**Open Mic**  
7p Anything Goes Open Mic/Moments of Gratitude, sign ups start 6:30p, every Monday. *TBT*  
**Tue 7 Racial Justice Book Discussion**  
6p Discussing *Why Are All of the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* by Beverly Daniel Tatum. *MR2, RL*  
**Book Discussion**  
7p *Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl* by Andrea Lawlor. *WRJJ*  
**Music**  
6:30p *Mom Jeans., Queen Moo, Prince Daddy & The Hyena, Kississippi, and Cheem* hosted by Tiny Box Booking. *MAC650 Gallery*  
**International Film Festival**  
6:30p The final film of the Festival is *The Kind Words* (2015, Israel, directed by *Shemi Zarbin*). *HR, RL*  
**Wed 8 Editorial Cartoonist Talk**  
7p *Poking Fun at Politics - Drawn and Quartered*, a talk by editorial cartoonist/Middletown resident *Bob Englehart*, presented by the Middlesex County Historical Society. *Community/Senior Center, 61 Durant Terrace*  
**Thu 9 WWI Genealogy Workshop**  
7p Join *Bryna O'Sullivan* as you learn to trace records and more to determine family connection to WWI. *RL*  
**Visual Art Critique**  
7p Artist *Shauna Shane* will critique your paintings at the *Art Guild of Middletown* meeting. *Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell*  
**Fri 10 Music**  
8p *The Beekeepers*, an evening of original music and cover songs paying tribute to great female artists who paved the way. *TBT*  
**Sun 12 Storytelling**  
3p *NEAR & Far Storytellers*, hosted by *Jim Harriman & Carolyn Stearns*. *TBT*  
**Music**  
4p *Where the Earth Meets the Sky*, GMChorale's opening choral music concert in the Resounding Voices season. *Performing Arts Center @MHS (PAC@MHS)*  
7p *Meredith Monk and Vocal Ensemble: Cellular Songs*, a concert culminating Meredith Monk's residency. *Crowell Concert Hall (CCH), WU*  
**Tue 14 Classic Film**  
noon *The Lady Vanishes*, directed by Alfred Hitchcock. *HR, RL*  
**Writer's Talk**  
6p *Sarah Stillman: Journalism and Social Justice* hosted by Writing at Wesleyan. *Usdan 108, WU*  
7p *Have You Met Nora?* by Nicole Blades. *WRJJ*  
**Wed 15 Art Opening Reception**  
5p *Kathleen Deep - Where I Wander* - a reception for the artist whose mixed media works are on display 11/6/17-11/3/18. *Pegasus Gallery, Chapman Hall, MxCC*  
**Thu 16 Music**  
7p *Songs of WWI* performed by *Tom Callinan*, Middletown native and the state's 1st Troubadour. *HR, RL*  
**Veterans' Writing Group Explores WWI**  
6:30p A 3-part series (10/12, 19 & 26) focusing on writing about personal experiences or responses to war, public participation welcome. *MR2, RL*

**Drumming Circle**  
7p *Middlesex Drum Circle*, percussion instruments available - BYO encouraged. *TBT*  
**Fri 17 Library Book Sale**  
10a *Friends of the Russell Library* monthly book sale, also 11/18, 10a-2p & 11/19, 1-4p. *Activity Room (AR), RL*  
**Music**  
8p *Someone You Can Xray*, a rock fusion band & *Brian May*, songwriter in a double bill. *TBT*  
**Sat 18 Authors at 06547**  
11a *Treamell Lawrence* and *Gloria Perry* are the local authors in this new series celebrating CT authors. *RL lobby*  
**Music**  
11a *Jedd Chlebowski - Solo*, on bass. *Klekolo World Coffee (KWC)*  
8p *Seat Of Our Pants (SOOP)*, contemporary acoustic folk quartet. *TBT*  
**Teen Open Mic**  
3p Created specifically for 12 to 18 year olds, a new opportunity to perform publicly. *TBT*  
**WESU Free Form Fete & Feast**  
6p A fundraising dinner and variety show includes a 3 course meal and a stage show featuring a wide cross section of performers from the WESU community. Visit *www.wesufn.org* for access to tix/details. *Fayerweather Beckham Hall, Wyllys Ave., WU*  
**Opera**  
7:30p *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's The Magic Flute*, sung and fully staged by the *Connecticut Lyric Opera* with the *Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra* presented by the Greater Middletown Concert Association, call for tix 860.343.7555. *PAC@MHS*  
**Theater**  
7:30p *So Bea It*, an original theater piece by *Carolyn Kirsch* for *Vintage Players* featuring the actors *Jane McMillan, Richard Kamins, Emma & Linda Kaskel, Pat Farrell, Cookie Quinones, Gerry Matthews, Carolyn kirsch, and Billy Johnstone* (accomplished NY actor w/extensive background on Broadway). A quirky comedy w/a heart of gold, this is a fundraiser for Oddfellows Playhouse and a reception follows each show. Also 11/19 @3p. Reservations recommended, visit *oddfellows.org* for tix. *Oddfellows Playhouse (OP)*  
**Sun 19 Paradise Lost Recitation**  
2p *John Basinger* recites (from memory) and dramatizes Book 9 of Milton's *Paradise Lost*. *TBT*  
**Artists' Reception**  
4:30p *Nature's Wonders*, photographs by *Meygan Mandeville & Emmett Varricchio*. *TBT*  
**Wed 22 Music/Open Mic**  
7p Featuring the *4th Wednesday Band* w/hosts Joe & Jim Carta, mics/amps/drums/keyboard provided. *Vero Cucino Rustico, 749 Saybrook Rd. (Tradewinds Plaza)*  
**Thu 23 Thanksgiving Day**  
4p The kick-off for *Holiday on Main Street (32nd Annual)* begins with free wagon rides in front of the *Middlesex Chamber of Commerce, 393 Main St.* and holiday music. *Carol Sing* with *Middletown High School Concert Choir, Woodrow Wilson Middle School Chorus, Keigwin School Chorus w/MC Don DeCesare* of WMRD/WLIS Radio. *South Green, Union Park*  
5:40p Parade down Main w/*MHS Marching Band & Woodrow Wilson 8th Grade Band*, followed by *Santa & Mayor Drew* arriving on the Holiday Wagon to light the *South Green Tree*.  
6p *Lighting of the Tree* followed by a parade back up Main St. to the Chamber for another tree lighting and pictures with Santa and wagon rides.  
8:15p The facade of *Eli Cannon's Tap Room* is lit up in celebration of the holiday.  
**Music**  
8p *The Cocomus*, comedy rock band - *Johnny Eagle, Joe Beetz, Sal Monella*. *TBT*  
**Sat 25 Holiday on Main Street**  
10a Santa, horse and wagon rides in front of *Chamber offices* and Fun Train rides. *A pet food drive* in front of *Holy Trinity Church* next to the Chamber offices benefitting the homeless pets at Middletown Animal Control.  
11:30a *Holiday Story Time* featuring readings by *Mayor Drew* at *The Inn At Middletown*.  
1p *Kung Fu Demonstration* (15 minutes) presented by *Tat Wong Kung Fu Academy* at *Middletown Fire Dept. on Main St.*  
**Music**  
8p *Andrew Biagerelli Group* plus *My Girl My Whiskey & Me* in concert. *TBT*  
**Mon 27 Readers Theater**  
7p Presenting *Ages of the Moon* by *Sam Shepard*, refreshments @6:30p. Live drama by local actors directed by *Richard Kamins* and *Anne Cassidy*. *Enter at the back of the library off of Court St.* *HR, RL*  
**Tue 28 Book Discussion**  
6:30p Classic Mystery Book Discussion: *The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax* by Dorothy Gilman. *MR2, RL*  
**Wed 29 Hip Hop Culture Slam**  
5p All ages invited to celebrate the 4 pillars of Hip Hop - DJing/MCing/Breakdancing/Graffiti with *MC Tang Sauce, DJ N.E.B., B-boy Bryan Giles* and his team. graffiti signs by *Alex Pock*. *HR, RL*  
**Thu 30 Intro to Knitting for Teens & Tweens**  
6p Introduction to casting on and simple knitting for ages 8 to 18. Registration req'd. *RL*  
**Music**  
8p *The Mintel Quartet* returns for the holiday season with a *Charlie Brown Christmas* special performance of Vince Guaraldi's music for the Charlie Brown cartoon, plus some originals. *Eric Mintell* piano, *Nelson Hill* saxophone, Jack Hegyi/flute, *Dave Mohln* drums. *TBT*

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