

arts **SEPTEMBER** calendar 2017

For what it's worth . . .

An Important Reiteration -

Budget cutbacks have forced a reconfiguration of our granting schedules for 2017-2018. As you may (or not) know, the City Arts budget was reduced this year and it has caused a significant cut in our grant dollars available for projects that benefit Middletown.

This year we are faced with the loss of \$10,000. That's money that would have been available during one of our 3 granting periods for projects. **The Commission has decided to eliminate, for 2018, the January projects grants period.** We will continue to offer the general operating support (GOS) funding in the January cycle.

So, this means that there are only 2 opportunities for funding projects in our current fiscal year and each will be limited to a total of approx. \$10,000 in available funds.

The first of those two periods is September 15, for projects taking place on or after December 1.

Now here's the notable shift for the second granting period - it will have a deadline of February 15 and will be for projects taking place on or after June 1.

If it is important to you, and you want to take action regardless of your position on this, you have a voice and you can speak to our City Council representatives to express your opinions and thoughts on the matter. It could impact plans for the next fiscal year. They look forward to hearing from their constituents when developing their plans for the City.

You may also wish to speak with our representatives at the State level. Significant City revenue comes to us by way of the State, and affects our ability to provide essential services.

A city's cultural vitality should be considered an essential service to its citizens, for without it we have no vibrancy.

Highlights for September (a short list) -

- Summer Sounds at Harbor Park, Tuesday-9/5
- 17th Annual Garden Party-NEAT, Thursday-9/7
- The MASH & Main St. Stroll, Saturday, 9/9
- Dan Boulger - Comedy, Thursday, 9/14
- 3rd Annual Jack n' Jill Music Festival, Sunday, 9/17
- Jazz weekend w/Khalif & Charles Neville, Rogério Boccato, Laszlo Gardony, Friday/Saturday, 9/22-9/23
- 41st Annual Navaratri Festival, Thursday-Saturday, 9/28-30

Look inside for more!

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 - we welcome guest submissions to this column. Thanks.

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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 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 • thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com
- CT Gilbert & Sullivan Society**
P.O. Box 313, Middlefield 06455 860-554-1256
cg.ss@snet.net • www.ctgands.org
- CT Heritage Productions**
Teresa Langston, 152 Nejako Drive 860.398.9247
- GMChorale (The Greater Middletown Chorale)**
P.O. Box 527 • www.gmchorale.org • info@gmchorale.org 860-316-4854
- Greater Middletown Concert Assoc.**
P.O. Box 2622 • www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org 860.347.4887
- Green Street Teaching & Learning Center**
51 Green Street 860.685.7871
gsac@wesleyan.edu • www.wesleyan.edu/greenstreet
- 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
- Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater**
128 Washington St • Mon-Fri 10a-5p • www.oddfellows.org • 860.347.6143
- R.J. Julia Bookstore**
413 Main Street Mon-Sat 9a-9p; Sun 9a-6p 860.685.3939
- Russell Library**
123 Broad St., • Mon-Thur 9a-8:30p; Fri 9a-6p; Sat 9a-5p 860.347.2528
- Sweet Harmony Café & Bakery**
330 Main St., • www.sweetharmonycafeandbakery.us/ 860.344.9646
- Valley Shore Chorus**
424 Main Street 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 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 860.685.2330
- Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies (hrs: Tues-Fri noon-4 p)
- 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 • 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



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 for performance/event hrs.
- *Green Street Teaching & Learning Center** 51 Green St. 860.685.7871
Hrs: 9a-3p, M-F. *Illuminating Science*, works by Dena Winkleman Matthews, 9/7-9/27, reception 9/7, 5p.
- ION Restaurant** 606 Main Street 860.346.9210
Call or visit 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
Pegasus Gallery, Chapman Hall. Hrs: M-Th 8a-8p, F 8a-4p. The Niche, Founders Hall; hrs: M-Th 8a-7p, F 8a-4p. *In Italy - photographs by Roger Carl Johanson*, 9/12-10/26. Reception 9/20, 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. CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
- *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 • 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
- Russell Library** 123 Broad Street 860.347.2528
Hrs: M&F 10a-6p; T&Th 10a-8p; Wed 1-8p; Sat 10a-2p. *Out of Prison Making Arts / Recent Artwork from Former Prisoners, A Community Partners in Action Prison Arts Program* through 9/28.
- Ursel's Web** 140 Washington Street 860.344.0041
Hrs: Tue-Fri 10a-6p; Sat 10a-5p • New works from local artists.
- 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. *Together in Artful Clay - John Macomber & Pat Burke* - a pottery exhibit through 9/24.
- Wesleyan University** 860.685.3355
Davison Art Center, 301 High St. *Sasha Rudensky: Acts and Illusions*, 9/13-12/10, reception/gallery talk 9/13, 5p • Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery *Black Pulp!*, 9/19-12/10, gallery talk/reception 9/19, 4:30p • Mansfield Freeman Ctr. for East Asian Studies Gallery *Jiaqi Maria Ma: (BEIJING)*, 9/20-12-8, reception/gallery talk 9/20, 12:30p • Zelnick Pavilion (217 High St.) • Olin Memorial Library, Lobby, 252 Church St. *Henna and Chaat*, 9/29, 8p



MIDDLETOWN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

Middletown Commission on the Arts

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Staff: Stephan Allison, Coordinator
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email Opps listings to: arts@middletownct.gov
Mayor: Daniel T. Drew Commission: Lee Godburn (Chair), Marc Pettersen (Vice-Chair), Cassandra Day (Secretary), Barbara Arafeh, Franca Biales, Julia Faraci, Jay Hoggard, Joyce Kirkpatrick, Crystal Laffan, Joseph McCarthy, Charlotte McCoid Council Members: Robert P. Santangelo, Sebastian Giuliano, Poet Laureate: Susan Allison

Opportunities . . .

191914 Ministries, Inc - 44 Green Street
 cocomo.191914@gmail.com • Free workshop in Emerging Artist Development Series (EADS) & Dream Capture Group. Call 860.770.9721
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 infoinfo@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 podluck meetings. Interested? Like to sign up? Contactarts@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. 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
Middletown Commission on the Arts (MCA)
 Grant application - visit online or at the office - next grant period deadline is Sept. 15.
 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 - CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
 For deals/special sales email dmitri@middletownframing.com 860.347.0064
Middletown Scottish Country Dancers 860.347.0278

Opportunities . . .

Classes for beginners/experienced dancers. Partners not necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes. Every Wednesday, 7-9:30p. Classes resume 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 Arafeh 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 x3777
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
 Pottery, jewelry, weaving & basketry classes for children & adults. Call 860.347.5925
Yoga in Middletown - 438 Main Street
 yogainmiddletown.com • Many weekly classes for all levels from Beginners through Advanced • Iyengar Back Care, Restorative, Yoga Ropes • Since 1991. 860.347.YOGA (9642)
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

Just For Kids

Visit our Facebook.com/CityArtsOffice pages for more.
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 x3777
 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
 Classes start 9/16, 10a, World Music Hall. Open to all. Registration required. Call for info.

SEPTEMBER 2017 - Visit Facebook.com/CityArtsOffice for event details . . .

Fri 1 Music
 6p *Perennial w/special guests.* Official release show for debut album, *The Symmetry of Autumn Leaves.* MAC650
Storytelling
 8p *Story City Troupe*, trained by Matt Dicks of *The Moth* fame. *The Buttonwood Tree (TBT)*
Sat 2 Music
 8p *Joe Flood & Pedro Iaco*, originals & some American and Brazilian classics. *TBT*
Mon 4 Labor Day
Tue 5 Racial Justice Book Discussion
 6:30p Discussing *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. *Russell Library (RL)*
Music
 6:30p *Summer Sounds, Middletown Symphonic Band*, Marco Gaylord band director. *Harbor Park at the South Pavilion, rain location is South Church*
 7p *Ray Mason*, w/his worn '65 Silvertone guitar. *Klekolo World Coffee (KWC)*
Wed 6 Dancing - for Seniors 50+
 10:30a Dancing with disorders affecting movement, memory & mobility, w/instructor Kerry Kincy. Contact her at *tellingvoices@gmail.com.* (also 9/13, 20, 27) *Vinnie's Jump & Jive (VJ&J), 424 Main St.*
Open Mic
 7:30p *Jack n' Jill Open Mic, Mezzo Grille, 106 Court St.*
Thu 7 Visual Art
 5p *Middletown Art Walk*, is a monthly highlight of Middletown visual art. Pick up a map and guide at MAC650 for all of the locations. Be sure to visit:
 • *MAC 650 Gallery, 650 Main St.*
 • *The Buttonwood Tree (TBT), 605 Main St.*
 • *Tesoro, corner of Main St. & Rapallo Ave.*
 • *Green Street Teaching and Learning Center (GSTLC), 51 Green St.*
 • *R.J. Julia Bookstore (RJJ), 413 Main St.*
 • *Klekolo World Coffee (KWC), 181 Court St.*
Garden Party
 5:30p *17th Annual Garden Party*, celebrating 20 years of the North End Action Team. Reservation req'd. *NEAT, 654 Main St.*
Veterans' Writing Group
 6:30p *We Were There: Writing Your Military Experiences*, led by Elisabeth Petry. (and every Thu in Sept.) *Meeting Room 2 (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. *TBT*
Fri 8 Library Book Sale
 10a *Friends of the Russell Library* monthly book sale, also Sat. 9/9 10a-2p. *Activity Room (AR), RL*
Music
 8p *Eighth Annual Bach to School Concert w/orgunist Ronald Ebrecht. Memorial Chapel (MC), Wesleyan Univ. (WU)*
 8p *Davey O.* along with *Stan Sullivan* on a double bill of songwriting and guitar virtuosity. *TBT*
Sat 9 Main Street Stroll & The MASH
 10a A new addition to the downtown 'return to school' activity is this family-friendly *open house* for Main St. featuring music, art, hands-on workshops and entertainment for all ages from *10a to 4p.* There's a brass band sidewalk parade at 12:30p. A map and full schedule will be available the day of the event. This ties in with the Wesleyan *6th Annual The MASH Festival* taking place from 2p to 7p on multiple stages on campus highlighting Wesleyan's student music scene. Details on *facebook.com/CityArtsOffice*
Open House
 10a *Oddfellows Playhouse (OP) Fall Open House* is happening as a part of the *Main Street Stroll* until 2p. *OP*
 12:30p *The Buttonwood Tree* hosts a *songwriting workshop w/Jess Best* followed by a *Jazz Jam* hosted by *Noah Baerman* at 2:30p. *TBT*
 1p *The Middlesex County Historical Society (MCHS)*, 151 Main St., will be open until 4p for visits. *MCHS*
Preservation March
 10a *The Company G of the 14th Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry* will march in full uniform from the Gen. Jos. Mansfield House, 151 Main St., eventually ending at Gen. Mansfield's grave at the Indian Hill Cemetery. Full details at mchscst.org or call 346.0746. *MCHS*
Visual Art Opening/Music
 4&8p *2ManJazz Trio* featuring *Frank Valera* performs jazz in the evening while the opening of the exhibition of *Frank Valera* takes place at 4. *TBT*
Sun 10 Storytelling
 2p *NEAR & Far Storytellers*, hosted by *Jim Harriman & Carolyn Stearns.* *TBT*
Music
 7p *Remo Drive, Small Circle, Cheem*, and one more will be performing presented by The Arc Agency. *MAC650*
Mon 11 Open Mic
 7p Anything Goes Open Mic/Moments of Gratitude, sign ups start 6:30p, every Monday. *TBT*
Tue 12 Film
 2p *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, starring Lana Turner & John Garfield. *HR, RL*
Russell Readers
 6:30p Discussing *Fiesta* by Junot Díaz. *MR2, RL*
Music
 7p *Bill Benson*, songwriter with a message of love, hope & passion. *KWC*
Wed 13 Opening Reception/Gallery Talk
 5p *Sasha Rudensky: Acts and Illusions*, reception at 5p, talk by the artist at 5:30p. *Davison Art Center (DAC), WU*
Theater Pre-Audition Workshop : Auditions
 6p *A Christmas Carol!* Oddfellows Playhouse Teen Company. Pre-audition workshop

(recommended) (9/13@6p). Auditions: Monday, 9/18 or 9/20, 6p. *OP*
Thu 14 Book Discussion
 7p *The Devouring* by James Benn. *RJJ*
Comedy
 8p *Dan Boulger. TBT*
Visual Art Demonstration
 7p *Sally Barr*, watercolorist, will demonstrate her technique and talk about framing. *Art Guild of Middletown, 30 Woodside Road, Cromwell*
Fri 15 Music
 8p *Suzanne Sheridan* *Ukelele*, singer/songwriter/guitarist accompanied by her band. *TBT*
Sat 16 Beginner Ukelele Ensemble
 11a 6 week series led by *Karen Hogg* kicks off, learn basic chords and strum patterns - for all ages. *Middlesex Music Academy (MMA), 440 Main St.*
Music
 8p *Ann Sweeten*, one of the most decorated pianists of the past decade. *TBT*
Sun 17 3rd Annual Jack n' Jill Music Festival
 noon Raising funds for and awareness of New Horizons, this 10 hour music festival has an extensive line-up of musicians, raffle prizes, silent auction, and music trivia. Expect a few special guests also. Visit *jackandjillmusicfestival.com* or call 344.8297. *Mezzo Grill patio, 106 Court St.*
Music
 3p Pianist *Carolyn Halsted* joined by violinist *Karin Fagerburg* and cellist *Jeffrey Krieger. Russell House (RH), WU*
Tue 19 Gallery Talk/Opening Reception
 4:30p *Three in 30: Black Pulp!* has faculty members *Katherine Brewer Ball, Demetrius L. Eudell, and Amy Cynthia Tang* discussing a selected work for the *Black Pulp!* exhibition curated by *William Villalongo & Mark Thomas Gibson.* At 5:30p is the opening reception for *Black Pulp! Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery (ZG), WU*
Music
 7p *Shannon McMahon* and *James Morrison.* *KWC*
Wed 20 Opening Reception/Gallery Talk
 12:30p *Jiagg Maria Ma: (BEIJING),* gallery talk with *Tula Telfair*, luncheon buffet served. *College of East Asian Studies Gallery at Mansfield Freeman Center (EASG), WU*
 5p *In Italy*, photographs by *Roger Carl Johanson. Pegasus Gallery (PG), Middlesex Community College (MxCC)*
Thu 21 Lecture w/Media
 7p *Ping Chong: All Islands Connect Under Water.* His work explores intersections of race, culture, history, art, technology. *Ring Family Performing Arts Hall (RFAH), WU*
Film
 8p *Cotton Comes to Harlem*, with introduction by *Scott Higgins. Goldsmith Family Cinema (GFC), Center for Film Studies (CFS), WU*
Fri 22 Music
 8p *Khalif & Charles Neville*, father & son duo bring the unique connection to the music rooted in the sounds of New Orleans. *TBT*
Sat 23 Music
 1:30p *Jazz Up Close: Rogério Boccato*, the Crossing Cultures program presented by Resonant Motion, Inc. features the Brazilian drummer/percussionist. *HR, RL*
 8p *Laszlo Gardonyi*, in a CD release concert for *Serious Play* (Sunnyside Records), solo piano works. *TBT*
Tue 26 Artist Lecture
 5p *At the Border of Truth—Photographing the New East, Sasha Rudensky* examines the slow dissolution of Soviet consciousness, the ideological vacuum left, and the reconstitution of post-Soviet identities. *RFAH, WU*
Book Discussion
 6:30p *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, by *James M. Cain.* *MR2, RL*
 7p *A Strange Scottish Shore*, by *Juliana Gray (Beatriz Williams).* *RJJ*
Wed 27 Book Discussion
 7p *Queen, There, and Everywhere*, by *Sarah Prager.* *RJJ*
Thu 28 Film
 8p *Black Dynamite.* *GFC, CFS, WU*
Thu-Sat28-30 Navaratri Festival of Indian Music and Dance
Thursday
 4:30p *Music Dept. Colloquium.* *RFAH, WU*
 5:30p Film screening - *Mrinalini Sarabhai—The Artist and Her Art.* *RFAH, WU*
 8p *B. Balasubrahmanian: Vocal Music of South India*, joined by *David Nelson & L. Ramakrishnan. Crowell Concert Hall (CCH), WU*
Friday
 7p *Henna and Chaat*, henna art and chaat (savory snacks) hosted by *Shakti. Olin Memorial Library Lobby, WU*
 8p *Darpana: Nataraja Vandanam—Love Songs to Shiva*, a dance performance. *CCH, WU*
Saturday
 5p *Saraswati Puja* (Hindu Ceremony), religious service where audience may bring instruments, manuscripts, and other items for blessing. *World Music Hall, WU*
 8p *Lalgudi Duo*, brother and sister violin duo. *CCH, WU*
Fri 29 Music
 8p *Danika & The Jeb*, a songwriter and a guitar aficionado wrap their work together. *TBT*
Sat 30 Book Discussion
 1p *Connecticut Civilian Conservations Corps Camps: History, Memories & Legacy of the CCC* with the author *Marty Podskoch. RL*
Music
 8p *Ameranouche*, performing what they term Gypsy Flamenco Swing played on traditional French jazz guitars. *TBT*

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