

# ValleyCAST Community Events: April - June 2025

## Spaulding R. Aldrich Heritage Gallery

Alternatives' Whitin Mill, 50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, MA

Regular Gallery Hours M-F, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Evenings and weekends by appointment. For info: 508-234-6232 or [Cristi.Collari@openskycs.org](mailto:Cristi.Collari@openskycs.org)



### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Palette Contest An Inclusive Community Favorite!

Don't miss the Closing Reception on  
Wednesday, April 16, 5:30-6:30 PM

Artists of all ages and abilities have transformed wooden art palettes into unique and beautiful works of art. Come to the gallery to vote for your favorites until April 4, 2025. Winners will be wearing their ribbons at the closing reception! *Exhibit ends April 18, 2025.*

*Exhibit curated by Mary Laliberte.*

More info: [openskycs.org/news-events](https://openskycs.org/news-events)

Sponsored by ValleyCAST, Open Sky and Jerry's Artarama.

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## Student Art Exhibit

Whitinsville Christian School

### Opening Reception

Friday, May 2, 5:00-7:00 PM

Whitinsville Christian School students in grades K-12 exhibit a variety of 2-D art work. This exhibit is in conjunction with the school's *Annual Student Art Walk*.

*Come support these inspiring young artists!*

*Exhibit comes down on May 23, 2025.*

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## BVAA at the Uxbridge Community Gallery

5 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA

Regular Community Gallery Hours M-F, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

For info: 508-278-6791 or [Samuel.Ankrah@openskycs.org](mailto:Samuel.Ankrah@openskycs.org)

## CALL FOR ARTISTS!

### Spectacular Spring Art Show

Blackstone Valley Art Association's 68<sup>th</sup> Year!

Opening Reception on Friday, April 11, 5:00-7:00 PM

This open-themed extravaganza features the very best artwork from the diverse membership of the Blackstone Valley Art Association (BVAA).

*Exhibit ends June 6, 2025.*



### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Series Art Show

Blackstone Valley Art Association Member Exhibit

Opening Reception Friday, June 13, 5:00-7:00 PM

The Blackstone Valley Art Association is sponsoring its fifth annual Series Show! This fun, creative art show celebrates the magic of creating artwork in a series. *Exhibit ends July 11, 2025.*

## BVAA @ The Worcester Center for Crafts

Community Gallery

June 30 to July 26, 2024

Worcester Center for Crafts (WCC), in collaboration with ValleyCAST, has invited BVAA members to exhibit



in the WCC's Community Gallery, 25 Sagamore Road, Worcester, MA again this summer. This exhibit will be open during regular business hours and during the

**WCC's Hot Night in the City event on July 18:**  
[worcestercraftcenter.org/hot-night-in-the-city](https://worcestercraftcenter.org/hot-night-in-the-city)

*Exhibit ends July 26, 2024.*

### Learn more and become a member!

Join BVAA and submit your own artwork to one or all three of these fantastic exhibits! More info: [BVAA.org](https://BVAA.org)

## Celebrating Neurodiversity through art and poetry!

Artists' Reception during the Kick-Off  
Concert for our Free Summer Concert  
Series on Thursday, June 26, 5:00-8:00 PM

Join us in the gallery to explore and celebrate six local, neurodivergent minds who express themselves through art, and poetry. Artists Morgan Tartakoff, Karin Knapik-Cloutier, Lillian Harris, Missy Varner, and Jessica Welles, and Poet, Will Hansen share their talents and superpowers with gallery patrons. *Exhibit ends August 22, 2025.*

*Exhibit co-curated by  
Cristi Collari and Morgan Tartakoff.*

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Between the Folds of My Brain  
by Morgan Tartakoff



Learning to Trust the Chaos  
by Karin Knapik-Cloutier

## Welcome Blanket Project Call to Action!

Do you sew, quilt, knit, or crochet? Would you like to help welcome and WRAP your new neighbors in warm blankets? **Dust off your needles and get started now!**

ValleyCAST will collect donated blankets during the week of October 20, 2025. They will be displayed in the Heritage Gallery during November & December. There will be an opening reception on **Thursday, November 6, 2025.** Blankets will then be gifted to the Worcester Refugee Assistance Project (WRAP).

More info: [openskycs.org/news-events](https://openskycs.org/news-events)



Alternatives' Whitin Mill, 30-70 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588

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**GB & Lexi Singh Performance Center** - *Alternatives' Whitin Mill, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, MA*

## BVT Annual Art & Music Showcase

*Blackstone Valley Technical High School*

### Opening Reception

**Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 PM**

Join us in celebrating the achievements of the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School's Visual and Performing Arts students.

In addition to an impressive display of student artwork in the Riverview Room, the Performing Arts students will perform in the Singh Performance Center on the night of the opening. *Come celebrate these inspiring students at the opening with their teachers! Art exhibit will be on display from April 2-4 and 7-10.*

More info: [openskycs.org/news-events](https://openskycs.org/news-events)



## FREE Summer Concert Series Kick-Off! Kick-off your Independence Day Celebration!

Join us for an evening of art & music on  
**Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 PM**

**Ash & Eric**

**Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band**



### Celebrating Neurodiversity Artists' Reception

will be in the Gallery on the same night (see other side).

Concert Series then continues every Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM from July 10 - September 4, 2025

*Please note: There is no concert on July 3, 2025*

Bring a lawnchair. Refreshments available for purchase. In case of inclement weather, the concert moves indoors at the same location. More info: [openskycs.org/news-events](https://openskycs.org/news-events)

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## Join Open Sky on Saturday, June 7, 2025 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Friendship Tour



Please join us as we walk, bike or run in the beautiful and historic Blackstone Valley. Perfect for serious athletes, weekend warriors or those new to exercise. Good food, great music, yoga on the Plaza, kid-friendly activities and terrific raffle prizes. More info: [openskycs.org/VFT](https://openskycs.org/VFT)

**"A Fun Day for a GREAT Cause!"**

**JOIN THE FUN!**

## Take Down the Wall presents Open Mic Nights

*Featured Artists & Open Mic*

**Saturday, April 12, 6:00-8:30 PM**

*Featured Artist: Shaun O'Connor*

**Saturday, May 10, 6:00-8:30 PM**

*Featured Artist: TBA*

**Saturday, June 14, 6:00-8:30 PM**

*Featured Artist: TBA*

Come share your talents, or just come to socialize and enjoy performances from this growing creative community! Open Mic Nights are musically themed with a featured artist beginning each event. Then the mic opens to the floor for all to share a variety of talent.

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## Register for our Monthly Art Workshops!

Learn more: [openskycs.org/news-events](https://openskycs.org/news-events)

### Let's Make Greeting Cards

Holly Crawford has over 15 years of experience making handmade greeting cards. Create 4-5 greeting cards and envelopes. \$20 per person, per class. All materials provided. No experience necessary.

### Freestyle Floor Loom Weaving

Anita Droby teaches the basics of weaving on a floor loom. Students will create a weaving that is uniquely theirs! \$75 per person for 3-class series. All materials provided. No experience necessary.

### Bob Ross Painting Classes

Sheryl Estell, a certified Bob Ross Painting Instructor, guides students to create your own Masterpiece! \$75 per person, per class. All materials provided. No experience necessary.

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ValleyCAST's mission is to foster a creative and engaged community in the Historic Blackstone Valley that is inclusive and supportive of people with and without disabilities. ValleyCAST is the arts & culture arm of Open Sky Community Services.

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