COMMUNITY EVENTS
JULY–SEPTEMBER 2026

FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays 6–8 pm | Rice Community Plaza

Now in its 17th year, this popular series features a different group each week, spanning multiple musical styles. Grab your dancing shoes and your favorite people, bring a snack or pick one up from Big Daddy's Food Truck, and we'll see you on the plaza!

JUL 02 Chuck & Mud and the Hole in the Dam Band • country-folk
JUL 09 Far From Eden • soul, rock, and pop covers
JUL 16 Super Chief Trio • soul, rock, and pop covers
JUL 23 Catnip Junkies • blues, swing, rockabilly
JUL 30 Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra's Summer Winds • symphonic concert band/wind ensemble
AUG 06 Blackstone Valley Bluegrass • traditional and contemporary bluegrass
AUG 13 Le'Mixx Band • classic R&B, funk, and reggae
AUG 20 Studio Two Beatles Tribute Band • rock and blues
AUG 27 The Reminisants • '50s–'70s rock n' roll and golden oldies
SEP 03 The Seven Wonders Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band • rock and pop

BVAA ANNUAL FALL SHOW

Opening Reception: Thursday, September 3, 5–8 pm
Viewing hours: M–F, 9 am–4 pm through October 23
Heritage Gallery

The Blackstone Valley Art Association will present works created by many of its talented members in this annual showcase. A wide range of mediums and abilities will be on view, celebrating the vision and talent of our region.

THE WHITIN MILL

50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, MA

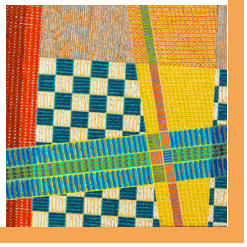
Free parking is available on-site
All venues, parking, & restrooms are wheelchair accessible
No RSVP or ticket needed.
More info at ValleyCAST.org

INFORMAL

Reception: Thursday, June 25, 5–8 pm
Viewing hours: M–F, 9 am–4 pm, Thursdays 9 am–8 pm until August 20
Heritage Gallery

A wood sculptor, a metal sculptor, and two painters each have distinct styles, influences, and outcomes, yet the artists have discovered intriguing commonalities through sharing exhibit space—the individual pieces seem to be not just related, but to collectively create something greater than their components.

Featuring works by Michael Bourque, Nathan Bourque, Madeleine Lord, and Derrick Te Paske.



Open Sky Community Services

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

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PARTNER EVENTS
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CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES WITH VALLEYCAST

Ready to get crafty? ValleyCAST offers multiple ways to channel your inner artist at the Whitin Mill. Visit ValleyCAST.org for more info on timing, themes, and registration.

Freestyle Weaving Classes

Anita Droby teaches students the parts of the loom, different free-style weaving techniques, and how to incorporate a variety of materials. At the end of each 3-class series, students can take home their one-of-a-kind creations!

Art Carts

One Wednesday each month, multimedia artist Charlotte Eckler leads free drop-in creative sessions for all abilities. Instruction and supplies provided, and participants can take their creations home at the end of the 1-hour sessions.

Cardmaking

Drawing on her 15 years of experience, Holly Crawford shares her process using rubber stamps, ink, and paper. All materials are provided, and students will leave the class with at least 4 ready-to-mail cards and envelopes.

Monthly Virtual Art Challenge

Need some inspiration? Creatives of all ages, abilities, and mediums are invited to participate in monthly themed challenges. Submit a photo of your on-theme work at the end of the month to be included in ValleyCAST's virtually gallery.

TAKE DOWN THE WALL • OPEN MIC

July 11, August 8, September 12 | 6:00–8:30 pm | Singh Theater

Open Sky's Community Membership Department hosts a free musically-themed event each month! All abilities and levels of experience are invited to share their talents or join in to socialize and cheer on others with a supportive, growing creative community. No registration required, free to attend ($5 suggested donation).

Learn more at tinyurl.com/OS-TDTW

BLACKSTONE VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION

Uxbridge Community Gallery: 5 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA
BVAA.org

The Blackstone Valley Art Association (BVAA) has been encouraging artists in the Blackstone Valley since 1957, hosting numerous shows, events, and workshops throughout the year.

Carbon Copies
Reception: July 31, 5–8 pm
On View: July 11–August 1

This themed exhibit challenged BVAA member artists to create their own version of a famous work of art. Now in its 8th year, the sky is the limit on this one!

Show Of Hands
Reception: August 7, 5–7 pm
On View: August 1–September 5

This open call art show welcomes all skill levels, themes, and media except photography and digital art. BVAA membership not required!

Blue
Reception: September 11, 5–7 pm
On View: September 5–October 17

From a clear sky to a misty morning, from the deep ocean to a great heron, BVAA artist members were asked to capture what "blue" evokes for them.

WORCESTER CENTER FOR CRAFTS

25 Sagamore Road, Worcester, MA WorcesterCraftCenter.org

ValleyCAST and the BVAA are teaming up with the Worcester Center for Crafts (WCC) twice this July!

Community Gallery Showcase
On View: June 28–July 26, Tuesday–Saturday, 10 am–5 pm

BVAA members' works will line the halls of the Craft Center in this month-long exhibit.

Hot Night In The City
Friday, July 17, 4–9 pm

This annual celebration of the creative spirit combines summer heat with the "hot" processes and traditions of craft creation. In addition to the Community Gallery Showcase, ValleyCAST and BVAA artists will have a booth at this event which will also include 50+ local artist vendors, food trucks, beer and wine, craft demonstrations, and live music.