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Once In a Blue Moon Music Jam



You've heard of "Once in a Blue Moon"? It's a rare occasion when there are two full moons in one month. It's also a rare occasion to have three outstanding blues bands playing together in one place. Join Windham Arts at our Blue Moon Blues Music Festival on Friday, July 31 at Jillson Square in Willimantic.

beer. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance (up to the week before) and can be purchased online at WindhamArts.org. Please visit our website, www.windhamarts.org or Facebook page for additional information including where to stay overnight and area specials.

This will be one of the best concerts of the summer with the opening band, Tuesday Saints, playing their mix of Americana, folk and blues. The Mighty Soul Drivers will take the stage next. They just won round one of the CT Blues Society Challenge and will represent CT at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis next January.

Last year the music world said goodbye to a great blues man, Johnny Winter. We are fortunate to have the Johnny Winter Legacy Band to wrap up the evening. Their last album, *Step Back*, took the 2015 Grammy and the Blues Music Award for Best Blues



Album. They will be joined by James Montgomery, who sold out the Shaboo Inn over 70 times and a friend of Johnny's who shared the stage with him many times.

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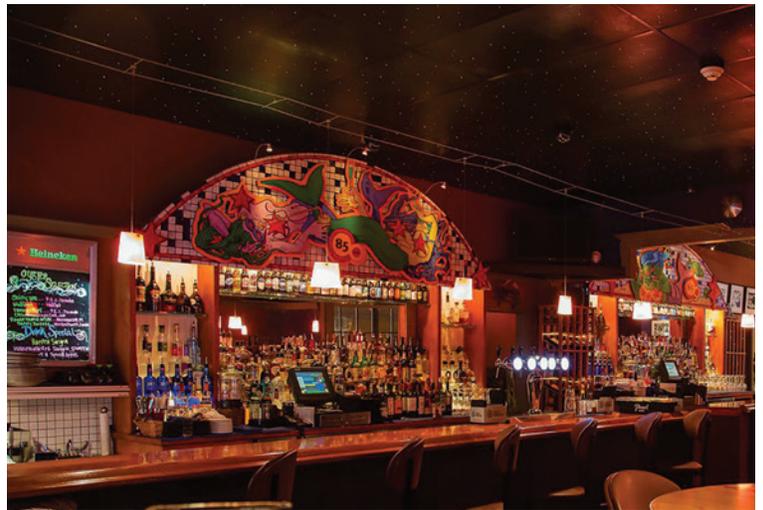
menu with even more innovative culinary artistry.

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James was also nominated for "Chef of the Year" in 2011 & 2013 and 85 Main was nominated "Restaurant of the Year" in 2013 & 2014. 85 Main offers several options to accommodate your special event and private parties.

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On fair weather days guests can dine on the deck overlooking the paddock and field where the horses are grazing. Lunch and dinner are served to guests, with dinner being a special experience for everyone. The evening begins with cocktails in the barn or on the deck. Then guests continue enjoying their cocktails on a hayride around the farm with a guitar serenade. A four-star dinner is served in the barn while live music fills the rooms.

In the summer, the Golden Lamb Buttery is the host of "Theater In The Barn." On select evenings, you will enjoy a buffet-style supper followed by a play presented by a dedicated group of actors. At intermission, coffee, tea & dessert are served, followed by the conclusion of the play. Quality entertainment, delicious food and good company in a beautiful setting: a lovely way to spend a summer evening.

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Performing Arts

Stafford Springs Blues Festival coming August 8th to Hyde Park

Joyful noise will fill Hyde Park in Stafford Springs on Saturday, August 8th as the 3rd Annual Stafford Springs Blues Festival comes to town. This non-profit event was created to raise funds to build a permanent amphitheater in the beautiful historic park.

The day will begin with the long anticipated appearance of Josh Scussel; followed by 2013 Blues Music Award Nominee, Paul Gabriel who will show what 46 years as a singer, songwriter and Electric Blues Guitarist sound like.

At 2 p.m. the Northeast Blue Harmonica Showcase will combine to offer a set that is sure to WOW even the most discriminating harmonica fans featuring the Eric Ducoff Band, 7-time 2015 Blues Music Award Nominee Sugar Ray Norcia, The Kosher Kid, and Mr. Knick joining them. Lydia Warren returns for a second time after winning over the audience last year. At 5 p.m. Bad News Barnes & The Brethren of the Blues Band will educate the crowd to the Hokum style of blues followed at 6 p.m. by Gracie Curran

and her High Falutin Band (winners of the Best Blues Band Award—2015 Boston Music Awards).

Admission for the day is \$25.00 and parking is Free. For more information check them out on Facebook or call 860-684-9500 Tickets also available at The Chamber of Commerce, Windham Region, 1010 Main Street, Willimantic.



Discover the Slater Museum this Summer



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2015 Schedule

MAY 1st – 1900's *Art Nouveau*
Art Nouveau or "New Art" takes inspiration from the unruly aspects of the natural world and influenced art and architecture.

JUNE 5th – 1920's *The Jazz Age*
A feature of the 1920s when jazz music and dance became popular.

JULY 3rd – 1940's *WWII & The Arts*
Some of the most popular forms of entertainment were radio, film, and music. These forms of media kept citizens entertained and informed about the country's war efforts, and motivated them to contribute to the cause.

AUGUST 7th – 1960's *Pop Art*
Beginning in the mid-1950's, Pop Art blurred the lines between high and low art.

SEPTEMBER 4th – 1980's *Urban Art*
Art, dance, and styles emerged from the urban centers of the country. New forms of dance and music including break dancing and rapping/hip hop music. Graffiti, once viewed as an eyesore and defacement to property, became recognized as an art form.

OCTOBER 2nd – 2000's *The Digital Age*
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In addition to golf, the facility is open to the public and has a wonderful deck overlooking the course



and a pond. You can easily meet friends there after work or on the weekend, enjoy your favorite cocktail with some homemade potato chips or other items from the pub menu. If gourmet food is your addiction, then you must stay for dinner in the elegantly remodeled formal dining room. A favorite meal is the lobster in a fabulous cream sauce over pasta---to die for!

If you are just traveling through or want to enjoy the live music every Friday and Saturday night, or the BBQ every Sunday, take a moment to stop in.... you will be pleasantly surprised!!

Special Interest

Art In Mysterious Places

Art can be found in mysterious places. More and more businesses are supporting the arts by creating gallery spaces within their buildings. One very special business/art partnership is at Weiss & Hale in Pomfret.

In 2013, Weiss & Hale collaborated with Chaplin artist, Jane Collins, on a one-person show of her paintings. Director of Marketing, Deirdre Childs commented: "We realized we had terrific wall space in our renovated Pomfret Center office." An Open House for Jane brought many new and recognized faces through the door and their first Artists Open House became a new tradition.

Weiss & Hale Financial added a charitable aspect to the event by collecting food for Daily Bread food pantry and donating to BOSTON STRONG, following the Marathon bombing. A few months later, they rotated in a beautiful collection by plein air artist, Barbara Lussier.

Toward the end of 2014, Weiss & Hale broadened the collaboration with a fellow Pomfret, CT Proprietor

- Celebrations Gallery. They extended the gallery and featured over 30 pieces including: sculpture from Robert Scutt, paintings by Scott Taylor, Susan Rosenstone Larrow, Marian O'Connell, Robert Thomas, David Stumpo, Katie Samuelson, Jacqueline Lussier and privately offered work by Daniel Roy. At present, their collaboration with Silver Circle Gallery of Putnam offers 6 unique watercolors by Pomfret artist, JP Jacquet, and a variety of paintings by Elisabeth McGinn, Diana Sartor, Karen Reid and Shirley Bernstein.



Autumn Fire-Ink w/collage by Diana Sartor



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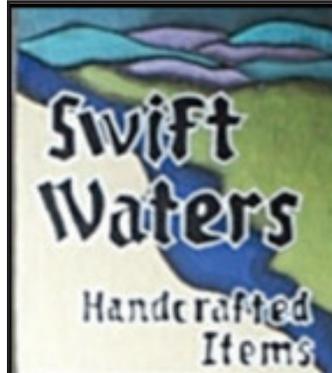
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By far the most unique and fun thing about Taylor Brook is their "Adopt-A-Vine" program which gives you the opportunity to "own" a vine, participate in the harvest and take home a bottle each season for the next 3 consecutive years. You can give a vine as a gift or buy one for yourself.

Stuff, stuff and more stuff...The Mansfield Marketplace & Flea Market



There is something for everyone at the Mansfield Marketplace and Flea Market every Sunday throughout the summer. Located on Rte. 32 in Mansfield (at the intersection with Rte. 31), this flea market is huge and has a variety of vendors. Make sure you get there early!

Of course, what would a flea market be without "good stuff"? There are vendors who are selling household "tag sale" items, antique dealers, farmers and resale vendors. Some of the "goodies" you can find include: antique baskets and crocks, memorabilia, toys both old and new, herbs in cute containers, designer perfumes, perennials and annuals, fresh vegetables straight from the farm, tools, dishes, glasses and cookware, furniture, videos and CD's, bicycles, stuff, stuff and more stuff. It is a challenge to leave without finding at least one thing to take home and cherish---or eat!



The flea market is open every Sunday in the summer from 8 am to 3 pm, rain or shine. There is a snack bar, a 1500 square foot building, lots of outdoor vendors, handicapped accessible bathrooms and lots of "picking opportunities." You will be walking around the market so make sure you wear good shoes that can handle slightly uneven ground and wear sunscreen. For more information visit mansfielddrivein.com or call 860-456-2578.

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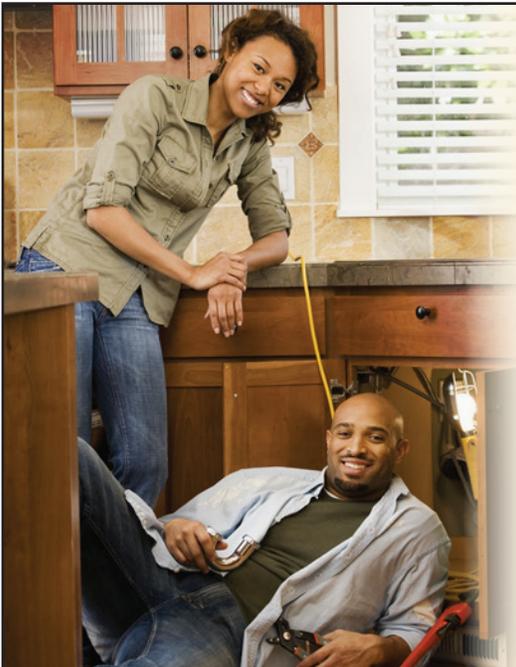
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Literature

UConn Co-op... a "real" bookstore, one with "real" books...

This summer take the time to visit the UCONN Co-Op Bookstore in Mansfield Downtown. They are located on 1 Royce Circle. The bookstore is not just a place to buy school books and UCONN merchandise, although they have everything Husky you can think of. This is a "real" bookstore, one with "real" books, you know, the kind made of paper, the old fashioned kind. If you are a book lover, and cherish the feel of the pages, you will go crazy in the Co-Op.

One of the most fun areas is the children's section. Bring your kids, sit in the barn and read to them. Look at shelves and shelves of beautifully created stories. It is hard to walk out of the place without at least one in your hands. Kids will love this, they will be entertained for hours (while you grab a latte at the café in the store).

And after that wonderful field trip, take yourself and your kids to the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry next door. The puppets are awesome.

They are fun, they are sometimes a little scary, they are totally unique. On Saturdays throughout the summer, the Ballard hosts their Summertime Saturday Puppet Shows. There are two showings each week at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm with ticket prices of \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids. Shows include The Nature of Nature, Hotel Moliere, Aladdin and Superheroes, Villains and Spaceships, Oh My! For info and tickets go to bimp.uconn.edu.





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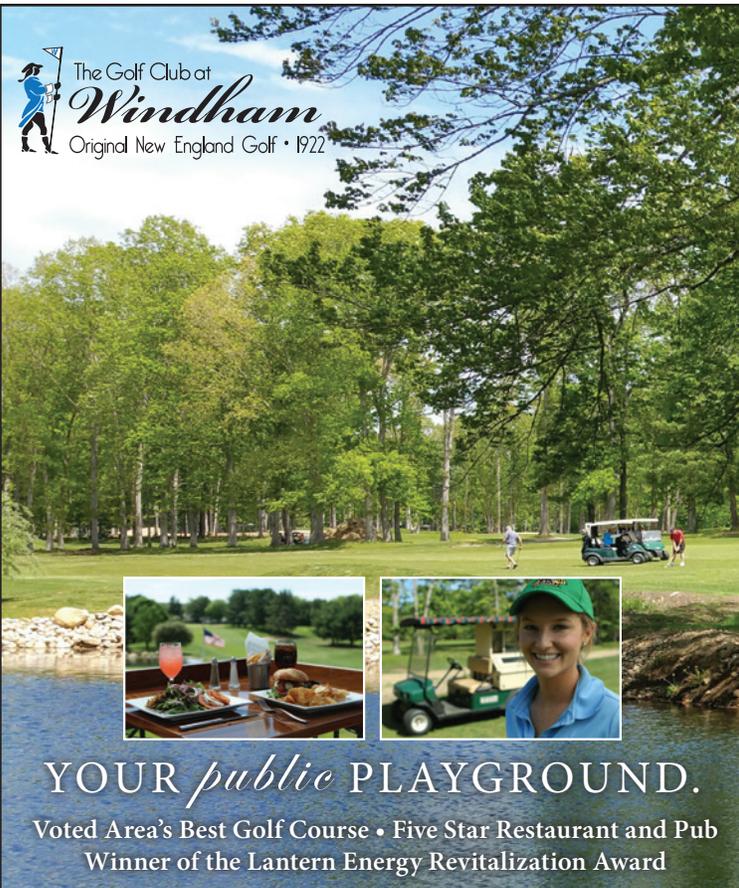
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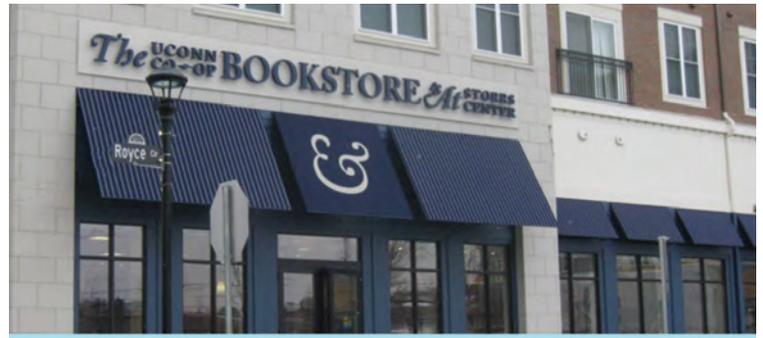
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APPLICATION DUE DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2015

Applicants to this program must be 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations that currently own or sponsor substantial programming at historic sites (properties listed in the State or National Register of Historic Places) or cultural sites (art museums, history/cultural museums or centers on non-historic sites, public art installations, science centers, and aquariums). Priority for funding will be to small-to-medium sized nonprofit organizations with a three-year average annual income of \$500,000 or less. For more information on how to apply visit <http://www.cultureandtourism.org>

REGIONAL ARTS GRANTS

DO NOT MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!

The CT Office of the Arts and Windham Arts will be awarding \$35,000 in grants to applicants in Northeast CT.

Deadline for application submission is July 23, 2015

This grant program is unique in that, although competitive, will include a pool of applicants from Northeast CT only. You will not be competing against the larger art and cultural organizations, only those in our region.

Awards are from \$1000-\$5000.

For more information visit WindhamArts.org



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Quiet Corner Holiday Art & Craft Fair

Saturday, November 14, 2015

♦10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Call to Artists, Artisans and Crafters Windham Arts is currently accepting vendors for its annual holiday fair. Vendor space is \$25 and includes one table. To be considered, please send an e-mail to info@WindhamArts.org with your contact information and photos of your work.

We are specifically looking for creative businesses that include: pottery, bird houses, jewelry, sculpture, holiday themed items, herbs, homemade food products such as jam, canned goods, candy, maple syrup and honey, clothing, rugs, unique and unusual projects. For more information call 860-423-6389.

