

# *What's happening in* Washington, CT

Spring 2019

## The Litchfield Jazz Festival is Coming to Washington This Summer

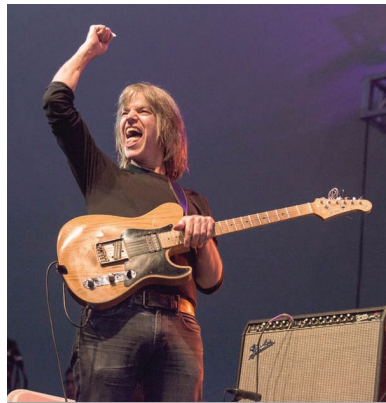
By Dan Sherr

Add jazz to the amazing vocal and instrumental musical offerings in Washington. The Litchfield Jazz Festival is coming to Washington July 26, 27 and 28. In its 24th season, the jazz festival will open Friday evening, July 26, with a fund-raising community reception at The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens, followed by a concert at the Emerson Performing Arts Center on The Gunnery campus. A rich menu of concerts is offered Saturday and Sunday, with a closing concert at 2:45pm on Sunday.

On Saturday, July 27, the jazz festival will also host a FREE OuterFest, 11am to 5pm, at the First Congregational Church and adjoining Green. Family-friendly activities, great food, arts, crafts and music, will be offered throughout the day. On Sunday, July 27, an 11am fund-raising jazz brunch with the Don Braden Sextet will be held at The Gunnery.

While the annual Litchfield Jazz Festival is the public face of the Litchfield Performing Arts, the four-week midsummer Litchfield Jazz Camp is committed to changing lives through music. With a weekly attendance of up to 125 students ages 13 and older, the camp is led by professional musician-educators. All are established on the international Jazz Map and many return to teach having graduated from the Litchfield Jazz Camp earlier in their careers. During the third week of camp, College Night introduces the campers to outstanding musical conservatories, colleges and universities to learn more about the opportunities that exist for higher education.

The jazz camp came to The Gunnery in 2018, beginning a new era for both Litchfield Performing Arts and The Gunnery. A coeducational independent college preparatory



Mike Stern from the 2014 Litchfield Jazz Fest.

school, The Gunnery offers a welcoming residential learning environment for jazz camp students who come from all over the country and some foreign countries as well. Whether enrolled for one week or four, day or boarding, the campers are attended to by faculty and residential life assistants.

The 2019 jazz camp students will bring their talents to the community

on Saturday as part of the FREE OuterFest. With the Congregational Church as their stage, the newly minted young jazz performers will share their music with the community.



The Thomas S. Perakos Arts and Community Center Will Open at The Gunnery January 2020

The Gunnery is a cornerstone of Washington and a center of arts and culture for the town. The new Thomas S. Perakos Arts and Community Center will open in January 2020 furthering educational and artistic opportunities for students as well as the community. The new building will bring a state-of-the-art, 415-seat performing arts theater, classroom and studio spaces, an art gallery and event space and accommodate the entire school in one space for its three-times-weekly school meetings and student performances. It will facilitate partnerships with community organizations like Litchfield Performing Arts and its annual Litchfield Jazz Camp and jazz festival.

## Message from the Selectmen's Office

As winter slowly loses its grip the Board of Selectmen and our Department Heads are working to put together Washington's 2019-2020 Budget. The Budget will be presented to the Board of Finance for approval in April. Once it is finalized there will be a Public Hearing on the Budget May 2, 7:30pm at Town Hall. Public comment will be appreciated and a final Budget will be voted on at a Town Meeting, May 16, 7:30 at Town Hall.

This winter has been particularly hard on Washington's roads. The many freeze and thaw cycles have created potholes and extremely rough dirt roads. Until we finally get a true spring thaw and the frost is out of the ground the opportunities to do real repairs do not exist, please be patient and drive carefully until then.

Thank you to those who typically place signs along the wall at the east end of Bryan Plaza for adhering to our new policy of no signs. If nonprofit organizations are hosting an event email [selectmen@washingtonct.org](mailto:selectmen@washingtonct.org) with a brief description and we'll consider posting them in our Friday email blast.

## The Town Needs Your Help

We're all aging. By 2025, one third of us will be 65 years or older. The Town of Washington wants to be ready with all the adult services needed. In late spring and early summer, you'll receive a survey in the mail or online. Five or ten minutes will tell us all we need to know to begin planning for 2025. Please watch for the surveys.

## Spotlight on Business: Hollister House Garden – Structured Exuberance

*By Dan Sherr and George Schoellkopf*

Hollister House, built in 1770, on an 18th Century toll road between New Haven and Albany, today called Nettleton Hollow Road, immediately conjures a different sense of time and place. George Schoellkopf brought an intense passion for 18th-19th Century antiques and fine arts to Washington with his purchase of Hollister House in 1979. That passion is fully displayed at Hollister House Garden.



Surrounded by the Litchfield Hills of NW Connecticut, the garden marries the structure of design with the exuberance of nature. It is a magical blending of English formality and the American natural look. Designated a Preservation Project of the Garden Conservancy in 2005, Hollister House Garden will be protected in perpetuity with an endowment from George.

Entrance to the Garden transforms you into a different sense of time and place...by design. George refers to the design as “oblique,” intentionally challenging the vision of the visitor. Immersion is almost immediate, invoking a sense of peace and a revisualization of time. In the words of a national gardening magazine, “arresting arrangements and paths that change immediately, yet unhurriedly, from one step to the next...It is a garden of genius.”

That genius is increasing available to the community. This season the garden is open to the public on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and all-day Saturday. On Wednesday mornings the garden welcomes plein air painters and photographers. The barn on the property was renovated in 2016 and is now the setting for workshops and a lecture series called Barn Talks. Starting more than a decade ago, Hollister House Garden Study Weekend brought “structured” learning to aspiring and accomplished gardeners. These weekends are recognized as a gardening summit.

For George Schoellkopf, born in Dallas, TX, introduced as a child to gardening by his mother and schooled in Fine Arts at Columbia University, Hollister House Garden is a remarkably rendered palette of his passion and design genius. Thank you, George.

## Washington Parks & Rec

It's time to kick off our spring/summer season. The boat ramp is scheduled to open on Saturday, April 20. Spring hours will be Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and Memorial Day from 6am – 11am and 4pm – sunset. The beach will open for weekends only starting Memorial Day Weekend. Annual boat ramp stickers and beach passes are available at the beach and ramp. We're planning another Full Moon Hike this May and looking at mid-June for our first concert of the season. The River Walk Pavilion will also be opening soon! If you're looking for a great venue to have a family gathering, BBQ or just about anything else, call the Selectman's Office to reserve a date. Spaces are filling up quickly so don't delay. The Summer Rec program is coming together and registration forms should be available soon. Be sure to like Washington Parks & Rec on Facebook to stay informed about future events including our Summer Rec program, 4th of July picnic, concerts and more. For more information, please contact Jeff in the Parks & Rec office at 860-868-1519 or [rec@washingtontct.org](mailto:rec@washingtontct.org). Office hours are Tuesday – Thursday from 8am-12pm.

### JOYFUL NOISE, INC.

## Chorus Angelicus & GAUDEAMUS present Signed, Sealed & Delivered

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Saturday, April 27, 6:30pm, St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford  
Sunday, April 28, 4pm, First Congregational Church of Washington,  
Washington. 3:15pm Pre-concert lecture by Dr. Gabriel Löfvall

#### Performers:

Chorus Angelicus & Gaudeamus  
Anne Voglewede Green, Collaborative Pianist  
Andrew Thomson, Uilleann Pipes & Percussion  
Dr. Gabriel Löfvall, Artistic Director.

The Torrington-based ensembles Chorus Angelicus & Gaudeamus join forces with several instrumentalists that have been constant collaborators in the past. A celebration of music inspired by, and commissioned for Chorus Angelicus & Gaudeamus through the last ten years. From the haunting Irish sounds of Andrew Thomson's now classic Coslorgai, to the hot-selling The Rose by Norwegian composer/pianist Ola Gjeilo, our singers of all ages will take you on a trip around the world. An unmissable event to let the soul revel in the depth of vocal splendor! The Sunday concert in Washington includes a pre-concert lecture with Artistic Director Dr. Gabriel Löfvall and post-concert reception.



# Washington Environmental Council's Earth Day Events

The Washington Environmental Council announces a trio of Earth Day events coming up in April.

## Earth Day Banner

**Making Event:** Calling all kids ages 8-12!

Create a fun and colorful Earth Day banner at the Gunn Memorial Library on April 6 from 11am to 1:00. The banner will be prominently displayed in the Depot during "Earth Week" in late April. We've got the paint but we need your pizzazz, so join us for this special event. *The Lorax* movie will be playing in the background for extra inspiration. Sign up at the Gunn children's library desk.

**Earth Day Roadside Cleanup:** WEC invites residents, businesses and community groups to "Adopt a Road" during Washington's **Earth Week**, which runs from Wednesday, April 24 through Monday, April 29. Complimentary trash bags will be available in the foyer at Bryan Memorial Town Hall all week. Collect trash anytime from April 24 through April 27, and drop it in the dumpster in front of the town hall. The Town of Washington is also providing a shredder free of charge to residents Saturday, April 27 from 9am to Noon.

Notify WEC of your road adoption by emailing your name and road choice(s) to: [info@wec-ct.org](mailto:info@wec-ct.org). View the list of remaining available roads at: <https://www.wec-ct.org/earth-day-roadside-cleanup>.

**Earth Day 5K/5M Race:** WEC and Steep Rock Association are partnering for their third annual "Love Your Mother-Earth Day 5K" race on Saturday, April 27 and announces a new **5-mile** option. The race takes place at the Steep Rock Nature Preserve located at 2 Tunnel Road. The 5K course is mostly flat and runs along the scenic Shepaug River. The more challenging 5-mile route includes some rolling hills and a beautiful trail run. The cost is \$20 for pre-registered runners for both the 5K and 5M option. The cost is \$25 for runners registering the day of the event. The **Love Your Mother-Earth Day 5K/5M** is sponsored by Ericson Insurance Advisors and Brierwood Nurseries.

Same day registration and race-bib pick-up is available from 7:30am to 8:45am on April 27. The race starts promptly at 9am. This is an eco-friendly/zero waste event, so participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle or cup to use at water stations. Homemade cookies and other refreshments will be provided after the race.

The event also features a sneaker drive. Please bring gently used sneakers tied together by the laces. All shoes will be donated through Woodbridge Running Company to the Rerun Shoe Program.



# Conversations On the Green

Conversations On the Green, the town hall type seminar, returns this spring for what is shaping up as its best season yet with a critics' choice of nationally known luminaries.

The upcoming season, the seventh, will feature Bret Stephens, *The New York Times'* Op-Ed columnist; Jeff Toobin, CNN's legal analyst and a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, who will join Linda Greenhouse of *The Times*, to make sense of this year's Supreme Court decisions; and "On Tyranny" author Tim Snyder.

The producers also are hoping to attract the CIA's former chief, John Brennan, and former Secretary of State Susan Rice as well as Stephanie Ruhle, a rising star at MSNBC. A panel about climate change, anchored by Governor Jay Inslee of Washington, is planned as is a 'Conversation' showcasing several of Congress's ebullient freshman. And to break the grinding political tension that's part of our zeitgeist, a discussion on political humor with one of the late-night hosts that currently rule the airwaves is scheduled.

To ensure that there's sufficient space at every event, which last year was often sold out, the series this year will make its home The Gunnergy.

Event dates will be posted soon on Conversations On The Green's website, [conversationsonthegreen.com](http://conversationsonthegreen.com).

# Cricket Valley in Dover Plains is Not a Nature Preserve

Cricket Valley (CVEC), a new 110-megawatt gas-powered electric utility plant in Dover Plains, NY, is authorized to emit 3,599,182 metric tons of pollutants into the air each year. Washington is 14 miles downwind of CVEC. The Washington Conservation Commission has joined Western Connecticut Clean Air Action (WCCAA) to monitor the impact on the air of the seven participating towns - Kent, Cornwall, Sherman, Warren, Sharon, Washington and New Milford.

With the support of the Connecticut DEP, the towns have created a network of high-quality censoring equipment specifically designed to measure the spectrum of chemicals typically emitted from gas-powered plants. The data will be available real-time via the Cloud to interested parties, including the schools. The "mother" instrument will be located in Kent, just 5 miles from the plant. The company providing these devices is Aeroqual, which the EPA has cited for the exceptional accuracy and reliability of its monitoring.

WCC's goal is to know the effect of Cricket Valley on the air we breathe. If at any time in the future the pollutants and particulates exceed federal standards, we'll have the evidence to ask Connecticut's agencies to intervene with New York State and federal authorities.

**Do you have a question about the WEDC? Want to submit something for the newsletter? Take a look at our page on the Town of Washington website, [washingtonct.org/economic-development-committee](http://washingtonct.org/economic-development-committee) or email us any questions or comments to [washingtonctedc@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonctedc@gmail.com).**

## Summer Programs at Rumsey Hall School

[rumseyhall.org/summer](http://rumseyhall.org/summer)

### Summer Academic Enrichment / July 1-August 2

A balanced five-week program of academics, recreation and enrichment. Focusing on academic enrichment, language skills, developmental reading, English as a Second Language (ESL). Also, daily recreational activities, field trips and cultural experiences are offered. Day and boarding options available.

### Summer Camp / July 1-August 2

Five-week Summer Recreation Program for children ages 3 –10. Weekly themes explore exciting activities designed to expose campers to new and interesting projects. Experienced staff, small counselor-to-camper ratio, in our beautiful Bantam River Valley setting.

### Volleyball Skills / July 22-July 26

One-week program for girls in grades 6 –10, designed to develop and strengthen skills and understanding of the game, while increasing self-confidence.

## Washington Conservation Commission

### What's happening in New Preston

New Preston Open Space, or the Moore property, is located on the left off Route 202 just north of the light in New Preston center. It was purchased with Open Space Funds by the Conservation Commission. Foot paths make it easy to explore and 34 species of birds were identified by the Audubon Society! We're working to control the phragmites that are invading the small pond on the property. The entrance from Rt. 202 leads to a grassy parking area so you can explore on your own.

New Preston Falls is a hidden gem that we're polishing up! Dead trees and invasives were removed. We're working with the Town to assure the grass is mowed and there's improved access to the property. A brief history of the many mills along the river will be given by Steve Solley at our May 30 meeting. Fascinating history. Do go!

Join us at the Gunn Memorial Library, May 30 at 6:30pm to learn more. Questions: Linda Frank 860-868-7732.

## News from The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens

Over the winter, The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens demonstrated its year-round dedication to its mission of providing "a gathering place in Washington that invites friends and neighbors to relax, learn, play and share all that our community offers." The park served as the hub for "Washington Gives" national day of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, hosted a Valentine's crafts day for children, with Art Room Atelier; and offered an exhibit of art works by April Crumrine and Rich Pomerantz. At the same time, Executive Director Laura Neminski and the Board of Directors of the Washington Park Foundation were busy planning a full schedule of programs for the coming months.

What will you see on the walls of our renovated garage this spring and summer? Through April 9, we're pleased to show John Frederick Walker's "Book Works" exhibit. On April 12, we'll welcome photographer John Kane, including works from his "Bodies in Motion" series and an anticipated artists' reception in May with performances by dancers from Momix and Pilobolus dance companies. Beginning May 24, we'll again showcase our town's younger artists, with selected works by Shepaug Valley



High School students. An Artist Residency with Vincent Giarrano, offering many painting demonstrations and art workshops will take place June 12 to June 30. On July 1, we'll welcome Roxbury artist Peter Wooster and a selection of his collage pieces. Starting August 1, we'll feature the works of fine arts photographer Catherine Erb, in collaboration with KMR Arts.

"All the world's a stage," said William Shakespeare, and the Judy Black Park is no exception! On Easter weekend, our doors will be open to the public for a performance of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," presented by Caroline Kinsolving's Theatre for Good. We'll once again welcome SingOut! CT for two performances in April and May,

and are working to bring to our "stage" more musical performances during the summer months.

June brings back the ever-popular Outdoor Movie Nights, part of First Fridays in the Depot. Bring your blanket, a picnic, and your friends; and join us on June 7 for "Casablanca," sponsored by National Iron Bank. This will be the first of four movies this summer to be shown on our big outdoor screen.

Come June 1, you can again meet friends and enjoy the produce of our local farmers at our weekly farmer's market, to be held every Saturday through October from 10am to 1pm. We have already lined up fifteen vendors for the 2019 market.

Our full year-round calendar of rich programming would not be possible without donations from our generous supporters, both individuals and businesses in our community. Additional events are in the works, so check out our website often for updates, sign up for our emails, suggest additional activities and events, or donate at [www.thejudyblackparkandgardens.org](http://www.thejudyblackparkandgardens.org). We look forward to seeing you at The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens!

# Gunn Memorial Library & Museum

## LIBRARY LUMINARIES

Saturday, June 8 - Always festive, always fun, this spring fundraiser features dinner parties in private homes with guests of note. The dinners follow a cocktail party at the library and reservations are required. Many thanks to our luminaries and our generous hosts!

## CHILDREN'S FUN

**Two's Time:** Fridays 10:30 - 11:15am, February 22-April 12.

**3 & 4 Year Olds Book Buddies:** Fridays 2:15 - 3:00pm, February 22-April 12.

**Kindergarten & 1st grade - Storycraft:**

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:15pm, February 26-April 9.

**2nd & 3rd grade - Storycraft:** Thursdays 3:30 - 4:15pm, February 21-April 11.

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade - After School Gaming Group:** Thursdays 3:30 - 4:15pm, February 21-April 11

## Spring Saturday Family Programs

**Earth Day Banner** – April 6, 11am- 1pm

**Yummy Healthy Snacks** – April 13, 1pm

**Easter Egg Dying** – April 20, 10am-2pm

**Origami** – April 27, 1pm

**Cinco De Mayo** – May 4, 1pm

**Mother's Day Craft** – May 11, 1pm

**School Break Movie Matinees:** Tuesday, April 16, 11am & 1pm and Thursday, April 18, 11am & 1pm

**Summer Reading Program Begins** –Monday, June 24

## ADULT PROGRAMS

**The Grand Decent: A Walk Across Dante's Inferno - Literature Course with Literary Scholar Mark Scarbrough**

Mondays April 1 through May 6, 10am – 12pm

**Warlight Book Discussion** - Thursday, April 4 @ 6:30pm, facilitated by English Professor Christopher Rempfer, MFA

**The Opioid Epidemic in Northwest, CT** – Sunday, April 7 @ 2:00pm, by Greenwood's Counseling Referrals Executive Director, John Simoncelli and

Executive Director of McCall Center for Behavioral Health, Maria Coutant Skinner (Sponsored by Washington Democratic Town Committee)

**Author George Goens, PhD – *Civility Lost*,** Tuesday, April 16 @ 6:30pm

***The Witch Elm Book Discussion*,** Thursday, April 25 @ 6:30pm – facilitated by English Professor Christopher Rempfer, MFA

**Degas: Passion for Perfection – Exhibition on Screen Documentary,** Thursday, May 2 @ 6:30pm (Co-sponsored with Washington Art Association)

**New York Times Best Selling Author, Martha Hall Kelly – *Lost Roses*,** Thursday, May 9 @ 6:00pm

**A Journey Through Jazz,** Thursday, May 16 @ 6:30pm, by Gil Harel PhD, Musicologist & Music Theorist – musically enhanced visual presentation

**Optical Delusions** - Tuesday, May 21 @ 6:30pm - lecture on *The Comedy of Errors* by Emily Mattina (sponsored by Friends of Shakespeare in the Litchfield Hills & Shakesperience Productions)

**New York Times Best Selling Author & Edgar and Anthony Award Winner, Chris Pavone - *Paris Diversion*,** Tuesday, June 4 @ 6:00pm

**Washington Conservation Commission: What's Happening in New Preston** - Thursday, May 30 @ 6:30pm, Lecture

**The Comedy in *Comedy of Errors*** Lecture by Yale Professor Mark Schenker, PhD – Thursday, June 6 @ 6:30pm (sponsored by Friends of Shakespeare in the Litchfield Hills & Shakesperience Productions)

**Chamber Music of Brahms** – Thursday, June 13 @ 6:30pm by Music Mountain Artistic Director, Oskar Espina-Ruiz – musically enhanced visual presentation

**International Best Selling Author Wendy Walker – *The Night Before*** – Tuesday, June 18 @ 6:00pm

**Multiple Plate Collisions, Six Ice Ages, Climate Change & New England's Earthquake Problem**

– Saturday, June 22 @ 11:00am by Dr. Lawford Anderson (Sponsored by Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust)

**Acclaimed Poet Susan Kinsolving - *Peripheral Vision*** – Sunday, June 23 @ 2:00pm - Reading & Signing

**The Errors in *Comedy of Errors*** – Thursday, June 27 @ 6:30pm - lecture by Yale Professor Mark Schenker, PhD (sponsored by Friends of Shakespeare in the Litchfield Hills & Shakesperience Productions)

**Author Lisa Brennan-Jobs – *Small Fry*** - Sunday, June 30 @ 2:00pm

**Monday Movie Matinee @ 1:00pm**

April 1 – *If Beale Street Could Talk*

April 8 – *Stan & Ollie*

April 15 – *VICE*

April 22 – *The Mule*

April 29 – *On the Basis of Sex*

**FIRST TIME! Back-to-Back Movie Matinees Sundays & Mondays @1pm**

May 5 & 6, May 12 & 13, May 19 & 20 - Screened feature films to be announced

## STAIRWELL GALLERY

**Ron Crowcroft - Reverse Glass Paintings,**

March 2 to April 13

**Chandra Rogers- "No Boundaries,"** April 20 to June 1

**Frank Metz - Landscapes,** June 8 to July 20

## GUNN MUSEUM

**History Bites Lecture: *Unsung Heroes of The Gunnery*,** Thursday, May 16 @ 12pm, Michael Kassis, a 2018-19 Gunn Scholar at The Gunnery, will give a presentation about the notable alumni of The Gunnery who also served in the armed forces. Michael Kassis will share their stories of military service and sacrifice. In the Wykeham Room of the Library.

**For more information and a complete listing of programs and events at GML, Inc. visit [www.gunnlibrary.org](http://www.gunnlibrary.org)**

## WMS Presents...The Late Afternoon Show Hosted by Michael Lombardi

**SATURDAY, April 6, 5-7:30pm**

Washington Montessori School is thrilled to announce our next WMS Presents... series sponsored by Altorelli Health, Ericson Insurance Advisors, Litchfield Magazine, Makery Coworking, The Matthews Group Real Estate and Jessica Travelstead of The Matthews Group.

In a nod to "Late Show" formats, past and present, this event will be hosted by WMS

parent and actor, Michael Lombardi, and produced by music producer and owner of Roxbury Station recording studio, Marc Wager (also a WMS parent). Featuring a "house band" of talented musicians, several remarkable new talents will be introduced to our community. Please don't miss this incredible "late afternoon" of music. General admission is \$45 and includes an open bar. The event begins at 5pm with the

performance to begin promptly at 5:30pm. This event will be recorded for a possible podcast.

All proceeds benefit Washington Montessori School.

Saturday, April 6, 5:00 to 7:30pm in the Legacy Theater at Washington Montessori School. Tickets will go on sale March 25. Stay tuned!



# ASAP!® Upcoming Events & Workshops

For more information about these programs, please visit [asapct.org](http://asapct.org) or call 860-868-0740.

## ASAP! Presents Pilobolus

ASAP! and the Warner Theatre are proud to present one of the most popular and unusual dance companies in the world. Pilobolus will perform an electrifying mix of humor, intelligence, physical invention, and raw athleticism. In addition to the full Pilobolus show ASAP!'s Ultimate Collaboration with Pilobolus and American Mural Project will be featured along with our Multi-generational Community Dance Project.

Saturday, March 30 | Performance times: 2pm & 7pm | The Warner Theatre, Torrington

For tickets go to [www.warnertheatre.org](http://www.warnertheatre.org) or call the box office at 860-489-7180

## One Night Only

### ASAP! Celebrates 20 Years

Please join us for an unforgettable night of exquisite performances, memorable moments, great food, live entertainment, and above all gratitude, as ASAP! celebrates 20 years. The evening begins with a show curated by Nicole Tongue and hosted by Congresswoman Jahana Hayes featuring side-by-side performances with students and professional artists. The festive celebration continues under a tent with host Michael Lombardi, dinner, dancing, and a nine-piece band with special guest appearances. Come celebrate this milestone with ASAP!

Saturday, June 1 | 6pm | The Gunnery, Washington

\*Tickets available April 6 at [www.asapct.org](http://www.asapct.org)



## ASAP! Summer Camp 2019

### Ages 4.5-13

In its 20th year, ASAP! is taking its celebrated Summer Arts Camp to a whole new level. Children ages 4.5-13 will

explore and experiment with a common theme through engaging with the arts. They'll work with professional artists and educators in visual arts, dance, drama, music, creative writing, circus arts, yoga, pottery and science to discover something entirely new about themselves and the world around them. Children will have the opportunity to play, make friends, explore their creativity, connect with nature, and generate real science.

### Ages 14-17

Ages 14-17 will develop leadership skills through the lens of art, imagination, science, and collaboration. Attending classes in visual arts, printmaking, ceramics, theatre, movement, hand drumming, videography, music and so much more will inspire and challenge. Students will have the chance to select ASAP! Teaching Artists to shadow and learn about how they can choose a career that they feel passionate about. Find your passion, meet new people and form meaningful friendships.

At ASAP! Summer Camp, we unplug so we can connect with each other.

ASAP! will provide a nut-free organic snack daily during this two-week program. Children must bring a nut-free lunch.

July 29-August 9 | Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:30pm | Washington Montessori School, New Preston

2-week registration: \$650

Early bird registration: \$595 before May 1!

1-week registration available after June 3

## Little Shop of Storytellers

Ages 3-5 | Ali Psomas

Washington Primary School, Washington

Bring stories to life through drama! We invite all storytellers to come ready to move and use their imaginations. Each class is inspired by a favorite book and together we explore possibilities for characters and the meaningful experiences they bring us. Every class holds a valuable lesson.

Wednesdays, Apr. 3, 10, 24, May 1 | 12:45-1:30pm

4 sessions: \$60



## Henna

Grades 3-5 | Elyse Sadtler

Washington Primary School, Washington

Henna is a form of temporary body art that has been used by many cultures across India, Northern Africa and the Middle East for thousands of years. Come join henna artist Elyse Sadtler to discover this ancient art. Learn about what henna is, where it comes from, the science of henna on skin, henna across cultures and how to do basic design elements. You'll receive your own kit, containing organic henna paste and supplies to begin your henna journey. All participants also receive a henna design of their choice by Elyse.

Saturday, April 6 | 3:00-5:30pm

1 session: \$35

## Bee Inspired Prints for True Explorers

Ages 3-10 | Steep Rock Association and artist Alyssa Robb

Macricostas Land Preserve, 121 Christian St, New Preston, CT 06777

Spend a spring afternoon outside! Did you know that there are 350 different types of bees in Connecticut? These insects provide a critical service in our environment by pollinating plants so they produce fruit. Participants will assemble a bee house to take home made of an assortment of natural materials with Steep Rock Association's Program Leader, Rory Larson. You can further explore your creativity with artist Alyssa Robb through the printmaking process. She'll introduce rubbings, stamps, and natural objects to create colorful prints as we observe patterns, textures, and motifs inspired by these pollinators and the beauty of Macricostas. You can make a difference in our local environment!

Saturday, May 4 | 3:00-5:30pm

1 session: \$35

# Events at The Gunnery

## April 14, 8th annual Margaret P. Addicks Memorial Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by The Gunnery in honor of the late Peg Addicks. 9am to 2pm in the Ogden D. Miller Memorial Athletic Center, Upper Gym. If you have questions about eligibility, call the Red Cross at 866-236-3276. To select a time and schedule your appointment online go to: [redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TheGunnery](https://redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TheGunnery).

## April 19, "Selected Work" by Lincoln Hale Turner

Opening reception for a new exhibit of photographs, paintings and multimedia work by Lincoln Hale Turner, a member of The Gunnery's Visual Arts faculty. 5 to 6:30pm in the Tisch Family Library on campus. To register, please email Jessica Baker at [bakerj@gunnery.org](mailto:bakerj@gunnery.org).

## April 28, Rooted Research Conference

Students from the Gunn Scholar Program will share their place-based and primary-source research. 9am to 2:30pm in the Tisch Family Library on campus. The community is invited to attend. Admission is free. Registration is required. Please email [gunnscholar@gunnery.org](mailto:gunnscholar@gunnery.org).

## May 5, 60th Annual Founder's Day Regatta

Hosted by The Gunnery on its home course. 9am to 5:30pm at Lake Waramaug State Park in Kent. Rowing teams from about 20 independent and public high schools will compete. Parking is limited. Red Gunnery shuttle buses for visitors will run between the parking areas and the regatta site throughout the day. For more information, visit [www.Gunnery.org/FoundersDay](http://www.Gunnery.org/FoundersDay).

## May 17, Spring Concert

Featuring performances by The Gunnery Troubadours, Chamber Ensemble, Jazz Band and Rock Band. 8pm in the Meeting House on the Green. Admission is free. The community is welcome to attend.

## June 30 – July 5, Rowing Camp at The Gunnery

For rowers of all skill levels. Registration is now open. For boys and girls entering grades 7-12. Day and overnight options available. Additional sessions available July 7-12 and July 14-19. To register, go to [gunnery.org/page/camps/rowing-camp](http://gunnery.org/page/camps/rowing-camp).

## June 30 – July 5, Robotics Camp at The Gunnery

Students will work as a team to design and build a task-based robot. Registration is now open. For boys and girls entering grades 7-12. Day and overnight options available. Additional session offered July 7-12. To register, go to [gunnery.org/camps/robotics-camp](http://gunnery.org/camps/robotics-camp).

# Region 12 News

Washington residents have much to be proud of in their public schools. Washington Primary School was recognized as a School of Distinction by the State of Connecticut based on the 2018 performance indicators. Additionally, Shepaug's Agriscience program received 75 applications for the originally planned 35 freshmen seats. Applicants were put through a rigorous screening process. Academics, civic actions, recommendations, agriscience interest, and interview results were all considered for acceptance. The program will launch in August 2019 with 45 freshmen and seven sophomores. The realization of agriscience student numbers, as well as the physical build itself, are a testament to the work and support of our communities.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the agriscience program and science labs renovations was held on November 9. If you visit the Shepaug campus, you'll see the transformation in progress. There are parking limitations during the construction phase and it'll be important to plan extra time when coming to events for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. This summer the Shepaug campus will be closed as the construction ramps up to prepare for the opening of our new program and science labs.

Region 12 welcomed our new Director of Finance, Nicole Grant, in January. Nicole has been working closely with our Board and towns to prepare our budget for the upcoming school year. The budget presentation occurred on Monday, March 11. The superintendent proposed a \$1,141,970 increase over last year's approved budget. The increase will allow for the addition of two agriscience teachers, increased utility costs, care for our aging buildings, safety improvements and technology enhancements to the infrastructure and equipment.

Washington Primary School continues to promote our students to be kind and good citizens. Our students are taking a global perspective by looking at reducing our environmental footprint. With the support of the Washington Environmental Council, students are using reusable metal straws to reduce waste. Additionally, the students have been working on Makey Makey projects, learning programming skills needed for jobs of tomorrow. Our students are helping to make our planet a better place today and for the future.

We're proud to share some of the accolades received by our staff and students this year. Shepaug is proud to announce senior Wilson King is a National Merit Scholar finalist as well as Allison Parker's recognition as a Commended Scholar. Wilson shared that he was told during his interviews that his responses were indicative of his educational preparation. Our athletes have been recognized by the Berkshire League and CIAC for their athleticism. Additionally, our sports teams have been recognized for their sportsmanship on the court by the CIAC coaches. Our film club went to NYC for their production of Alone. Shepaug students created this short film and it was recognized at the 2018 All American High School Film Festival. The Region 12 students continue to be showcased on Fox 61 Student News. Our drama productions continue to exceed expectations and we look forward to the spring musical of Big Fish. The World Affairs Forum brought the topic of immigration to our towns. Kevin Jennings, the president of the Tenement Museum in Manhattan, was able to join our student panel to discuss the past and future of immigration on our population, economy, and society. Our small school is making a big difference.

Thank you to our Washington community for the care and support you give all of our students. Region 12 schools recognize that our towns make us stronger. We have some wonderful opportunities ahead of us which are only possible with your support!

# What's Going on in Washington, CT

This is just a small sampling from [ExploreWashingtonCT.com](http://ExploreWashingtonCT.com). Please check the site for more information and for other events.

## APRIL

**5** | 7:30 - 9:00pm

### Shepaug Valley School Presents *Big Fish*

Location: Shepaug Valley School, 159 South Street

Shepaug Dramatics is proud to bring the musical, *Big Fish*, to the stage on Friday, April 5 through Sunday, April 7.

**24** | 9:00am - 5:00pm

### Washington's Annual Earth Week Roadside Cleanup

WEC invites residents, businesses, and community groups to "Adopt a Road" by committing to cleaning up one or more roads during Washington's Earth Week, which runs from Wednesday, April 24 through Monday, April 29. Notify WEC of your road adoption by emailing your name and road choice(s) to: [info@wec-ct.org](mailto:info@wec-ct.org).

## MAY

**2** | 6:30 - 8:00pm

### Degas: Passion for Perfection- Exhibition on Screen Documentary

Location: Gunn Memorial Library, 5 Wykeham Road

An EXHIBITION ON SCREEN documentary, Degas: Passion for Perfection will be shown. This screening is co-sponsored with Washington Art Association.

**25** | 1:00 - 4:00pm

### Color My World with Betsy Rogers-Knox

Location: Hollister House Garden, 300 Nettleton Hollow Road

Learn how to accurately mix watercolors to create a floral color wheel and explore a variety of hues found in plants. A basic understanding of color theory will enhance your paintings in any medium.

## JUNE

**22** | 6:00 - 9:00pm

### Summer Solstice

Location: Washington Art Association & Gallery, 4 Bryan Plaza

Join us to celebrate the longest day of the year with a flourish of pure fun, island music, exotic dancers, food from over 20 esteemed restaurants and, Mojito King, Abdo Ballester presiding over the festivities.

**30** | 9:00am - 5:00pm

### Litchfield Jazz Camp

Location: The Gunnery, 22 Kirby Road

A month-long program run by Litchfield Performing Arts, a charitable organization dedicated to changing lives through music. We have a faculty of amazing and inspiring jazz musicians who represent the best jazz players/educators on the scene today.



### Washington Trivia by Shelia Anson

What Shepaug Hall of Fame recipient is retiring from coaching after nearly forty years and how many state championships?

See if your answer is correct in the next issue, out in July!

Last issue's answer: Cyndy began working for the Town of Washington on June 1, 1980. She also is ACO for the towns of Warren and Morris.

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