

What's happening in Washington, CT

Winter 2019

The Holidays in Washington



St. John's Christmas Bazaar, December 6-7



Festival of Trees, Gunn Memorial Library,
Friday December 6



New Preston Winter Walk, Saturday December 7



Holiday in the Depot, Friday December 13

Message from the Selectmen's Office

It was a busy summer with warm days at the Lake Waramaug Town Beach and boat launch. Many enjoyed the numerous festivals and entertaining events held in many locations around Washington.

Having enjoyed a mild fall season the recent cold and inclement weather was a shock to most of us. The Riverwalk Pavilion has been locked up and winterized, the beach is closed until Memorial Day and the boat launch is closed until April.

The Highway Department finished the last of our paving projects as winter weather closed in but now we're ready for the winter season. There will still be time to get potholes patched and minor road repairs completed if the snow holds off.

Looking ahead, the shops of New Preston will hold their New Preston Winter Walk Saturday, Dec. 7, 1 to 4pm. The next weekend, the Washington Business Association and Washington Parks and

Recreation Commission will be hosting Holiday in the Depot, Friday Dec. 13, 6 to 8:30pm. Watch for the Selectmen's Friday emails and Parks and Rec Facebook posts for upcoming holiday events. If you're not receiving the Friday email blast there are still signup sheets in the Town Clerk and Selectmen's Office.

Enjoy the Holidays

Spotlight on Business: Stars Hollow Yarns

By Dan Sherr

It was Gilmore Girls that drew Lisa Clark to Washington. It was knitting that allowed Lisa to find peace in a sometimes overactive lifestyle. And it was Stars Hollow Yarns, the shop at the flasher in Marble Dale that allowed her to create a community space that draws fiber-lovers together to chat and exchange the joys of life in the Northwest Hills of Connecticut.



Born in the Midwest, drawn to New York in pursuit of an acting career, Lisa Clark developed a love of handcrafting when her mother gave her a sewing machine at the age of eight. But it wasn't until her 20s that she discovered the joys of knitting. A highly portable craft, knitting (and crochet) can be pursued over coffee while discussing our current feelings or the world around us with our friends and passing acquaintances. And it always brings a sense of peace.

Opened in December 2018, Stars Hollow Yarns delivers an amazing choice of yarns, new skills learned in classes and the joy of community conversations in the comfort of a restored 1800s shop just off Rte. 202 in the center of Marble Dale. In the shop, it's community that underpins the experience of knitters and crocheters, as well as the origins of most of the yarns. Whether sourced from rural areas of Afghanistan and Tajikistan, or local farms in Virginia, New York or Connecticut, the socially and environmentally responsible yarns of Stars Hollow give the knitter/crocheter a sense of creativity, community and joy...often while drinking coffee and chatting with friends. So stop by, feel the joy, join the chats. Wed – Sat, 11am – 5pm; Sun, 12 – 4pm.

Shepaug Regional School District 12

Region 12 schools had an excellent start to the school year. Our students came in ready to learn and take on the challenges of the new school year. The first few months of school allowed our students to bask in the fall festivities as community members and students. We're proud of our traditions and community involvement.

Washington Primary School students and their families celebrated the new school year with an ice cream social. Principal Emily Judd and her staff enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect and meet families as they served ice cream with extra whipped cream and sprinkles. Halloween quickly took over as we moved into October. The spirit of Halloween was alive in the hallways and carried into the windy evening with the PTO community event in the Washington Pavilion. Our students are taught to value their community connections. One of these connections will occur at the Senior Luncheon on November 25. This time-honored tradition allows our students to serve their community members and treat attendees to a pre-Thanksgiving lunch of turkey, potatoes, cranberry sauce, and all of the fixings that reflect the spirit of the holiday.

Shepaug Valley School continues to enjoy our traditions, including the Homecoming games and dance. We have stretched the celebration of Homecoming to include a "Housewarming" for our new building. On Saturday, November 23, community members were invited to Shepaug Valley School to enjoy a tour of the building. This social event allows the public to see the progress of the build as well as to see the new agriscience program and the renovated science labs.

Another community connection that our Shepaug students benefited from was participation in the local elections. Both first selectman candidates allowed our students in Advanced Placement World Government to learn first-hand about politics. Shepaug students benefited from experiencing positive and honest political campaigns.



Shepaug Girls' Homecoming Soccer Game under the lights.

Region 12 is proud of the changes occurring on the Shepaug campus. We've shared the story of our construction throughout the build process. The parts that we haven't shared are the tireless efforts of our building committee members, staff and construction team. Our committee has met every two weeks for three years and is comprised of Washington residents, Jay Hubelback, Valerie Andersen, Tony Bedini, and John Kuck, as well as Alex McNaughton from Bridgewater and our Chairman, Greg Cava, from Roxbury. This team has met with architects, builders, agricultural experts and school administration to make sure Shepaug Valley School is a beacon for students within and beyond our region seeking educational opportunities, which now include agriscience. We would like to acknowledge our Washington Volunteer Firefighters and Fire Chief Darryl Wright. Their fire watches, immediate responses to any alarm and support are the reason we thrived during construction.

As one of our staff members shared, there's something special about Washington. Tradition and heart collide in the spirit of the community. Region 12 staff is honored to enhance and promote that community spirit.

Assessor's Office

The Assessor is finalizing property values to be adopted by the Town for the 2019 Grand List (GL). The 2019 GL informs the Tax Collector's tax bills for July 1, 2020.

The 2019 GL is expected to be completed at the end of January 2020. If there's a value increase for any property, written notices of increase will be mailed to property owners. Owners who believe their assessments are incorrect may then file a completed 2019 GL Board of Assessment Appeals application. Information about the specific time frame for filing an application for a Board hearing will be included in the written increase notices. Property owners can also find information at: www.washingtonct.org/.

Information about filing for an appeal hearing, as well as a prescribed Application for Appeal Hearing, can also be found and downloaded at <http://www.washingtonct.org/board-of-assessment-appeals>. Property owners who happen to be out of the area can still complete the application, name an agent to present their appeal information in-person before the Board (usually in March), and have the hard-copy original application mailed so it's received in the office – *not postmarked* – by the prescribed date.

Washington Environmental Council (WEC)

One Town One Book 2020 (OTOB)

WEC's OTOB is a townwide reading event with one goal - build community connectedness through a shared reading experience. WEC is asking residents to read the same book and then come together at Gunn Memorial Library on March 10 for a thoughtful discussion. After screening several books, the directors at WEC chose one that's timely, compelling and environmentally relevant. Please join the fun by reading a *New York Times* bestseller, *The Uninhabitable Earth* by David Wallace-Wells. "*The Uninhabitable Earth is both a travelogue of the near future and a meditation on how that future will look to those living through it. It's also an impassioned call to action.*"

Steep Rock Association Winter 2019-2020 Events

Programs, Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Please visit <https://steeprockassociation.org/events-programs/> or call our office at 860-868-9131 for more information and to register for events.

Christmas Bird Count

A Citizen Science Project

Location: TBD

December 14 or 15, 2019

10:00am – 12:00pm

Summon the scientist within to help Steep Rock Association (SRA) collect data on birds inhabiting the Litchfield Hills. Your eyes, ears and enthusiasm are requested for a birding excursion at one of SRA's preserves as part of the nation's longest-running community science bird project, Audubon's Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey

A Citizen Science Project

Steep Rock Association Office (2 Green Hill Road, Washington Depot)

Training: January 10, 2020

5:00 – 6:00pm

Survey: January 11, 2020

7:00 – 11:00am

Bundle up and become a citizen scientist by scanning sections of the Shepaug River for bald eagles on January 11. But first, receive the necessary training on study protocol, identification/aging of bald eagles, as well as waterfowl identification. The data collected will be reported to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) as our contribution to the nationwide survey whose goal is to document trends in bald eagle populations over time.

Build a Bluebird Box

A Youth Workshop

Gunn Memorial Library (5 Wykeham Road, Washington)

February 8, 2020

1:00 – 3:00pm

Take advantage of this unique parent/caregiver and child team activity, learning about bluebirds and other cavity nesters while building them a house to live in. Participants can take pride in their contributions to conservation as

constructed houses will refurbish the aging bluebird box trail at Macricostas Preserve.

New England Cottontail Pellet Survey

A Citizen Science Project

Macricostas Preserve (124 Christian Street, New Preston)

February 15, 2020

11:00am – 1:00pm Pray for fresh snow and anxious rabbits. Help us with a follow-up investigation to the presence of Connecticut's uncommon and only native rabbit in Macricostas Preserve. We'll hunt for pellets to carefully collect and send in for analysis, providing insight for internal stewardship practices as well as The New England Cottontail Initiative, a collaborative effort between multiple organizations.

Nest Watch

A Citizen Science Project

Steep Rock Association Office (2 Green Hill Road, Washington Depot)

Training: March 27, 2020

5:00 – 6:00pm

Survey: March 28, 2020 – August 28, 2020

Take an in-depth look into the life of cavity nesting birds through a full season of monitoring bluebird and tree swallow boxes at Macricostas Preserve. Your research will document species occupation, breeding attempts, reproductive success, and pest invasion. Like our other citizen science projects, this data is analyzed for SRA knowledge and shared with national professionals.

Trail Manager Training

A Volunteer Opportunity

Macricostas Preserve (124 Christian Street, New Preston)

March 28, 2020

9:00 – 11:00am

Love Steep Rock Association's trails? Leave your imprint and help us keep them in tip-top shape by becoming a Trail Manager. Each individual within this special group of volunteers helps steward a designated trail over a one-year period, regularly scouting the trail for environmental concerns and safety hazards as well as performing light trail maintenance duties.

Events at Washington Montessori School

As we look ahead toward the New Year, Washington Montessori School continues to offer events for the whole family. Along with our regular Parent Education Series and Parent Child Classes we have a few specific winter-only events for the greater community.

Once again we'll offer our **Annual Puppetry Festival**, featuring a puppet show and free play in the gym at 10:30am on February 8, 15 and 22. We invite children of all ages and their families to join us for this winter-blues-buster!

Our Annual **Polar Plunge for Partnership** is on Sunday, December 8 at Lake Waramaug State Park. Not only is jumping into Lake Waramaug in the winter a ton of fun, but the Polar Plunge for Partnership raises money directly for the WMS Community Partnership Program (WMSCPP) which provides the opportunity for two students to join the WMS Middle School from the Children's Community School (CCS) in Waterbury.

Washington Montessori's Level Information Nights are a terrific opportunity to hear directly from classroom teachers about the curriculum and educational goals at Washington Montessori School. In each of the three sessions, head teachers will speak about the specific academic program at their level. They will discuss the developmental stages of children at that age and talk about how the WMS curriculum ties in appropriately with each plane of development. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and to meet current parents as well. Information Sessions will be held at 7:00pm as follows, and are open to the public. Registration requested.

January 7 - Middle School (6th – 8th grade)
January 8 - Lower Elementary School (1st – 3rd grade)
January 9 - Upper Elementary School (4th, 5th grade)

As always, we look forward to ways to partner with the greater Washington, CT community. We invite you to come visit us any time!

Upcoming Events at The Gunnery

December 17

The Gunnery Holiday Concert

Featuring performances by The Gunnery's String Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Rock Bands. Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30pm in the Meeting House on the Green. The public is welcome to attend. General admission with limited seating. Admission is free.

February 15

Alumni Hockey Game

Gunnery alumni are invited to return to campus for the school's annual Alumni Hockey Game. Families can participate in the open skate and join Gunnery hockey veterans to battle it out in Linen Rink. Details to follow. Visit Gunnery.org for updates.

February 27-29

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame"

The Gunnery Drama Society will present its winter musical, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," in the Tisch Family Auditorium of the Thomas S. Perakos Arts and Community Center on campus. Performances are at 7 pm each evening. The public is welcome to attend. General admission with limited seating. Admission is free.

The community is always welcome to attend athletic events on campus. To see the most up-to-date schedule, please visit www.gunnery.org/athletics.

Winter Gatherings for All at The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens



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AND GARDENS

As the weather outside turns frightful, we welcome all to join us for events that are sure to be delightful. Subscribe to our newsletter at <https://www.thejudyblackparkandgardens.org/contact> or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for details and updates.

Holiday in the Depot at the Park

Experience the magic of Holiday in the Depot at the park on Friday, December 13 from 6 - 8:30pm. With Averill Farm, Ericson Insurance Advisors, Mayflower Inn & Spa, National Iron Bank, kids' activities, and holiday favorites led by Sharon Ruchman.

Wellness at the Park

Keep cabin fever at bay by joining Deb Andrews and Lauren Werkhoven of Rooted in Health on January 15 from 6 – 7:30pm to learn healthy ways to build strong bodies in cooler weather months. And remember, Sundays are fun days to get fit with friends. Join Melissa Evans and Lauren Werkhoven every Sunday at 7:30am for one hour of group exercise at the park.

Washington Gives: National Day of Service at the Park

There's no better day to celebrate the spirit of community service than Monday, January 20. Join us at the park as we host area organizations and honor the volunteers who contribute their time and talent to enabling us all to live life well here. (Still waiting for more info from WBA.)

The Heart of Creativity at the Park

Everyone loves the beauty of a handmade valentine. On Saturday, February 1, join ArtRoom Atelier for a creative process-art project for children from 2 - 3:30pm. This is a donation-only event for the family and all materials will be provided.

Food, Fun and Football for the Fans at the Park

Why host a house party when you can bring the party to us? Join us on Sunday, February 2 as we transform the park into the town's largest living room complete with big TV screens, a giant sofa and fun for all. Doors open in time for the pre-game show. Watch for updates via our newsletter and social media.

Gunn Memorial Library & Museum

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Friday, December 6, 5 - 7pm. Join us this holiday season for a joyous annual community cocktail party. Suggested donation \$20. The event features creatively-decorated holiday trees, wreaths and stockings available for purchase. Peruse the festive hall while sampling wine and hors d'oeuvres provided by local restaurants. The Library's tree will be decked with Treasure Pouch Raffle Items.

CHILDREN'S FUN

Gingerbread Houses: December 7 - Drop in between 10am-2pm

Annual Holiday Sale for Children Only: Thurs, Dec. 12 - 3:30 to 5:30pm | Fri, Dec. 13 - 3:00 to 4:30pm | Sat, Dec. 14 - 10:00am to 1:00pm

Ed Popielarczyk's Magic Show!: Friday, December 27 - 3pm

Saturday Family Programs: Drop in between 10am-2pm in January for simple and fun activities. Saturday programs continue in February thru April @ 1pm for multiple ages. Pick up our monthly calendar or check our website for further information.

Two's Time: Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15am, Feb - April

3 & 4 Year-Olds - Book Buddies: Fridays 2:15 - 3:00pm, Feb - April

Kindergarten & 1st grade - Storycraft: Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:15pm, Feb - April

2nd & 3rd grade - Storycraft: Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:15pm, Feb - April

ADULT PROGRAMS

Eight Branches of Traditional Chinese Medicine: lecture & demonstration by Jampa Stewart: Thursday, January 2 @ 6:30pm

Wykeham Consort Concert: Thursday, January 9 @ 6:30pm

***The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett: book discussion, facilitated by Shepaug English Teacher Christine Shugrue:** Tuesday, January 14 @ 6:30pm

Better Angels - Community Debate on U.S. Immigration Policy, facilitated by Gunnery History Chair Bart McMann: Tuesday, January 23 @ 6pm

Music, Life & Legend of Amadeus Mozart: lecture by Vincent de Luise, Waterbury Symphony Cultural Ambassador: Thursday, February 6 @ 6:30pm

***Founding Fortunes: How the Wealthy Paid for and Profited from America's Revolution* with Author Tom Schactman:** Thursday, February 27 @ 6:30pm

DNA and Your Family Tree: lecture by Jennifer Zinck, President CT Professional Genealogist Council: Thursday, March 5 @ 6:30pm

***Uninhabitable Earth* by David Wallace-Wells: book discussion facilitated by Terri Tibbats:** Tuesday, March 10 @ 6:30pm

Commemoration of the 19th Amendment: lecture by Gunnery History Scholar: Thursday, March 26 @ 6:30pm

Monday Movie Matinees @ 1pm: January, February & March - Titles TBA

Genealogy One-on-One sessions with Sam Morrissey & John Dwyer: Thursdays, Jan 16, Feb 20, March 19: 10am-12pm & 2-4pm. Please pre-register

STAIRWELL GALLERY

Steven Miller: Paintings on display through December 14

Christine Vitarello: December 21 through January 25

Jen-Abbott-Tillou: February 1 through March 14

Megan Marden: March 21 through May 2

MUSEUM

"Lost Washington": Places that once were. What buildings and businesses do you miss? Washington History Club in the Morning – Monday, Dec 16, 10am @ Washington Senior Center

New Year's Tea Party: Saturday, January 4, 11am-1pm in the museum. Bring your favorite tea cup and we'll provide the rest!

"History of East Street" by Mrs. Arthur Hollister in 1914: Readings from the Archives: Monday, Jan 6, 10am @ Washington Senior Center

"The Town Road Crew and Washington Roads Past & Present": Tuesday, Feb 18, Washington History Club at Night, 6:30pm @ the Library

"Hotels, Taverns and Inns" Dozens of places offered lodging in town and employed many residents over the years. Washington History Club in the Morning, Monday, Mar 16 @ 10am @ Washington Senior Center

Washington Connecticut: An American Story: Stop in and explore the exciting new exhibit celebrating the unique people, places and events that have shaped Washington's rich history

For more information and a complete listing of programs and events at GML, Inc. visit www.gunnlibrary.org

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 or email us with any questions or comments washingtonctedc@gmail.com.

ASAP!® Upcoming Events & Workshops

For more information about these programs, please visit asapct.org or call 860-868-0740.

Interdistrict Community Dance Project

Grades 9-12 + Adults | Pilobolus
Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts, Torrington
Recognized as one of CT's gems for its artistic excellence that changed the world of dance, Pilobolus will offer this special one day class for ages 15-75. Unlike any other dance company, Pilobolus works in unison to collaboratively create dances. You'll have a chance to explore different ways of moving in small and large groups and work just the way Pilobolus does in their own studio to make interesting and fun dances. Come discover what you CAN do!
2020 | Sunday, Jan. 19 | 12:00-3:00pm
1 session: \$35

Hip Hop Party Dancing & Hand Drumming



Ages 3-10 | Austin Dailey and John Marshall
Washington Primary School, Washington Depot
Percussion instruments, fast-paced dance moves and great music create an awesome afternoon. Learn new party dance moves, breakdancing, waving, robotics, and line dances, all to fun Hip Hop party music with Austin Dailey. You'll also join internationally recognized master percussionist John Marshall and use a variety of instruments including hand drums, tambourines and more. Come join the party!
2020 | Saturday, Jan. 25 | 3:00-5:30pm
1 session: \$35

ASAP! presents Children Will Listen

An intimate Valentine Cabaret celebrating love and life with Grammy Award-winning and Tony-nominated performers; Billy Stritch, Sally Mayes and Cheryl Bentyne.
Sunday, February 16
6:30-9:30pm
Litchfield Distillery
Cocktails and dinner.

Circus Arts

Ages 3-10 | Matica Circus

Washington Primary School Gym, Washington Depot
Have you ever dreamed of joining the circus? Come spend the afternoon with us and see what being part of a circus is like. Fly on a mini-trampoline, balance on a walking globe, try out a unicycle, and learn new juggling skills using a Chinese yo-yo, devil sticks and spinning plates. All this activity is sure to make you hungry so we'll have a circus-themed snack ready to go.
2020 | Saturday, Feb. 22 | 3:00-5:30pm
1 session: \$35

Food Fuel

Grades 6-8 | Alissa Monteleone
Shepaug Valley School, Washington
Nutrition made fun! Learning the connection between what we eat and how we feel empowers you to make healthy choices when it comes to food. Each week will focus on a system of the body and how what we eat affects how it functions. Participants will learn the role of micronutrients and how you can use this information to impact cognitive and physical performance. In the first class, each person will identify a specific improvement they want to experience through the foods they eat and keep track of their progress (i.e., more energy, clearer skin, a strong heart, how to make fun treats or learn to like broccoli). All students will complete their own recipe journal to take home at the last class.
2020 | Wednesdays, Monday, Feb. 26, Mar. 2, Mar. 4 | 2:30-4:05pm
Bus is available to take Shepaug participants home after the program.
3 sessions: \$45, \$36 for Region 12 Residents

Get Amped with ASAP!

Grades 2-5
American Mural Project (AMP), Winsted
Come with us to Winsted, Connecticut, to see the initial phase of what will become the largest indoor collaborative artwork in the world. Once fully installed, the mural will be 120 feet long, five stories high and up to 10 feet deep. It's a tribute to American workers—and you'll recognize many of the professions depicted in the mural. Learn how AMP has worked with more than 15,000 people to create this gigantic piece of art. After hearing more about the mural you'll participate in a hands-on design project with an AMP artist, and then we'll stop for ice cream on the way home.
2020 | Thursday, Mar. 19 | 12:45-5:45pm*
*Parent pick up is done at Washington

Primary School
Trip Fee: \$20 includes admission, transportation and ice cream.

C is for Cooking

Ages 3-5 | Alissa Monteleone
Washington Primary School Gym, Washington Depot
This introduction to the kitchen is a fun exploration of how food can be both yummy and good for you. Children use all their senses to explore the art of cooking and discover how to make nutritious food – even vegetables – delicious.
2020 | Wednesdays, Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 15, 22 (Snow date Apr. 29) | 12:45-1:30pm
REACH students should pack a lunch. ASAP! will provide supervision until the program begins.
4 sessions: \$60

ASAP! Summer Camp

Now in its 20th year, 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 the outdoors, connect with nature, and generate real science.



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.

Summer 2020 TBD, Washington Montessori School, Washington

Washington's Native American Indian Museum has much to Offer

As winter approaches, we're reminded of the year that passed and preparing for the year ahead. Stories are an important part of this time of year. During December and January, our programs will include our Native storytelling designed to connect this generation with the Native peoples of this place. **All our visitors will discover the Native History that very few people have been taught in school.** This is the season we gather together as part of the symbiotic relationship Native People have had with the earth. Native history recognizes that Natives have lived in a sustainable relationship with Turtle Island forever.

This gathering season is a great moment to visit our special place, hear our stories or participate in other events for our visitors:

- A Museum Tour with your family or friends is a great way to learn these lessons with our staff. Events this month include our Native American Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair or come and learn Native Crafts. A special focus the weekend after Christmas will be our Winter Games, Stories and Crafts—a wonderful child-themed afternoon program that features out Native storyteller Darlene Kascak. The Museum is open Wednesday to Sunday and hours are listed below.
- The Institute for American Indian Studies proudly presents a new way to interact with history, a themed escape room, Wigwam Escape. A unique Museum experience, our **puzzle game, Wigwam Escape** is set in an immersive forest in the year 1518 with no locks, keys or clocks. Wigwam Escape's thematic puzzles challenge game players to hunt, find water and prepare food similar to how Native people did for thousands of years

Native American Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

OPEN – November 30 and December 1; December 7 and 8; December 14 and 15 during Museum hours.

Shop for one-of-a-kind holiday gifts from local vendors selling Native American crafts, jewelry and artwork at this popular event located in the Museum's Darlow Exhibit area. Take the time to meet and speak with artists while learning about contemporary Native art and cultures.



prior to European contact. Families can play Wigwam Escape and/or, give a gift certificate as a present. Wigwam Escape is always open Friday through Sunday, make reservations online or call 860-868-0510. Check out our interesting game website: www.wigwamescape.org

We're always excited to share our knowledge and stories with all our guests.

Sunday Fun Day Crafts

December 22, 1 to 4pm
Starting this weekend the Education

Department will continue to run this program throughout the winter on certain Sunday afternoons. Have fun with your family and friends and explore a variety of craft mediums. This weekend we'll be making Native-themed holiday ornaments.

Winter Games, Stories and Crafts

December 28 and 29, 1 to 3pm Listen to Native stories, play games and create crafts that you can take home! Our Education Department will feature traditional Native American games as well as crafts and stories. Our Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday 10am to 5pm. On Sunday, we open at noon.

Admission is \$10, \$8 seniors and \$6 for children. Members are free.

The Institute for American Indian Studies,
38 Curtis Road, Washington.
860-868-0518 | www.iaismuseum.org

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Nov 29- Dec. 24 | 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
A Cabin Holiday – Gift Sale

Location: Washington Art Association

We will offer holiday shoppers a showcase of unique gifts created by mostly local artisans and artists. With a wide range of prices, there is a treasure to be found for everyone on your shopping list!

Ceramics, glass, furniture, turned wood, jewelry, lighting, textiles, sculpture, cards,

body care, toys, and tons of holiday ornaments will be featured with over 75 artisans participating.

Every gift you purchase at our Annual Holiday Fair supports local artists and the Washington Art Association & Gallery. Your purchases make a profound difference to the WAA community.

Thank you for choosing to support the arts in Northwest Connecticut!

DECEMBER

5 | 6:15pm - 8:30pm

Shepaug Valley School Annual Holiday Bazaar

Location: Shepaug Valley School

There will be food and fun for the whole family. So kids, grab your parents, there is something for everyone to enjoy! Students have been hard at work preparing and

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the day of the bazaar is a bustling hub of holiday cheer as students transform the mall and cafeteria into a holiday market.

This year's theme is Classic Holiday Movies and booths will be selling time honored favorites and some new additions. Some things to look forward to are: handmade ornaments, wooden toys, holiday cards, Shepaug apparel, jewelry, Folk Art prints, root beer floats, button-making, gift baskets, sport skill competitions and much more!

14 | 5:00-8:030pm

12th Annual Slices with Santa

Location: Washington Fire Department

All proceeds to benefit families in need this holiday season! \$10 Adults | \$5 Kids

Santa Arrives at 6:00pm! All you can eat!

JANUARY

1 | 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Concert and Party

Location: First Congregational Church

Join the Washington Friends of Music for the 2020 season opening "A Feast of Baroque Favorites – from Bach to Vivaldi" on Jan 1st at 4pm. The concert will feature ten musicians of The New Baroque Soloists Orchestra playing trumpets, oboes, strings, timpani, and basso continuo. The orchestra, led by Artistic Director Douglas Myers, will perform Bach, Handel, Telemann and others. Concert is around 1 hour and 15 min. long followed by the New Year's Day Party with the musicians, bubbly, and hors d'oeuvres. Don't miss this exciting event in the Historic Meeting House at the

Washington Green, 6 Kirby Road.

For more information and tickets, visit the Washington Friends of Music website.

15 | 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Back to Basics: Live Class

Location: Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens

Whether you have had surgery, back pain, pregnancy or want to gain 30 extra yards on your golf swing, now is your opportunity to experience Rooted In Health's Deborah Andrews, LPT, CPT HC and Lauren Werkhoven, MSPT program, Back To Basics Live!

This workshop is for those currently using Back to Basics as well as newbies. Learn how you can develop habits from the program which have which have proven to be the "missing link". The link that will move you from pain to healing and from frustration to clarity.

Washington Trivia by Shelia Anson

The Gunn Museum recently opened their doors to an exciting new long-term exhibit about the unique people, places, and events that have shaped Washington's rich history, "Washington, Connecticut an American Story". In what year was the museum established?

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

Last issue's answer: Stella West was in position to be the first car to cross the new bridge on Green Hill Road by School Street when her car stalled. Billy Bader, driving a 1948 Buick, went past her. One local resident mentioned that actually Roger Ranieri was the first across the bridge on his bicycle!

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