

AUGUST 2017 EVENTS



coming events

<p>August 2 - 27</p>	<p>Great Hall Art Display-<i>The Bay State: A Multicultural Landscape Photographs of New Americans</i> by Mark Chester This exhibit of inspirational portraits, presented by nationally known professional photographer Mark Chester, offers a moving display of newly naturalized U.S. citizens who hail from countries and territories around the globe and are now residents of the Commonwealth. Co-sponsors include the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center. Reception on 8/27, 4-6 pm.</p>
<p>Sundays July 30, August 6, 13, & 20 10:30- 11:30am</p>	<p>Big Picture Botany Series Get to know the occasionally tasty, inevitably beautiful, helpfully medicinal, and sometimes dangerous plant world. There are as many reasons to learn to identify plants as there are curious people. In this four part series on Sundays, we deal more with visual patterns than Latin names to spark your own connection to plant identification. Come to one session or all four—July 30, August 6, 13, and 20. Meet in the Great Hall.</p>
<p>Four Fridays in August 10:30- 11:30am</p>	<p>Kidleidoscope Story Hour 8/4: Snakes; 8/11: Dragonflies; 8/18: Bobcats; 8/25: Rabbits Come learn about our wildlife neighbors who share our home in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, interactive games, and a craft to introduce young children to wildlife along the river. Meet in the Great Hall. For ages 3-6. Siblings and friends welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.</p>
<p>Saturday August 5 10 am - 7 pm at Unity Park</p>	<p>Pocumtuck Homelands Festival at Unity Park At this FREE all ages Native American cultural celebration at Unity Park, join us at the Northfield Mountain and DCR tent to craft your own binoculars and learn about all things birds and feathers. People have gathered at the Great Falls for thousands of years, and this event is the perfect combination of live music, drumming, dancing, storytelling, native crafts, and food. The festival is sponsored by the Nolumbeka Project and Turners Falls RiverCulture.</p>
<p>Friday August 11 7-9pm</p>	<p>Great Falls Coffeehouse presents: Zydeco Connection The Zydeco Connection plays Louisiana blues, boogie-woogie, two step, and waltzes. Each month the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center host an evening coffeehouse with local talent. Refreshments available. Suggested donations to support educational programming at the Center. Museum and store open during intermission.</p>





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Accessible Facilities

OPEN 7 Days a Week
10 am - 6 pm

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<p>Saturday August 12 10:30- 11:30am</p>	<p>Bike Path B-I-N-G-O! Kids - grab your parents and we'll go exploring! All ages are welcome as we practice examining the natural world with field guides, binoculars, and a fun game to see just how much you can see along the Canalside Rail Trail. Meet at the main entrance to the Center. Please bring water, bug spray, sunscreen and wear sturdy shoes.</p>
<p>Saturday August 19 10:30- 11:30am</p>	<p>Poison Ivy Walk Are you uncertain if you'd know poison ivy if you see it? Join a DCR park interpreter for a walk along the Canalside Rail Trail and Discovery Center grounds for tips on how to recognize poison ivy and to learn about the ecology of the plant. Reduce your chances of an itchy summer and fall! Bring water for the walk and meet at the main entrance.</p>
<p>Sunday August 27 10:30- 11:30am</p>	<p>Soil's Alive! Join a DCR park interpreter for a talk and demonstrations investigating the microbiology of healthy soils. Get the dirt on soil glue and how it can help contribute to healthier plants, better nutrition, bigger flowers, less erosion and cleaner water. Meet in the Great Hall. After the demonstrations, join in an optional Discovery Center grounds site walk to visit soil sample locations and consider how you can make a difference in soil health no matter whether you have access to potted plants or acres!</p>
<p>Sunday August 27 4-6pm</p>	<p>Artist Reception for <i>The Bay State: A Multicultural Landscape</i> Photographs of New Americans by Mark Chester Join Photographer Mark Chester for a reception celebrating his photography and book, <i>The Bay State: A Multicultural Landscape</i>. "For forty years with wanderlust and curiosity I covered the continents photographing cultural landscapes. I've come full circle—traveling the world not leaving the state." <i>The Bay State: A Multicultural Landscape</i>, supporting the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, is a collection of informal, environmental portraits of ethnic diversity in Massachusetts. The exhibit and companion book bring awareness to our cultural diversity: subjects of various stations, foreign-born, naturalized U.S. citizens residing in the Commonwealth. Co-sponsors include the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center. Light refreshments provided.</p>

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