



*A Museum about the Connecticut River's
Natural, Cultural, and Industrial History*

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FEBRUARY 2019 EVENTS

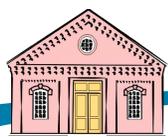
Open Hours	Open 5 days a week: Wednesdays to Sundays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Also open 7 Days a week during School Vacation week: Feb. 16 -24.
January 4 — February 9	Great Hall Art Exhibit: Talking Cloth: Kangas from East Africa Before there were T shirts to convey our thoughts and identities, there were kangas. Kangas are the everyday cloth worn and used by women in many East African countries, unique for their colorful patterns and also their printed text. The messages printed on these cloths are used by women to trade barbed insults, give each other compliments, commemorate events, or to express hope, sorrow, and pride. The kangas are from the collections of two local women who have lived and worked in Kenya and Tanzania.
Four Fridays in February 10:30–11:30 am	Kidleidoscope Story Hour 2/1: Groundhogs; 2/8: Rabbits; 2/15: Porcupines; 2/22: Snakes 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, accompanied by an adult. Siblings and friends welcome.
Saturday February 2 11 am to 12 pm Free Presentation Saturday February 2 1—3:30 pm Workshop, \$40	The Nolumbeka Project presents Full Snow Moon Gathering: An Island Perspective on Wampum Join Aquinah Wampanoag Researcher and Artist Elizabeth James-Perry for a presentation on historic wampum arts including adornment, diplomacy and record keeping from the perspective of a Native woman, including a demonstration of wampum weaving. Free. All welcome. Traditional Wampum Bead-making workshop to follow, 1-3:30 pm. \$40 fee. Workshop pre-registration recommended at Nolumbekaproject@gmail.com . Ages 15 and up. Co-sponsored by DCR and the Montague Cultural Council. Check nolumbekaproject.org for weather updates. Snow date: Feb. 3.
Wednesday February 6 1-2 pm	Half Day Discovery Day: Winter Survival Gill-Montague school students get a half day off. Why not discover something new? Join Olivia and Sam from the Student Conservation Association for a fun filled hour of winter survival. Learn how our furry friends make it through harsh winters. For ages 6 to 12, accompanied by an adult, but all are welcome to join us for stories, games, and crafts!
Friday February 8 7-9 pm	Great Falls Coffeehouse presents: Chris Devine and Michael Nix High energy, entertaining music for violin, guitar, mandolin,. 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 museum store open during intermission.
Saturday February 9 11 am—1 pm	Art Presentation—Talking Cloth: Kangas from East Africa An encore presentation in the Great Hall features a talk about the history and cultural context of kangas. This is also a kid friendly opportunity to try on kangas, and participate by imagining and drawing your own kanga design. Design a border and center, and then think about what message you might want to convey. Do you have a mantra or favorite proverb?

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<p>February 10, 13, & 14 All day</p>	<p>Investigation Station: Who Do You Love? Valentines for Wildlife For all ages, stop by our Welcome Desk to make Valentines to give to the ones you love, keep for yourself, or give to your favorite wildlife biologist—all in honor of your favorite animal. Learn about your favorite animal's habitat and how to help protect it.</p>
<p>February 16— April 21</p>	<p>Great Hall Exhibit: "The Time of My Life" Vintage Views of Western Massachusetts "Having the time of my life." So wrote Bernice on a postcard sent to her "Ma" in the early 20th century—one among many cards from Memorial Hall Museum's collection, now in the Great Hall. Enlarged postcard scenes take visitors on an imaginary road trip, with stops at Mount Tom, Mount Holyoke Summit House, Sugarloaf, Turners Falls, Greenfield, Shelburne Falls and the Mohawk Trail. Sit down and relax with reproduction postal souvenir albums, a hands-on stereoscope, and a Viewmaster with other area scenes that paint pictures of civic pride and new ideas about leisure and travel. Before cell phones and social media, the picture postcard reigned supreme. Sponsored by Memorial Hall Museum.</p>
<p>Wednesday February 13 5:30 pm potluck 6:15 pm program</p>	<p>The Interfaith Council of Franklin County presents: Who is Our Neighbor? As part of the Interfaith Council of Franklin County's monthly gathering theme "Who is Our Neighbor?" we will focus on our non-human neighbors. Who are the species we live amongst, what are their challenges and needs, and how may we proactively affect their well-being? Gathering begins with a 5:30 potluck and is followed by a program at 6:15 p.m.</p>
<p>Saturday February 16 1-3 pm</p>	<p>Memorial Hall Museum presents: An Opening Event- "The Time of My Life" Exhibit During this two hour opening reception, enjoy refreshments with vacation-style picnic fare, make your own postal souvenir album, craft a postcard message, and don some vintage accessories for a photo shoot with a giant postcard backdrop. Several ongoing hands-on activities available after the opening reception.</p>
<p>February 16-24</p>	<p>Special Open Hours for School Vacation Week! Open 10 am to 4 pm everyday, Feb. 16 - 24. Stop by for a variety of investigation stations all week at the front entrance to the center, on how wildlife adapt to winter —mammals, insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians. For all ages, especially children, accompanied by an adult.</p>
<p>Tuesday February 19 10:30-11:30 am</p>	<p>Get in Touch with Winter, and Not Get (too) Cold Just like us, other animals have lots of ways to live during winter. What is hibernation and which animals do this? See and feel how wildlife copes with cold, snow, and wind. Meet DCR's Environmental Educator Gini Traub in the Great Hall for a hands-on family program of experiments and demonstrations that help us make these discoveries. Weather permitting, we may investigate outdoors. Bundle up! For school-age children, their grown-ups, siblings and friends.</p>
<p>Thursday February 21 1:30-2:30 pm</p>	<p>Discovering Trees Trees are all around us; they shade us on our walks, they hold up birds' nests in their branches, they pop with color in the springtime, they inspire our creativity and wonder. But <i>sometimes</i> we forget they're there at all! This winter break, join Student Conservation Association service members as we rediscover the magic of trees. We will give our wholehearted attention to these gentle giants, and take home some reminders of what trees mean to us. Program is appropriate for families, school-age children, their grown-ups, siblings and friends; bring weatherproof clothes and shoes. Meet in the Great Hall.</p>

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