



Great Falls
Discovery Center

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

**Free and Open to the Public
Accessible Facilities**

APRIL 2019 EVENTS

coming events

Open Hours	Open 5 days a week—Wednesdays through Sundays, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Special Open Hours—Open Everyday during School Vacation Week April 13—21, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
February 16—April 21	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. Sponsored by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association’s Memorial Hall Museum.
Wednesday April 3 1-2 pm	Half Day Discovery Day: Migration Gill-Montague school students get a half day off. Why not discover something new? Join DCR staff for a fun filled hour of animal migration! How do they survive their incredible journeys? For ages 6 to 12, accompanied by an adult, but all are welcome to join us for stories, activities, and crafts!
Fridays April 5, 12, 19, 26 10:30 - 11:30 am	Kidleidoscope Story Hour 4/5: Beavers; 4/12: Frogs; 4/19: Fish; 4/26: Osprey 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 April 6 10:30 - 11:30 am	Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary presents: The Amazing Beaver Join Mass Audubon naturalist Laura Beltran to learn about beavers, the largest rodent in North America for hands on activities to learn about beavers and their life style. Build a beaver lodge and get a close up view of a beaver fur, stick and more. Recommended for families with children ages 3 and above. Meet in the Great Hall. Sponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center and the Montague Cultural Council.
Friday April 12 7-9 pm	Great Falls Coffeehouse presents: After the Rain Traditional Appalachian, classic rock, and contemporary folk. 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 April 13 to Sunday April 21 10 am–4 pm	April School Vacation Week—Open Every Day All Week! We are expanding our spring hours for April Vacation Week so stop by the welcome desk for Earth Week investigation stations, habitat diorama scavenger hunts, and games to explore the grounds. Bring your bike for the Canalside Rail Trail too!
Sunday April 14 1-3 pm	PVMA Presents: The Secret World of Deltiology The field of deltiology has a loyal following-but what is it? The term - the study and collecting of picture postcards - was coined in 1945. Learn local deltiologists’ secrets. Why do they collect, What are they looking for, and Where do they find the postcards they collect? After the program, help keep the art of postcard writing alive by sending a message to someone special on a complimentary stamped postcard and maybe catch the deltiological bug yourself! Presented by Reba-Jean Shaw-Pichette, Shelburne Historical Society, and Sheila Damkoehler, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, in conjunction with the “Time of My Life” postcard exhibit in the Great Hall.





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<p>Friday, April 19 1-2 pm</p>	<p>Teaching Creatures presents: Animals of Spring Meet in the Great Hall, as Rae Griffiths of Teaching Creatures, brings amphibians, reptiles, and a mammal or two to help us all celebrate the new season. Rae uncovers what animals were doing all winter and what they are up to now that spring has arrived. This program is free and for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center. Come early as seating may be limited.</p>
<p>Saturday, April 20 2-3 pm</p>	<p>Hurray It's Spring! A Lyric Celebration of Mud Season Join your emcees, poets Chris Sawyer-Lauçanno and Janel Nockleby, as they welcome musician and poet Daniel Hales, poet and novelist Corwin Ericson, and poet Trish Crapo, to a lyric celebration of mud season. Wear your muck boots and join in with the open mic (3 minutes per reader). Meet in the Great Hall.</p>
<p>Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27</p>	<p>The Radical Interconnectedness Festival It's Massachusetts Art Week! Sponsored by Eggtooth Productions and RiverCulture, the Radical Interconnectedness Festival offers art addressing the concerns of marginalized communities. Come experience theater, music, installation, dance, poetry, and video, presented in downtown Turners Falls in a variety of venues—all in walking distance. Tickets at Eggtooth.org or at the Shea on Festival weekend. One \$20 ticket gets you into everything. See how much you can experience! For more information visit: Eggtooth Productions (www.eggtooth.org).</p>
<p>Friday, April 26—May 31</p>	<p>Great Hall Art Display: Portraits of Native People of the Valley Photos by Sara K. Lyons, Curated by Rhonda Anderson This exhibit is offered as part of the Radical Interconnectedness Festival. Images from Sara's fine art photographic series have been exhibited in group shows throughout New England. Sara teaches art, photography, and design at a public charter school and Greenfield Community College.</p>
<p>Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27</p>	<p>Great Hall Art Display: Artifacts of the Ephemeral by Katherine Adler This ephemeral exhibit on display for two days only is part of the Radical Interconnectedness Festival. Experience Katherine Adler's collection of physical objects with corresponding meditative writings. Learn more about her durational live performance for this exhibit at www.eggtooth.org.</p>
<p>Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 7 pm and 8 pm</p>	<p>Radical Interconnectedness Festival Performances Meet in the Great Hall for performances, both days 7 pm and 8 pm. Tickets for the Festival are \$20 available at eggtooth.org and the Shea.</p> <p>Voices from Inside: Spoken Word Performance by Women Who are or Have Been Incarcerated, 7 pm</p> <p>Cloudy, with a Chance of Fringe, by Lori Holmes Clark, 8 pm Lori Holmes Clark has originated Broadway shows as a performer and dance captain. Now, she choreographs and directs her dance theatre company, Fine House. Mrs. Clark is a member of both Actor's Equity and the Screen Actor's Guild. She has choreographed and performed genres spanning opera to fringe festivals to music videos.</p>
<p>Saturday April 27 10 am—12 pm</p>	<p>Park Serve Day: Give a Day, Make a Difference The Department of Conservation and Recreation invites you to the Great Falls Discovery Center to lend a hand during this day of volunteer service to our state parks. To discuss any special accommodations or needs you may have for the day, please call (413) 863-3221. To register please visit www.mass.gov/dcr.</p>