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Annual Potluck BBQ & 'Legendary' Cake Auction!



Monday, August 10th

5:30 - 7:30 PM

at the Williamstown Historical Museum

Join us for our most cherished tradition of the season! It is always a high-energy, mouthwatering afternoon of delicious food (please bring a dish if you wish), community connection, and friendly competition for legendary baked goods that directly support our local programming.

There will be face painting and games for kids of all ages, the wonderful baked goods auction, live music and above all community and friendship.

We hope to see you there!

Where Will We Walk Next?

By Kaare Francis

Our spring hike at Field Farm brought together neighbors of all ages for a relaxing walk through one of the area's most beautiful landscapes. We ended the outing with lunch at The Store at Five Corners, which was the perfect way to continue the conversation and enjoy the afternoon together.

We were especially pleased to receive such enthusiastic feedback from the recent SWCA Community Survey about our hikes. These outings have become a wonderful way to meet neighbors, discover local places, and spend time outdoors.

SWCA's hikes will continue to accommodate walkers of all speeds and experience levels. We are looking forward to exploring new trails around South Williamstown and areas beyond town, while also adding some more challenging options for those ready to travel farther or climb higher.

From easy walks to bigger adventures, many trails await!

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Williamstown Historical Museum Welcomes New Executive Director

By Bette Craig

The Williamstown Historical Museum welcomed Jess Hunsicker as its new Executive Director in April.

According to WHM Board President David Dewey, “Jess was our unanimous choice and the ideal person to lead the Museum in its mission of building community engagement with local history.” She holds a Master of Library and Information Science from Syracuse University and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Rochester, where she graduated cum laude with Highest Distinction and Honors in research. As well as stints as a librarian and archivist, she has also served in marketing and events planning at Northshire Bookstore.



Jess Hunsicker is originally from Lake George, NY, and was previously Director of the Dorset Historical Society in Vermont before joining WHM. She said, “I’m really interested in making local history accessible to community members as well as researchers. My Executive Director position is half time and one of my primary preoccupations is setting priorities for what I can actually accomplish. It’s exciting to me that there is an increasing number of requests from researchers. I want to make materials and documents easier and faster to find for everyone – both online and in person.”

In this photo, Jess is holding a butter press from the Rhodes Collection which will be one of the Museum’s featured exhibits in the coming year. This artifact is from the 19th century and was used in farmhouse kitchens to stamp fresh butter with a decorative pattern. Its previous home was in Linwood Rhodes’ barn “museum,” just down New Ashford Road. Linwood Rhodes died in 2019 at the age of 91.

His grandparents settled in Williamstown in 1875 and his grandsons, Chris and Peter Kapiloff, were partners in purchasing a former part of the family farm, now Waubeeka Golf Links, in 2023.

“Objects are so important in illustrating local history, so the museum is really pleased to be putting this exhibit together,” she continued.

The Williamstown Historical Museum has programmed a stellar lineup of lectures and music, including Five Pound Horse and Flat Bed Jazz Band throughout the rest of the summer, and its annual Harvest Fair is set for late September.

See the website for details: <https://whmuseum.org/>

Honoring Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, and Building Our Future Together

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As I reflect on the warm summer days, I am filled with immense gratitude for the vibrant spirit that defines our community. This season has been a powerful reminder of what makes SWCA shine: our unique ability to bring people together across generations in meaningful, joyful ways.

Highlights of the Season

● **Honoring Our Volunteers (April):** We kicked off the season by recognizing the true engine that drives the SWCA machine—our phenomenal volunteers! At our 2nd Annual Volunteer Recognition, we celebrated the dedicated hands and hearts that make our work possible. Whether repairing items, assisting at events, or welcoming guests, our volunteers are the reason SWCA thrives.

● **Kids' Fishing Derby (May):** Our beloved Fishing Derby saw its largest turnout in years! Seeing families, young anglers, and longtime neighbors gathered around the water at Wendling Farm set a wonderful tone for the summer.

● **Welcoming New Board Leadership (June):** I was thrilled to officially announce and welcome four new members to our Board of Directors. Their diverse talents, fresh perspectives, and deep love for community will be invaluable as we build for the future. Please join me in giving a warm SWCA welcome to our newest Board members: Kerry Brenner, Ky Gerbush, Kate Heekin, and Liz Redwing!

● **Williamstown's 250th Celebration (July):** July was truly a special month. We were honored to join hands with the Williamstown Historical Museum, the Town of Williamstown, the Chamber of Commerce, Waubeeka Golf Course, and neighboring civic groups across the Berkshires. The community feedback was overwhelmingly positive! Neighbors shared how deeply meaningful it was to come to South Williamstown to celebrate our rich local history by day and enjoy wonderful music by night. SWCA was thrilled to be a key sponsor, and we extend our deepest gratitude to the generous donors whose support made this possible (see their names listed on page 6).

● **Investing in Literacy:** Our commitment to local families continues through our Summer Reading Program, funded by a generous sponsorship from MountainOne Bank. By supporting young readers and promoting summer literacy, we are investing directly in the bright future of our children. You can read more about the impact of this program on page 4.

Why Your Membership Matters

If you've ever wondered how to make a direct impact, becoming an SWCA member is the single best way to start. Your membership directly supports:

● **Environmental Stewardship:** Caring for our local rural spaces, supporting farms, hosting community hikes, reducing waste through our Repair Cafés, and getting children to play outside with the Kids' Fishing Derby.

● **Educational Initiatives:** Funding youth literacy through our Summer Reading Program and community learning opportunities.

● **Multi-Generational Gatherings:** Bringing neighbors of all ages together for cherished traditions like our Annual Tree Lighting and BBQ.

● **Vibrant Community Partnerships:** Collaborating with regional groups to bring exciting, high-impact events to our area.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood, introducing you to our new leadership team, and sharing a plate with you at the BBQ!

Thank you for your continued support, your energy, and your dedication.

With gratitude,

Tamanika

Meet the Candidates: State Rep Forum - Your Questions Needed!

Make a note of August 13th, 7 p.m.! The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a forum for the Democratic candidates to be our State Representative, John Barrett and Andrew Fitch. The forum will be in the Paresky auditorium (downstairs in Paresky) and will be filmed by WilliNet. At this time, it is uncertain if the debate will be livestreamed. Your role is to help us with questions. What would you like to know about the candidates' positions and plans? Send your questions to Jennifer Howlett, who will moderate, at howlettjjj@gmail.com.

Barrett and Fitch will face off in the primary on September 1st -- very early. So this is also the time to arrange for mail-in ballots if you won't be around to vote in person. It is also an opportunity to find anyone new to town and get them registered!



Summer and Ice Cream

Summer is about ice cream and you can find it every day from 7am to 7pm at The Store at Five Corners. Cones, toppings and sundaes like the one looking delectable above are all available at The Store's ice cream station.

Building Confident Readers: SWCA's Summer Literacy Program by Jill Pompi

For the past five (or more) years, the generosity of the SWCA has made it possible for students at Williamstown Elementary School to receive individualized literacy tutoring during the summer at no cost to their families. Each summer, between three and ten students participate in the program, receiving one-on-one instruction tailored to their specific reading and spelling needs. This personalized approach allows each child to build on their strengths while targeting areas where additional support is needed.

Because I work at Williamstown Elementary School during the school year, I know the students and their individual learning needs. This familiarity allows me to design lessons that help prevent the "summer slide" by maintaining and strengthening the literacy skills students have worked so hard to develop during the school year. Each tutoring session is designed to be engaging, interactive, and fun. Students participate in a variety of hands-on games and activities that reinforce reading and spelling skills. Favorite activities include Moose, Roll and Read, Grab It, Headbands, and FlySwatter, all of which encourage active learning while building confidence and fluency.

At the end of every lesson, students take home completed activities to share with their families, along with games, reading materials, or stories they can enjoy together. These take-home resources encourage continued practice at home and help families become active partners in their child's literacy development. The continued support of the SWCA is so important to our students. This program not only helps students retain and strengthen essential reading skills but also fosters confidence, enthusiasm for learning, and a love of reading that carries into the new school year. Families are always so appreciative of this opportunity and I am so grateful to be part of it.

Help Us Keep This Growing: SWCA is always looking for community members who share our passion for local education and youth development. If you'd like to ensure that children have access to this enriching opportunity, please consider making a tax-deductible gift. Your support directly shapes the next generation of local leaders! Visit [\[website\]](#) or email [\[email\]](#) to learn how you can volunteer, donate, or get involved with our upcoming projects.

Mohican People Honored with Display in South Williamstown

By Stephen Dravis *iBerkshires Staff* Reprinted here with permission

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. — A granite installation in Bloedel Park next to the town's new traffic rotary honors the area's first residents and caps an effort that began five years ago.

The large granite wall across from the Store at Five Corners is adorned with emblems inspired by the symbols that decorate baskets of the Mohican people. It provides a testament to the presence of the ancestors of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, who, thousands of years ago, lived in the land now known as Berkshire County.

The black and red images of a leaf and bear claw are accompanied by an interpretive panel telling part of the story of the native people who fought with the Americans in their Revolutionary War and later were forcibly removed from the area in the late 18th century.

Today, the Mohican people persist with nearly 1,600 enrolled members on or near a reservation in Wisconsin. But the Stockbridge-Munsee Community has never lost its connection to its ancestral home, and, in the last decade, more of the area's contemporary residents have worked to recognize that link.

Bette Craig and Polly MacPherson thought the then-planned roundabout would offer an opportunity to highlight that historic link.

"It all started in 2021 when MassDOT was having a Zoom meeting to tell the local community about it and get feedback and so forth," Craig said. "At the time, I was the president of the South Williamstown Community Association. I was saying things about [the proposed project], and one of the community people listening was Polly MacPherson, who I knew from the League of Women Voters.

"She got in touch with me, and we thought it was a wonderful opportunity to do some sort of art installation, maybe, at the roundabout, that referenced the Stockbridge-Munsee Community."

In the summer of 2022, the pair were taken with Rose B. Simpson's massive 12-foot "Ancestors" sculptures, part of an installation, "Counterculture," displayed by the Trustees of Reservations and the Williams College Museum of Art at Field Farm.

And they wondered if, perhaps, those cast-concrete statues could be acquired and installed in the center of the planned traffic circle.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation did not think it would be an ideal location for Simpson's work.



The granite wall installed by MassDOT at Bloedel Park has images inspired by symbols used on Mohican basketry. The idea for the installation was inspired by a sculpture installation at Field Farm.



"They were probably right," Craig said. "Trucks have gone right through the middle of the roundabout."

But Craig and MacPherson persevered, forming an advisory group that included a curator of contemporary projects from the Clark Art Institute, Robert Wiesenberger, then-Select Board member Randal Fippinger and WCMA Director of Exhibitions and Collection Management Noah Smalls, then a member of the town's diversity committee.

They also reached out early on to Bonnie Hartley, tribal historic preservation manager with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. "After many deliberations, George Batchelor, the state highway landscape architect in charge of that sort of thing with MassDOT, said there could be something at Bloedel Park," Craig said. Hartley explained that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community already was involved in the planning process for the roundabout. "Our historic preservation office reviewed the plan to make sure there would be no ground disturbance to cultural sites," Hartley said. "After making sure those interests of the tribe were met, we thought about how we could raise visibility of the tribe's history in some way. DOT was open to an aesthetic treatment, I think they called it."

Those conversations culminated in the granite monument that adorns the site today.

"We worked with [MassDOT] to pick out what kind of stone," Hartley said. "We chose the designs that are engraved, which are Mohican basketry symbols, which are put on [baskets] with potato stamps and natural dyes.

"We felt those symbols resonated with the landscape and were a beautiful addition to the grounds there for people to learn more about the tribe and become interested in it."

MassDOT funded the wall, sourced from locally mined granite, and the explanatory signage with a total cost of a little more than \$163,000.

"We've had the chance to do interpretive panels before, and we appreciate that MassDOT was open to including one," Hartley said. "They were open to a focus we wanted to bring. On a small sign, there's so much to say, but we wanted to situate that location in the larger Mohican territory and Munsee territory, show contemporary [tribe] members and highlight a contemporary member who is revitalizing the basketmaking practice."

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community, which maintains an office on Spring Street in Williamstown, was involved throughout the design process.

"We provided the basketry designs and verbally gave all our input," Hartley said. "We provided drafts of the interpretive text. "We were very happy with the reproduction [of the symbols]. It's great to see, and it's wonderful to have an opportunity to be more visible in a homeland spot where our community has, historically, been erased.

"It is a public memory opportunity."

Sending a Postcard to the Future

By Megan Davenport

As part of Williamstown's 250th Anniversary celebration, the South Williamstown Community Association was delighted to host a special community activity, the "Williamstown Community Time Capsule". Visitors of all ages were invited to write or illustrate postcards sharing their hopes, dreams, memories, and predictions for Williamstown's future.

Throughout the day, children, families, and community members filled postcards with thoughtful messages about what they love most about our town and how they imagine Williamstown will grow in the years ahead. Some drew favorite landmarks, others shared words of encouragement for future residents, and many reflected on what makes our community such a special place to call home.

Each postcard was placed into a community time capsule, creating a lasting snapshot of life in Williamstown during its 250th anniversary year. Together, these messages capture the voices, creativity, and optimism of our community in 2026 and will offer future generations a meaningful glimpse into the people and values that shaped Williamstown today.

The activity reminded us that history is not only something we remember—it is something we create together. By inviting community members to reflect on the present and imagine the future, the project celebrated both our rich history and the generations yet to come.

SWCA extends its sincere thanks to everyone who stopped by our table to participate. Your words, artwork, and reflections have become part of Williamstown's story and will remain a treasured gift for those who one day open the time capsule.

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Mark & Mickey Thaisz





Williamstown Celebrates America at 250
at Williamstown Historical Museum

Schedule of Events

12pm to Dark Event Family fun games, crafts, etc!

12:15-1:00 Barrington Ship Company perform Classic Americana tunes including the Star Spangled Banner

1:00 to 2:30 Flatbed Jazz Band performing in the town

1:30 to Flatbed Event

- Berkshire Tife and Drum Corps in the ground
- Barrington Green Mountain Corps perform Rhythmic and
- 1:30pm to 5:00pm Flatbed Entertainment
- Ceremonial tour's at
 - 1:00pm
 - 2:00pm
 - 3:00pm

***RESTROOMS** are inside the museum.

*Cool spot to explore and color inside, too!

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Weekend Lead Sponsors:



See Full Schedule:





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Saturday, September 12 • 9am - 11am

CONFIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING WITH PRO-SHRED

40 Field St. • Council on Aging lot • Dalton, MA
Suggested donation \$5 per box to benefit
the Dalton Volunteer Fire Dept.

Saturday, September 19 • 8am - 12pm

BULKY WASTE, ELECTRONICS & SCRAP METAL

DPW Yard • 10 Maple Ct. • Lanesboro, MA • Fees Apply
Proceeds to benefit the Lanesboro Volunteer Fire Dept.

Saturday, October 10 • 8am - 12pm

BULKY WASTE, ELECTRONICS & SCRAP METAL

714 West Cross Rd. • Clarksburg, MA • Fees Apply
Proceeds to benefit the Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Dept.

Saturday, November 14 • 9am - 12pm

NEW EVENT - ZERO WASTE DAY! REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE RODEO!

Cheshire DPW Yard • 6 Main St. • Cheshire, MA
An opportunity to upcycle, recycle and or dispose of
materials, items that you have and no longer need, or not
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www.nbswmd.com under Special Collections.
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AUDRA LADD

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Get Involved in SWCA

Here are some ways you can do it. Would you like to:

- Work on helping organize a community event
- Write about Williamstown history or other surrounding area histories
- Write about interesting local activities and/ or events
- Fix things at our Repair Cafés
- Track local land use issues or other topics of interest
- Represent SWCA at community events like the Farmer's Market
- Post posters about our events around the region
- Tell your local friends and family about SWCA and point them to our website at <https://southwilliamstown.org/>
- Share news about our events with your friends or via e-mail, Facebook, etc.

Or maybe you have a good idea to suggest for something the South Williamstown Community Association should be doing as a 501 (c) 3 organization devoted to promoting community, historical preservation and documentation, and neighborhood building for Williamstown and surrounding locales.

Email us at info@southwilliamstown.org. Visit our website at <https://southwilliamstown.org/>

South Williamstown Community Association Membership Form

*Promoting community, historical preservation and neighborhood building
for Williamstown and surrounding locales.*

Print and mail this form or join online at <https://southwilliamstown.org/membership>

You don't have to live in South Williamstown to join SWCA

Suggested dues are:

\$35/individual OR

\$50/Family \$ _____

Additional donation \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

SWCA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Your dues and donations are tax deductible
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Name(s) _____

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Mail to SWCA, PO Box 432, Williamstown, MA 01267

Email us at info@southwilliamstown.org

Upcoming Events

- **Aug 4, 11, 18 & 25 Tango Lessons** – Drop-in tango class, all levels, no registration needed. milne.librarycalendar.com
6:30 PM Milne Library, 1095 Main St, Williamstown
- **Aug 6 & 13 Sculpture Portraits** – Weekly drop-in art-making, free with admission. clarkart.edu
Clark Art Institute, 225 South Street, Williamstown
- **Aug 7 Free August Fridays: Giorgio Griffa** – Free family program. clarkart.edu
Clark Art Institute, 225 South Street, Williamstown
- **Aug 8 From The Spruces to Lehovet** – Guided “living archive walk” on local Indigenous, colonial, and Black history. milne.librarycalendar.com
11:00 AM The Spruces, 60 Main St, Williamstown
- **Aug 9 Walking the Natural Bridge as a Mohican Landscape** – Guided walk connecting the park’s geology to Mohican history. milne.librarycalendar.com
11:00 AM Natural Bridge State Park, McAuley Rd, North Adams
- **Aug 10 SWCA Annual Summer BBQ** – Potluck cookout with grilled food, kids’ games, baked goods auction & music. southwilliamstown.org
5:30–7:30 PM Williamstown Historical Museum, 32 New Ashford Rd, Williamstown
- **Aug 10 Tanglewood: A Whale of a Tale** – Free music program. clarkart.edu
Clark Art Institute, 225 South Street, Williamstown
- **Aug 12 UNO Drop-In Art Club** – Free family art program with MASS MoCA & nbCC. clarkart.edu
Clark Art Institute, 225 South Street, Williamstown
- **Aug 12 Summer Movie: Moana** – Free with admission. clarkart.edu
Clark Art Institute, 225 South Street, Williamstown
- **Aug 13 Meet the Candidates: State Rep Forum** – Nonpartisan candidate forum for State Representative (John Barrett & Andrew Fitch). lww.org
7:00–8:30 PM Paresky Center (downstairs auditorium), Williams College, Williamstown
- **Aug 14 Five Pound Horse (music/dance)** – Live music and dancing. whmuseum.org
6:30 PM Dolan-Jenks Barn, 32 New Ashford Rd, Williamstown
- **Aug 15 Sperry Lookout/Hopper Loop Hike** – 6-mile guided hike, medium difficulty, ~3 hours. rurallands.org
10:00 AM Haley Farm Trailhead, Williamstown
- **Aug 18, Sept 15 & Oct 20 Foraging Walk at The Clark** – Free guided foraging walk, open to the public. hoorwa.org
5:30 PM Clark Art Institute, 225 South Street, Williamstown
- **Aug 19 & 26 Roots & Rhythm: A Celebration of Dance and Drum** – Live African diasporic dance and drumming. milne.librarycalendar.com
Milne Library, 1095 Main St, Williamstown
- **Aug 20 Meet the Walloomsac River Critters** – Family-friendly aquatic macroinvertebrate program, no registration needed. hoorwa.org
4:00 PM McWaters Park, Bennington, VT
- **Aug 22 Julie Stepanek: Music & Movement** – Ukulele-led music and movement for young children. milne.librarycalendar.com
11:00 AM Milne Library, 1095 Main St, Williamstown
- **Aug 28 Flat Bed Jazz Band Concert & Dance** – Live music and dancing. whmuseum.org
6:30–8:30 PM Dolan-Jenks Barn, Williamstown Historical Museum
- **Aug 29 Harmon Pond Walk** – Easy 2-mile hike through hemlock forest to Harmon Pond. rurallands.org
10:00 AM Margaret Lindley Park, Williamstown
- **Sept 12 Community Paper Shredding Event** – No registration needed, \$5/box suggested donation. nbswmd.com
9:00–11:00 AM Dalton Council on Aging, 40 Field St, Dalton, MA
- **Sept 19 Community Eco-Fair** – Outdoor fair with HOORWA, Bee Friendly Williamstown, Berkshire Grown & more. milne.librarycalendar.com
1:00 PM Milne Library, 1095 Main St, Williamstown
- **Sept 19 & Oct 10 Bulky Waste, Electronics & Scrap Metal Recycling** – Fees apply, registration not required. nbswmd.com
8:00 AM–12:00 PM Lanesborough (Sept 19) & Clarksburg (Oct 10)
- **Sept 23 Jigsaw Puzzle Competition!** – Team puzzle competition, registration required. milne.librarycalendar.com
6:00 PM Milne Library, 1095 Main St, Williamstown
- **Sept 27 Annual Harvest Fair** – Fun for the whole family! whmuseum.org
11:00 AM–3:00 PM Williamstown Historical Museum, 32 New Ashford Rd, Williamstown
- **Oct 17 Repair Café** – Bring broken items for free repair! southwilliamstown.org
1:00–3:00 PM Sheep Hill, 671 Cold Spring Road, Williamstown