

# CALENDAR

## FRIDAY

A Specialty Book Sale, to benefit the Bresnahan Center and the Food Pantries, will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the **Ashburnham** Council on Aging, 1 Memorial Drive. For information, call (978) 827-5000.

The Museum of Science-Boston and the **Townsend** Public Library present, "Super Cold Science" at 1 p.m. in the Great Hall of Memorial Hall. New Englanders are no strangers to the cold. But when the temperature really, really drops (by hundreds of degrees), witness some surprising ways molecules behave! For ages 7 and up. Please sign up in the Children's Room. Provided through a grant from the Museum of Science - Boston. For information, call (978) 597-1714.

**Westminster** Girl Scout Troop 627 will be selling cookies from 4 to 10 p.m. at the Stop and Shop.

A free Open House Salsa Class will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Christian Performing Arts Center, 915 Main St., **Fitchburg**. Featuring instruction by Javier Salort-Rios, the founder of SALSALort Latin dance and fitness company. For more information, contact the Christian Performing Arts Center at (978) 345-2915.

## SATURDAY

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**Westminster** Girl Scout Troop 627 will be selling cookies from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stop and Shop.

"(Who's Got The) Button Crafting Workshop" will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Art Museum, Merriam Parkway. Taught by Sally Cragin. Learn how to make flowers, jewelry, decorations and even animals with buttons. The museum will provide supplies, findings and "button-themed" snacks although participants are urged to bring their own collection to make unique heirloom crafts. Cost is \$15, appropriate for ages 8 to 88. Children under age 6 to 8 may attend with a parent or caregiver. For information, call (978) 345-4207, Ext. 303.

## SUNDAY

The **Townsend** Congregational Church United Church of Christ will be presenting a gift to Habitat for Humanity at 9:50 a.m. at the church located at 5 Brookline St., **Townsend**. All are welcome.

The Velvet Elvis Band will perform at 7 p.m. at the **Leominster** Lodge of Elks, 134 North Main St. This five-piece band pays homage to the golden-throated, guitar-slinging pioneers of rock-n-roll, focusing on much of the pre-Vegas Elvis era. Sponsored by Dance2Swing Studios. For information, visit their web site at [www.Dance2Swing.com](http://www.Dance2Swing.com) or call (978) 263-7220.

## MONDAY

The Great Decisions group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Eloranta Room, **Forbush** Memorial Library, 118 Main St., **Westminster**. Topic will be the future of United States-Mexico relations. For information, call (978) 874-7416.

## TUESDAY

The **Townsend** Public Library will hold a story time and crafts at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2 of Memorial Hall. For children ages 2- to 4-years-old and their siblings. For information, call (978) 597-1714.

# COMMUNITY CHOICE



John Turner and Helen Hulecki are pictured at a recent Pizza and a Buck event held recently at the Ashburnham Council on Aging. This is one of many events held at the center.

**ASHBURNHAM** — A Specialty Book Sale, to benefit the Bresnahan Center and the Food Pantries, will be held Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ashburnham Council on Aging, 1 Memorial Drive. Also, Ashburnham seniors and friends are invited to a Holiday Party at noon Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the center. Yankee Pot Roast, mashed potatoes, carrots and butterscotch pudding will be served. A donation of \$2 is requested. For information, call (978) 827-5000.

Ashburnham seniors and friends are invited to a Holiday Party at noon at the **Ashburnham** Council on Aging, 1 Memorial Drive. Yankee Pot Roast, mashed potatoes, carrots and butterscotch pudding will be served. A donation of \$2 is requested. For information, to make reservations, or for transportation, call (978) 827-5000.

A Team Captains Meeting for the Greater Gardner Relay for Life will be held at 6 p.m. at **Westminster** Elementary School. This will be the 14th year for the "Greater Gardner Relay for Life" and the theme this year is "Quest for a Cure" scheduled for June 8 and 9 at Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner. Anyone interested in starting a new team may come at 5 p.m. for a team captain orientation. For information, call Paul Demeo at (978) 632-1300.

St. Joseph School, 35 Columbus St., **Fitchburg**, will host an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school. For more information, call (978) 343-3630 or at [www.stjoesfitch.org](http://www.stjoesfitch.org).

The Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the American Legion, Post 129, 22 Elm St., **Gardner**. Author Allen Young will be speaking about his book "North of Quabbin Revisted". For information, call (978) 297-4484.

The Twin City Toastmasters will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ronald M. Ansin Foundation Office, 1 Main St., **Leominster**. To learn more, contact club President Sara Marks at (978) 343-7259 or visit [www.twincitytoastmasters.com](http://www.twincitytoastmasters.com).

## WEDNESDAY

Kindergarten registration will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Ashby Elementary School, 911 Main St., **Ashby**. For information, call Mrs. Anne Cromwell-Gapp, principal at (978) 386-7266.

A free workshop for teachers, "Journeys Near and Far: Children's Book Illustrations" will be offered from 3 to 5 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Art Museum, Merriam Parkway.

Award-winning author/illustrator Gordon Morrison will discuss his field studies, nature, and children's books. Registration required, call (978) 345-4207, Ext. 303.

Fitchburg State College's Alternative Spring Break/Habitat for Humanity students are holding a fund-raising event from 5 to 8 p.m. at Friendly's, 464 John Fitch Highway, **Fitchburg**. Ten percent of the evening's profit will go toward the fund-raiser. A raffle for movie tickets is also scheduled that night.

**Ashby** Elementary School will hold an Information Night for kindergarten registration from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the school, 911 Main St. For information, call Mrs. Anne Cromwell-Gapp, principal, at (978) 386-7266.

A Gallery Talk by Gordon Morrison, illustrator, and Frank Gohlke, photographer - Nature Captured, Nature Revealed - will be held at 7 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Art Museum, Merriam Parkway. (Snow date is March 7). For information, call (978) 345-4207.

Are you writing a novel? A children's book? Something else? Would you like some support? Network with other writers at 7:30 p.m. at the **Townsend** Public Library, Room 1, Memorial Hall. Bring what you are working on and have other writers share their experiences and give you feedback. Open to adults. For more information, call the library at (978) 597-1714.

## THURSDAY

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A blood pressure clinic will be held from 11 a.m. to noon at the Westminster Council on Aging, 127 Main St., **Westminster**. For information, call (978) 874-7402.

An Exhibition Opening "Women Artists Moving Forward," will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Sanders Building, **Fitchburg** State

College. This event is held in conjunction with Women's History Month at the college. For information, contact Susan Williams at (978) 665-3085 or [swilliams@fsc.edu](mailto:swilliams@fsc.edu).

"The Vagina Monologues," will be performed at 6 p.m., in Percival Auditorium, **Fitchburg** State College. Admission is \$5 for students, staff, faculty, and seniors; \$7 general admission. This event is held in conjunction with Women's History Month at the college. For information, contact Susan Williams at (978) 665-3085 or [swilliams@fsc.edu](mailto:swilliams@fsc.edu).

1-in-10 and Friends, the GLBT Student Group at **Fitchburg** State College, hosts its second annual Cabaret/Drag Show at 8 p.m. in Parkinson Gymnasium at the college. All proceeds for that night will go to AIDS Project of Worcester. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Hammond Campus Center Information Desk.

## FRIDAY

Stratton Players, presents "Later Life" at 8 p.m. at the Stratton Playhouse, 60 Wallace Ave., **Fitchburg**. For information, call (978) 345-6066.

Rick Lavoie, an internationally recognized expert on learning disabilities, will present "It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Helping the Child With Learning Disabilities Find Social Success," at 8 p.m. in Weston Auditorium, **Fitchburg** State College. For information, or to register, call (978) 665-3636.

## SATURDAY

The **Leominster** Land Trust and the Leominster Recreation Department are planning a moonlight snowshoe or hike at Sholan Farm. Hikers should meet at the Kiosk (at Sterling side of farm) at 6 p.m. and should carry water, a snack and headlight or flashlight. For information, call the Recreation Department at (978) 534-7529 or Deanne Comeau at (978) 537-3018.

An Annual Pasta & Meatball Supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Bull Run Restaurant, Route 2A, **Shirley**. A fundraising auction will begin at 8 p.m. There will also be a silent auction of jewelry and collectibles. Tickets are \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door and can be purchased by calling the Bull Run at (978) 425-4311. Proceeds benefit the Pat Brody Shelter for Cats.

Stratton Players, presents "Later Life" at 8 p.m. at the Stratton Playhouse, 60 Wallace Ave., **Fitchburg**. The Stratton Players and the Fay Club will present a special "Dinner and a Show" evening. For information, call (978) 345-6066.

## SUNDAY

**Fitchburg** Art Museum, Merriam Parkway, presents a special workshop in "Margutis," the art of Lithuanian egg decorating from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please bring four room temperature raw, white or brown eggs free of cracks and weak spots to class. Cost is \$30. For information, or to register, call Susan Dekant at (978) 345-4207, Ext. 303.

A Gallery Talk - "Cruising the Inland Waterway with Ansel Adams" - will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Art Museum, Merriam Parkway. Cost is \$5, plus museum admission; registration required. For information, call (978) 345-4207.

Dance2Swing Studios presents The Compaq Big Band at 7 p.m. at the **Leominster** Lodge of Elks, 134 North Main St. This 21-piece Big Band has been keeping New England Swingin' for over 30 years. A group swing dance lesson will be held at 6 p.m. For information, visit their web site at [www.dance2swing.com](http://www.dance2swing.com)