



# WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2026

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WELCOME TO THE  
WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER'S  
JULY- SEPTEMBER 2026 PROGRAM CATALOG.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS,  
EVENTS, AND SERVICES OFFERED BY  
THE FRIENDS OF THE WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER.

JOIN MEMBERS OF JACKSON AND THE SURROUNDING  
COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE CAN TEACH AND  
EVERYONE CAN LEARN!

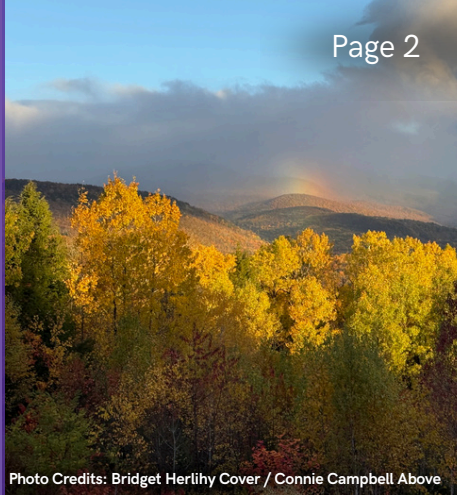


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**WCC  
News...**

Use & Bookmark our Website:  
Visit [www.whitneyccprograms.com](http://www.whitneyccprograms.com)  
to sign-up/register for all programs.

**2026 Summer Camps:** There is still room in two of our Summer Camps - All-In-One Summer Camp June 22-26 and Theater Camp August 17-21. For more information and to register go to [www.whitneyccprograms.com](http://www.whitneyccprograms.com).

**Want to connect over Crafts, Cribbage or Classic Card Games?**

Learn more about the Whitney Community Center's Bring Your Own Crafts, Cribbage and Classic Card Game gatherings by emailing us at [whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com).

**MWV Summer Barn Dances:** Learn more about the Whitney Community Center's Mount Washington Valley Barn Dances on page 4.

**How to contact the WCC:** You can reach us by email at [whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com), by phone at 603-307-0639, by mail at PO Box 665, Jackson, NH, or by visiting [whitneyccprograms.com](http://whitneyccprograms.com) to learn more and sign up/register for all programs.



Check out the  
Jackson Community  
Programming Calendar  
online @ [jxncpc.com](http://jxncpc.com)

A collaboration between Jackson, New Hampshire nonprofit organizations to provide Jackson and it's surrounding community residents and visitors a one-stop calendar with all community programming.

MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY

# Storytelling

FESTIVAL

VALLEY WIDE EVENTS / SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2026

Wednesday, September 16 / 7:30 pm – Bill Harley performs An Iliad by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare at M & D Playhouse, North Conway, NH  
Admission: \$25

Thursday, September 17 / 7 pm – Storytelling performances in Tamworth, Gorham, and Jackson/Bartlett, NH  
Admission: FREE

Friday, September 18 / Daytime – Performances at Conway, Bartlett, and Jackson, NH grammar schools sponsored by SAU 9 School District

Friday, September 18 / 7 pm – Opening Show: Rivers and Roads – Journeys Through Lite with all three storytellers at Whitney Community Center, Jackson, NH  
Admission: FREE

Saturday, September 19 / Workshops:  
10–11:30am: You've Got a Story! with Regi Carpenter  
1:30–3pm: Voice and Sound for Storytelling with Antonio Rocha  
Whitney Community Center, Jackson, NH  
Admission: \$25 per workshop

Saturday, September 19 / 7 pm – Closing Show: Magic, Mischief, and Mayhem with three storytellers at Whitney Community Center, Jackson, NH  
Admission: FREE

Sunday, September 20 / 3 pm – Family Show with Bill Harley  
Whitney Community Center, Jackson, NH  
Admission: FREE

For tickets & Info visit: [whitneyccprograms](https://whitneyccprograms.org) / click on Storytelling Festival Link





## Mount Washington Valley Barn Dances

Enjoy an evening of lively New England social dancing featuring Contras, Squares, Couples' dances, and the Virginia reel, all set to traditional live dance tunes. The evening starts from 5:30-6:30 pm with kid- and beginner-friendly dances and after a social break a MWV Barn Dance from 7-9:30 pm. No experience is necessary as all dances will be taught. Come with friends or solo, and musicians are welcome to sit in with the band. You are welcome to bring snacks to share during the social break.

The dances are coordinated and performed by dance caller Jennifer McHone Villabos and nationally renowned and local dance musicians.

**Suggested Donation \$5-\$20**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Fridays: June 26,**  
**July 17 & July 31, 5:30-9:30p**



## Are you a Musician? Practice & Perform at the MWV Barn Dances with the "All Comers Band"

Musicians are welcome to sit in with the band! There will be practices to learn the music on Friday, June 12th, June 19th, July 10th, July 24th, and August 21st from 7-8:30 in the pavilion behind the Whitney Community Center. For more details contact Jennifer McHone Villabos at 603-662-6989.



## Jackson Croquet Tournament

Players of all skill levels are invited to enjoy a day of friendly competition, laughter, and lawn-side camaraderie. Set against the scenic backdrop of Jackson, the event blends lighthearted play with a touch of classic garden-party charm. Whether you're swinging for victory or just soaking in the fun, it's a perfect way to celebrate summer with neighbors and friends.

**Sign Up Required, Free / Limit 18**  
**Jackson Baseball-Soccer Field**  
**Friday, July 10, 4-5:30p**  
**Raindate July 17**

This program is hosted by the Friends of the Whitney Community Center.



## Herbalism and Wellness Workshop

What if your backyard was your medicine cabinet? Explore the wild and weedy plants of New Hampshire that have long been used for food and healing, learning how to recognize, harvest, and prepare them with confidence. This is an invitation to reconnect with the plants growing all around you, fostering deeper awareness, resilience, and connection to nature.

This program is taught by Sara Woods Kender herbalist, teacher, and formulator with a passion for helping people.

**Fee \$10 / Limit 25**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Sunday, July 12, 4-5:30p**



## Baking Soft Beer Pretzels

Learn how to bake soft beer pretzels with a golden crust, chewy interior, and rich, malty flavor. This hands-on experience guides you through mixing, shaping, boiling, and baking for that classic pretzel texture. Perfect for beginners and seasoned bakers alike, you'll leave with fresh pretzels and the confidence to make them at home.

This program is taught by Mark Ross-Parent and Margaret Graciano from North Conway's Old Village Bakery.

**Fee \$15 / Limit 10**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Thursday, July 16, 4-6:00p**

## Extreme Survival: Lessons From Those Who Have Triumphed Against All Odds

Join bestselling author Michael Tougias for a compelling, slide-driven presentation exploring remarkable real-life survival stories and the powerful mindsets that carried individuals through extreme adversity. Drawing on research from his book *Extreme Survival: Lessons From Those Who Have Triumphed Against All Odds*, Tougias reveals the mental strategies and resilience that made survival possible.

This program presented by Michael Tougias  
New York Times best-selling author of  
30 books for adults and young adults.

**Free / No Limit**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Wednesday, July 22, 7-8:30p**



## A Visit from Abraham Lincoln

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln visited New Hampshire in 1860, when he was still a relatively unknown lawyer from Illinois? This one-man engaging program explores what brought him here and how he rose to play such a pivotal role in American history. Step back in time to experience life in 19th-century America and gain a deeper understanding of Lincoln and the world that shaped him.

This program is supported by NH Humanities  
and is part of the WCC & JPL Celebrate  
Democracy 250 Years and Beyond series.

**Free / No Limit**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Sunday, July 26, 4-5:30p**



## An Evening of Stories & Music with Caroline Cotter

Enjoy an intimate evening with musician and storyteller Caroline Cotter, known for her warm voice, evocative songwriting, and engaging stories gathered from her travels around the world. Blending folk-inspired music with personal narrative, she creates a welcoming and reflective atmosphere.

The program is performed by Caroline  
Cotter who has played over 1,000  
shows in 46 states and 19 countries.

**Suggested Donation \$5-\$20**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Wednesday, July 29, 7-8:30p**



## Introduction to Hinduism: History, Beliefs, and Living Traditions

Discover the richness and complexity of Hinduism. key beliefs, deities, and practices, before considering how Hindu ideas and identities are reflected in social and political life—particularly in modern India and the diaspora. By situating Hinduism in these broader contexts, the session highlights both the diversity of the tradition and its contemporary relevance.

This program is presented by Madhavi  
Devasher, Associate Professor in the  
Department of Political Science and  
International Affairs at UNH

**Free / No Limit**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Sunday, August 2, 7-8:30p**



## Bean Bag Baseball Tournament

Step up to the plate for a fun and friendly Bean Bag Baseball Tournament where skill, strategy, and a little luck come into play. Players of all ages can enjoy this creative twist on the classic game, competing for bragging rights and plenty of laughs along the way. Whether you're aiming for a home run or just out to have a good time, this event is sure to be a hit.

This tournament is run by Bean Bag  
Baseball enthusiasts, Jenny and Tony  
Simone.

**Free, Sign Up Required / Limit 28**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Wednesday, August 5, 3:30-5:30p**





## Block Printing on a Tea Towel

Learn the basics of block printing in this hands-on workshop where you'll carve your own stamp and use it to create repeating designs on a tea towel. Participants will work with fabric ink, brayers, soft-cut blocks, and carving tools while exploring simple printmaking techniques. Leave with a finished, functional piece and the skills to continue creating with block printing at home.

This program is taught by Meredith Leoni, the owner of Studio 22 in Fryeburg, ME.

**Fee \$25 / Limit 10**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Friday, August 7, 2-5p**



## Gil Winant, A NH Governor You Never Heard Of

This program explores the life of Gilbert Winant, who came to New Hampshire as a teen to attend St. Paul's School and never fully left its influence behind. He served as governor, helped shape Social Security under Franklin D. Roosevelt, and later became U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain during World War II, where his life was marked by both achievement and tragedy.

This program is presented by Carl Linblade a longtime NH innkeeper and UNH. Senior Lecturer who brings NH history to life.

**Free / No Limit**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Sunday, August 9, 4-5:30p**



## Climate Future Film Festival

Ten films. Nine countries. One urgent question: What comes next? The Climate Future Film Festival showcases powerful short films and documentaries that explore the challenges and possibilities of a changing planet. Through compelling storytelling and diverse perspectives, the program highlights climate science, environmental justice, and innovative solutions. Afterwards, participants are invited to engage in conversation.

This program is hosted by Mount Washington Valley Climate Action.

**Free / No Limit**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Tuesday, August 18, 7-9:00p**



## The Last Caretaker of the Old Man in the Mountain

In 1945 the image of the Old Man became the Emblem of the State of New Hampshire. In 1960 the State of New Hampshire began care and maintenance of The Old man. Niels F.F. Nielsen Jr. began the annual inspections of the Old Man. In 1969 David C. Nielsen joined his father and started the legacy of caretaking. This is the historic story of the Old Man of the Mountain and his caretakers.

This program is presented by Old Man in the Mountain caretaker David C. Nielsen.

**Free / No Limit**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Sunday, August 30, 4-5:30p**



## Rock 'n' Roll Listening Party

Take a trip back in time with a Rock 'n' Roll Listening Party featuring five iconic songs from the mid-1960s to early 1970s. Relive the sound of a transformative era in music, from groundbreaking 1960s hits to early classic rock anthems. Sit back, listen, learn about, discuss, and enjoy the energy, creativity, and cultural shift that defined a generation.

This program is led by Greg Marsello who last year led the Neil Young Listening Party.

**Free / No Limit**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 7-8:30p**

## Minds in Motion

Bringing people together in the tradition of historic salons, this gathering explores big ideas through lively, thoughtful conversation. It asks, "Are We More Shaped by Choice or Circumstance?" Participants gather into three groups to reflect, debate, and share perspectives in an open forum that encourages curiosity, dialogue, and deeper understanding of the forces that shape our lives. Refreshments included.

This program is hosted by the Friends of the Whitney Community Center.

**Fee \$5 / Limit 30**  
**Jackson Community Church**  
**Sunday, September 13, 4-5:30p**



## A Civics Refresher

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the United States Declaration of Independence. Join us for a look back at how government formed in both New Hampshire and the United States, exploring key moments in civic development. The program also includes a brief history of voting rights in America, along with practical information on voter registration in New Hampshire and an overview of polling place procedures, highlighting the checks and balances within the state's election system.

This program is presented by Lily Woo, the Civic & Voter Education Coordinator for the NH Secretary of State, as part of the WCC & JPL Celebrate Democracy, 250 Years and Beyond series

**Free / No Limit**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Thursday, Sept 24, 7-8:30p**



## The Artist's View of the White Mountains

Follow the history of the valley through the art of the White Mountain School of Art, which helped transform perceptions of the region in the early 1800s. Once viewed as an ominous wilderness, the Presidential Range became a celebrated romantic American landscape through the work of these artists, inspiring generations and helping to draw millions of visitors to the White Mountains.

This program is presented by Paul Mayer the Chair of the White Mountain Museum Charitable Trust, the Museum's Docent and an art collector and is hosted by the Jackson Historical Society and Friends of The Whitney Community Center.

**Free / No Limit**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Monday, Sept 28, 7-8:30p**



## Making an Apple Galette

Learn how to make a delicious apple galette from scratch in this engaging demonstration. You will be guided through preparing and rolling pie crust, creating a flavorful apple filling, and shaping and baking the galette to perfection. There will be time for questions and answers, and everyone will leave with recipes to recreate this rustic dessert at home.

This program is taught by Lisa Somerville a professional baker and educator who recently owned Vintage Baking Company in Glen.

**Fee \$10 / Limit 20**  
**Whitney Community Center**  
**Thursday, October 1, 6-8:00p**



# MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY BARN DANCES

Contras - Squares - Virginia Reel



**FRIDAYS: June 26 - July 17 - July 31**

**5:30-9:30 PM**

**Suggested Donation \$5-\$20**

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PROGRAMS ONLINE



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There you will find the details on all our latest program offerings. Scroll down and click the PROGRAMS button to sign-up for all our fee-based offerings and free programs to help us better prepare. Fee based programs fill fast so register today. Thank You!

Questions? Call or email us at:  
603-307-0639  
[whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com)

**Cancellation Policy:** Fee-based programs may be canceled if the program does not meet minimum enrollment. A full refund will be issued to people who register for a fee-based program that is canceled. To drop from a fee-based program and get a full refund please contact [whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com) three days prior to the start date of the program.

**Liability Waiver:** In registering for and/or attending a Friends of The Whitney Community Center Program you agree you are familiar with and understand the inherent risks in attending, and you assume all the risks of injury and loss arising from your participation, here by releasing and holding harmless the Whitney Community Center and its agents from liability for any such injury or loss.