

# Fall Fun & Late Summer Specials !

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### Farmington Valley Visitors Association

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The Mark Twain House & Museum presents an Election-Year Exhibit that focuses on What Mark Twain Thought of Presidents, and What They Thought of Him. The exhibit is conveniently tied to the election, so it will close on November 6th. For information, call 247-0998 or visit [www.marktwainhouse.org](http://www.marktwainhouse.org).

Did you know that Matthew's Restaurant in Unionville has a lovely, spacious meeting/banquet room? We were given a tour recently, and it's perfect for groups from 30 to 80. Check it out in person, or call 673-7373.

You can now drop by Westfarms Mall's Ticketmaster Outlet at their Customer Service Center for tickets to the hottest events and concerts; including Bob Dylan on September 8th, Leann Rimes on October 12th and the Tour of Gymnastics Champions on November 17th. Visit [www.shopwestfarms.com](http://www.shopwestfarms.com) for details!

The Bicycle Cellar in Simsbury is ready to help you with all

Dog Days of summer are upon us, so it's time to PLUNGE into Fall. Check out August Specials, CRISP September events, and FVVA member news !

Make sure you take advantage of "No Tax Days," Sunday August 19th through Saturday, August 26th. Stop by your favorite shops and find surprises. Dunstan Jewelers has gemstones for August, along with Tangalooma Designs, Ohm Beads and much more. My New Wardrobe has exciting clothes for kids, including new Fall selections from Stripes, Splendid, Joules, Truly Me and much more. Avon Village Marketplace (formerly known as Old Avon Village) is celebrating its 40th Anniversary with sales in many of its shops. Drop by our office, check on our supply of your brochures, rack cards, and business cards, and then explore. Treats are in store for you everywhere!

Don't forget to visit Farms Village Antiques in West Simsbury for their Annual Summer Sale. It ends on Labor Day, so you only have 2 weeks!

BRAVO to Max A Mia, who just received 4 Stars in Hartford Magazine. If you haven't had a chance, read the fabulous article. The title, "Savor," almost says it all. Now in its 21st year, Max A Mia is still serving delicious Italian dishes, and has now expanded to Sunday Brunch; 11am to 3pm. Drop by or call for a reservation to try their scrumptious selections. For more information, call 677-6299.

Stop by The New England Pasta Company for their new selection of items that are gluten & dairy free, and also vegetarian. Way to Go! For information, call 678-9100.

Congratulations to the Connecticut Science Center, who celebrated reaching a milestone, 1,000,000 people served on August 14th. They're in the final weeks of their exhibition, *Dinosaurs Unearthed*, so get there by September 2nd and you don't miss the fun!

The New England Air Museum proudly presents their newly restored Lockheed F-104C Starfighter! The aircraft served with our U.S. Air Force, was deployed during the Cuban Missile Crisis and set the altitude and speed record while stationed in Germany in 1962. It had been damaged in the tornado of 1979. Thanks to Harry Newman, the team leader, and the countless volunteers who began working on the plane in the fall of 2009. Drop by and "take a look!"

We wish Avon Village Marketplace a Happy 40th Anniversary. They began as Old Avon Village in September of 1972, and today have 20 buildings, some dating back to the 1830's. Around 1960, Old Avon Village became the home of the 9 foot tall Giant Rocking Chair, which became an important landmark. The shops and businesses in the village also have their own anniversaries, from the oldest - People's United Bank (1842,) to Edward Jones (1940's), Beardsley Advertising (1946), and many more from the 1960's to 2012. In the next few e-blasts, we'll let you know about other valley businesses.

your cycling needs, with professional bike fitting service, rentals for the entire family, and of course, a vast array of new bikes, including Trek, Giant, Haro, Redline, and We The People. Drop by for a visit or give them a call at 658-1311.

The **Farmington Valley Arts Center's** Fall 2012 Class and Workshop Catalog for adults and children will be out shortly. It will contain holiday gift workshops, along with a myriad of fascinating and interesting classes from water media and pen & ink illustration, to collage, acrylic/oil painting, and relief printing. Visit [www.artsfvac.org](http://www.artsfvac.org) or call 678-1867 for more information and registration.

Join Our Mailing List!

## Welcome New Members !

Toshi - Izakaya  
Riverdale Farms - 136 Simsbury Rd.  
Avon, 06001 677-8242  
[www.toshi-izakaya.com](http://www.toshi-izakaya.com)  
Welcome to Michael and Teresa!

Toshi-Izakaya is open for lunch, Mon.-Sun from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Dinner hours are: Mon-Thurs -5-10pm; Fri-Sat- 5-10:30 and Sun from 5-9pm. They also have a fabulous "Happy Hour" Mon-Fri from 4-6:30pm, including appetizers, Maki, and cocktails. They'll also be featuring Football Night promotions in September and much more. We'll keep you posted on their events. Drop by and see their new menu!

**Farmington Valley Stage Company**  
Performances in the Canton Town Hall in Collinsville  
e-mail: [info@fvstage.org](mailto:info@fvstage.org), [www.fvstage.org](http://www.fvstage.org)  
Say hi to Ron, Lin, and the gang

The Farmington Valley Stage Company will light up Collinsville Center this year. It has produced 50 plays and musicals in its first 8 years. The Theater in Collinsville will seat 200 people, providing an intimate atmosphere. Ample free parking is a plus! Their season kicks off with *The Memory of Water*, by Shelagh Stephanson, running September 14-16, 21-23, and 28-29. Visit their websites for specific dates for the rest of the season, including: *Regrets Only*, *The Price*, *Embraceable Me*, and *Dinner with Friends*.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 1 Grand Opening - National Geographic's Meerkats 3D, Connecticut Science Center, Hartford, 724-3623
- 2 First Sunday Gallery Talk: A Clean House, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 1pm, 677-4787
- 2 First Sunday Estate Walk: President's at Hill-Stead, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 2pm, 677-4787
- 7 Paul Hayes Tucker Presents Claude Monet - Seeking Significance in the Giverny Gardens," Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 7pm, 677-4787
- 7-9 Septemberfest, Simsbury Celebration, Simsbury Meadows
- 8 Nature: Big Bug Walk, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 10am, 677-4787
- 8 "Avon Men in the Civil War: Connecticut's Sacrifice at Antietam," an exhibit at the Avon Library's History Room, sponsored by the Avon Historical Society, Avon. "Antietam Day in Avon," 12-4pm, 678-7621
- 8 "Trails in Motion," Farmington Valley Trails Council, beginning on Iron Horse Boulevard, Simsbury, 202-3928
- 8 Open Farm Day, Granby Agricultural Commission, 10am - 4:30pm, [www.GranbyAg.org](http://www.GranbyAg.org)
- 9 "Red White and Blue" by artist Gary Kollberg, the new exhibit at the Unionville Museum, Unionville, 2-4pm, 673-2231
- 9,16,23,30 Special Quilt Exhibit: Circa 1861 Stars & Stripes, Salmon Brook Historical Society, Granby, 2-4pm, 653-9713
- 12-30 "The September Special," Arts Exclusive Gallery, Simsbury,

- Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 1-6pm, 651-5824,  
[www.arts-exclusive.com](http://www.arts-exclusive.com)
- 13 The Apple Lover's Cookbook Dinner, Metro Bis, Simsbury, A 5 course dinner paired with wine from cookbook recipes. For information and reservations, call 651-1908
  - 13 Lunchtime Walk, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 12pm, 677-4787
  - 13 *The Help*, a Nook Farm Book Discussion, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford, 5-6:30pm, 522-9258
  - 14 Liquid Lounge: Prom-The Do-Over," Connecticut Science Center, Hartford, 6-10pm, 724-3623
  - 15 "Sam Collins Day," Canton's Town Celebration, 10am-4pm Canton Fire Dept Field and Downtown Collinsville
  - 16 More Fall Nature Fun: Asters from Your Elbow, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 1pm, 677-4787
  - 16 "Dinner on the Hill, Farm-to-Table Feast, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 4:30pm, reservations, 677-4784 x 132
  - 17-23 "Things with Wings: Airplanes and Quilts, New England Air Museum, Windsor locks, regular admission, 623-3305
  - 21-23 40th Anniversary Celebration Activities, Avon Village Marketplace, 678-0469
  - 22 "In a Preternatural Way: The Witchcraft Trial of Mary Barnes," performed by The Stanley-Whitman House at the Simsbury Historical Society Meeting House, 7 and 9pm; Reception 8pm, reservations required, 677-9222
  - 23 Mrs. Mary Ann Lewis Bronson, a Visit With a Civil War Doctor's Wife, Ellsworth Visitor Center at the Simsbury Historical Society, 2pm, \$7 members, \$10 non-members, [www.simsburyhistory.org](http://www.simsburyhistory.org)
  - 28 Owl Hootenany Walk, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 8pm, 677-4787
  - 29 Avon Day Celebration, Fields at Thompson Brook School, 11am - 6:30pm
  - 29 25th Annual Farmington River Clean-Up, Farmington River Watershed Association, 9:30am - 2pm, 658-4222
  - 29 Grand Opening of the New Fall Exhibit: Strange Matter, Connecticut Science Center, Hartford, 724-3623

Bridge Street Live Concerts (41 Bridge Street, Collinsville) 693-9762

[www.41bridgestreet.com](http://www.41bridgestreet.com)

- 1 Sarah Borges
- 6 Don Ross & Brooke Miller
- 7 Tim Krompier's "50 Shades of Fatherhood" Comedy
- 8 The Revelations with Tre Williams
- 13 Kelly Joe Phelps
- 21 Gary Gulman - Comedy
- 27 Donna The Buffalo
- 28 The Duke Robillard Band
- 29 NRBQ