

The Gardner Museum Fall 2022 Lecture Series

- Sep 01** [Start of the Exhibit – Gardner Theatre Guild - no reservation needed](#)
From 1939 until the early 1960's, local residents produced top-notch "Broadway Shows" at the Miller's Opera House, The Little Theater, and Pearson Auditorium and supported several organizations with funds raised by these plays, like PTA, Camp Collier, and others. On display during regular opening hours, until Dec 18.
- Sep 08** [Tinseltown Inventor: Hedy Lamarr™ – 6:30 pm!!](#)
History At Play™, LLC offers living history performances which breathe life into the stories of influential and often forgotten women. Artistic director and performer Judith Kalaora will be back at the museum with a portrayal of Austrian refugee Hedy Lamarr who became "the most beautiful woman in the world" and was not only an actress, and film producer, but also an inventor. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Gardner Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency. (Due to the earlier start time of the program, the **reception starts at 6 pm!**)
- Sep 15** [A taste of Art](#)
Kathryn Swantee, an award-winning local artist, children's book illustrator, teacher, and graduate of The School of the Worcester Art Museum, has worked in a variety of fields and mediums including graphic design, stencil & upholstery fabric design, photo restoration, matting & framing and murals in acrylic. She is best known for her watercolors and has taught this medium for more than 30 years. Tonight, she will be explaining and demonstrating watercolor uses, and other techniques and skills, and give an overview of color theory, and composition.
- Sep 17** [Annual Smithsonian Day – free admission - no reservation needed](#)
Participating museums and cultural institutions across the country provide free entry on this Museum Day. During regular opening hours 1-4 pm; event hosted by Smithsonian Magazine
- Sep 22** [Women in WWII](#)
Kara Fossey, Executive Director of the Fort Devens Museum and the Groton History Center will present an illustrated program about the various roles American Women played during World War II: military, civilian, and volunteer. WWII has been known as a time of liberation for women, and on the heels of the 100th anniversary of the culmination of the Suffrage Movement, it is a perfect time to remember both the struggles and victories that women faced after 1919. Special emphasis on Fort Devens and women from MA.
- Sep 29** [Reflections on Spectacle Pond](#)
Inspired by Zen poets, landscape painting from China and Japan, and Thoreau's *Walden*, author and thought leader George Kinder has spent the last 30 years finding creative inspiration from the solitude of living on the edge of a New England pond. Attuned to nature's teachings, Kinder recorded its seasonal changes through poetry and photography that culminated in his latest book, *Reflections on Spectacle Pond*. He's offering the book free to everyone through an email subscription that weekly presents a curated selection of his poems and photography reflecting the upcoming week. In this event, he offers an intimate window into his creative process with a poetry reading, photography slideshow, and discussion about meditation, nature, and inspiration.

- Oct 06** [Annual Veterans Roundtable](#)
Panel discussion; moderator Alan Dernalowicz. Panelists include George Bourque (Vet: navigator), Stephanie Marchetti (Executive Director Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc), and Robert Curley (President North Quabbin Trails Association; US Army Special Forces Vet) who will talk about his efforts to making trails all-inclusive and accessible to vets, particularly vets with mobility issues.
- Oct 13** [Poetry Night at the Museum](#)
Published Boston/RI poet Ryk McIntyre has toured nationally and in Canada, opening for varied acts, and has performed his work at NYC's New School, Boston's ICA and Strand Theater, among others. He will present his poems, and the role of sobriety in his life.
- Oct 20** [All Shall Be Well](#)
Those encouraging words by 14th century mystic and anchoress, Julian of Norwich, have soothed humanity during its darkest times. Now is the time to revisit her words as we struggle through our greatest human reckoning to date. Presenter is Will Darcangelo, M.Div. Minister of First Parish of Fitchburg and First Church of Lancaster, columnist and blogger.
- Oct 27** [Bumbling through the Hindu Kush](#)
Local journalist and author Chris Woolf will talk about his new book *Bumbling Through the Hindu Kush: A Memoir of Fear and Kindness in Afghanistan*. In 1991, he travelled to Afghanistan to visit a BBC colleague. They hitched a ride with an aid convoy and bumbled straight into the war. The gripping, informative, and suspenseful book will be available for purchase tonight.
- Nov 9** [16th annual Festival of Trees - no reservation needed](#)
The popular event is open to the public starting today, until Saturday, 12/3. Opening hours: Wednesdays, Thursdays 1-4 pm; Fridays 1-7 pm; Saturdays, Sundays 10 am – 4 pm. During the Festival, our regular museum gift shop will also carry seasonal items for purchase.
- Dec 03** [Festival of Trees – Drawing Day](#)
Last day to purchase tickets: 10 am – 4 pm. Drawing of winners starting at 4 pm. Winners will be notified following the drawing.
- Dec 04** [Festival of Trees pick up day](#)
Winners can pick up their trees or other items.

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**All events run from 7-8 pm after a museum-hosted reception from 6:30-7pm
RESERVATION is required for every event!!! Admission for non-member adults is \$3**

All above programs are scheduled to be in-person. We urge all visitors to check our website and Facebook page for possible cancellations or postponements.