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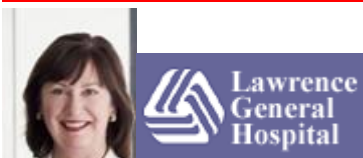
[Ozzy Properties](#), owners of Osgood Landing in North Andover, Dundee Park in Andover and Heritage Place in Lawrence (home of the MVEDC), has launched its [new website](#), designed by Haverhill based [Coco & Co.](#)



INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS

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The [Institution for Savings](#) in Newburyport is now officially a billion-dollar bank, two years after merging with Ipswich Co-operative Bank. The mutual savings bank has branches in Ipswich, Rowley and Salisbury. *Boston Globe*: [Bank hits \\$1 billion milestone](#); *Ipswich Chronicle*: [Things adding up at local banks](#)

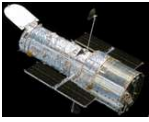


[Lawrence General Hospital](#) has named **Dianne Anderson** as its new president and chief executive officer. Anderson, a senior vice president at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, will replace the retiring **Joseph McManus** on August 1. *The Eagle-Tribune*: [New CEO at Lawrence General Hospital](#)

- ❖ [Lawrence General Hospital](#) will honor retiring President and CEO **Joseph S. McManus** at a reception and dinner on Thursday, June 4 at the Andover Country Club; proceeds will benefit the hospital's new Diagnostic Imaging Center; info/tickets: Andrea Eobstel: Andrea.C.Eobstel@LawrenceGeneral.org



Billerica-based [American Science and Engineering Inc.](#) has won a \$25 million contract from a Middle Eastern country for its cargo inspection systems, which scan vehicles and trucks for explosive threats and contraband. The latest order follows three other multi-million dollar orders earlier in May. *Mass High Tech*: [AS&E IDs new order worth \\$25M for inspection systems](#)



Westford-based [Barr Associates, Inc.](#)'s optical filter products have landed on Mars and are now installed on the Hubble Space Telescope. *The Lowell Sun*: [Westford firm's filters star in Hubble's finale](#)



Weds., May 27, 7:30-9:00 a.m.: Business Breakfast- "Attracting Emerging Technology Industries to Haverhill and the Region;" keynote: **Dr. John Warner**, President and CTO, [Warner-Babcock Institute for Green Chemistry](#); Maria's Galleria Banquet Room, 83 Essex St., Haverhill; free; info: John Michitson michitson@mitre.org



Green Drinks Networking:

❖ Weds., May 27, 5:30- 7:30 p.m.; Union Crossing, 60 Island St., Lawrence



MVEDC Board member **Constantine A. Valhouli**, principal of Bradford-based strategy consulting firm The Hammersmith Group, authored a white paper on the intersection of real estate and technology and the emerging ["Internet of Things"](#) as part of the firm's ongoing "Clicks & Mortar" series.



[Merrimack Valley Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy](#)

❖ Tues., June 2, 8:30-11:00 a.m. :Merrimack Valley Planning Commission CEDS Committee Meeting – open to anyone interested in networking and collaborating on the economic development themes of the Merrimack Valley CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy); Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, Technology Center, Room 103B; RSVP by May 27 to Ted Semesnyei, MVPC economic development coordinator, 978-374-0519 ext.28, or tsemesnyei@mvpc.org



[ValleyWorks Career Center](#):

❖ Tues., June 2, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: **Spring Job Fair**, Elks Lodge, 652 Andover St., Lawrence
 ❖ Applications are now available for [Summer Jobs for Youth](#)



[Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board](#) - Tues., June 9, 4:00-6:30 p.m., **Transitional Information Fair: "Beyond School: Know Where You Can Go"** Haverhill Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill; Info: Deborah Andrews, 978-722-7087 or dandrews@mvwib.org.



Two Merrimack Valley veteran reporters, **Brian Johnson** and Brad **Perriello**, have launched a new online publication – [MassDevice](#) – "the online journal of the medical devices industry in Massachusetts and New England." MassDevice will feature a newswire, magazine-length features and profiles and blogs. MassDevice Network will offer a searchable directory linking nearly 1,000 medical device manufacturers and service providers in the northeastern United States. Recent stories about Merrimack Valley companies:

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS



[Middlesex Community College news and events:](#)

- ❖ Fri., May 29, 8:30a.m. -1:00p.m. “The Ethnic Groups of Burma” - panel presentation on understanding Lowell’s newest immigrant/refugee groups; MCC Cafeteria, 33 Kearney Square, Lowell; free and open to the public; light breakfast; [register](#)
- ❖ [Summer Camps](#) : Aviation and Simulation, Digital Photography, Forensics and Advanced Forensics, Film Production, Behind the Scenes at a Recording Studio, Fashion Design, Cartooning, Physics of NASCAR, Exercise Physiology, Broadcasting; info/register: 800-818-3434.

[Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York](#), will be the guest speaker at MCC’s annual celebrity forum on June 3 at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. ; Read *The Lowell Sun* column by Kendall Wallace: [Another coup for MCC with Duchess of York](#); [buy tickets online](#).

- ❖ MCC’s [English Learner Institute \(ELI\)](#) offers a variety of noncredit courses focusing on developing basic English and other skills essential to American culture.
- ❖ [Criminal Justice Associate Degree – now available online](#).
- ❖ [Energy Utility Technology - certificate program](#)
- ❖ [Business and Industry Programs](#)
- ❖ [Online Career Training Certificates - Virtual Information Session](#).
- ❖ [MILES, the Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education for Seniors](#)



[NECC news & events:](#)

- ❖ Thurs., May 28, 10:00-11:30 a.m.: **Entrepreneurial Training Program (ETP) information sessions**; Corporate & Community Education Center, Osgood Landing, North Andover.
- ❖ Sat., June 6, 7:00 p.m.: Women of NECC 13th annual fundraising event; cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, light dinner buffet, desserts, silent auction and raffle; Andover home of Peter and Mary Tyrrell; \$60 per person; info/tickets: Lori Smerdon, lsmerdon@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3789.
- ❖ Tuesday, June 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m.: workshop: **Make an Angry Customer Your Best Customer**; NECC Corporate and Community Education Center, N. Andover
- ❖ NECC will offer two children’s summer camps - **College for Kids** and **Arts Alive**- at the Haverhill campus; College for Kids offers a junior division for 9-11 year-olds and a senior division for 12-14 year-olds, with more than 30 subjects, including animation, babysitting, clay creations, CSI, fashion design, junk box creations, paper/book making, puppetry, scrapbooking, Shakespeare, T-shirt design and technology and engineering. Arts Alive, for 6-8 year-olds, offers theater, art, music, science, poetry, dance, and storytelling. All camps will run in four, one-week sessions, starting July 6; \$180 per camper, non-refundable \$35 fee.
- ❖ NECC offers day, evening, weekend, and online classes and certificate and associate degree programs in a wide variety of fields including health, criminal justice, computer technology, engineering, deaf studies, business, early childhood and elementary education, graphic design, and human services.
- ❖ [Workforce Development Services](#) offers customized training and consulting services
- ❖ [Click here for online and hybrid courses offered at NECC](#).



[Click here for UMass Lowell news & events](#)

- ❖ Sat., May 30, 10:00 a.m.: **Harold Ford Jr.**, Chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council and former Tennessee Congressman, will address graduates at UML’s commencement; Tsongas Arena.
- ❖ The [Merrimack Valley Housing Report](#) offers an objective and timely source of information on the state of housing in the region and how it affects our economic and social vitality.



[Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center news and events:](#)

- ❖ Cambridge College Lawrence Regional Center is reducing the tuition for the Master of Management program to \$500 per credit. The Master of Management program offers adult learners a combination of face-to-face class time coupled with online learning; info: Director Dolores C. Calaf, 978.738.0502
- ❖ Cambridge College will design a program to fit the needs of a particular employer, with specific training packages or workshops. Info: 978-738-0502 x 14
- ❖ Cambridge College offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, human services, psychology and education; info sessions Tues, Thurs, 6:00 p.m., Sat, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Island Street, Lawrence.



[Enterprise Center at Salem State College news and events](#)

The Enterprise Center has started a [blog](#), focused on "surviving the recession."

- ❖ Mon, June 1, 12:30 p.m.: [small business workshop](#) with **Congressman John Tierney**: "Doing Business with the Federal Government" Bertolon School of Business, Salem State College, Central Campus.
- ❖ Free workshops co-sponsored by the Small Business Development Center (registration required):
 - [May 28: Marketing Skills on a Budget](#)
 - [June 4: Going Green with Your Company](#) June 11- [The Art and Science of Sales](#)
 - [June 18 - How to Help Your Company Survive and Thrive in a Downturn](#)



[Merrimack College news & events](#)

- ❖ *The Eagle-Tribune*: [Merrimack College opens center for biotech studies](#)

BUSINESS GROUP NEWS

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[Merrimack Valley Venture Forum:](#)

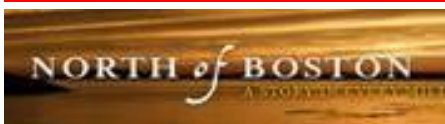
- ❖ Thurs., June 11, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.: June Breakfast Meeting The Road to Economic and Personal Financial Recovery; Wannalancit Mill, 600 Suffolk St., Lowell; [Register online](#)
- ❖ Mon., June 29, 7:30 a.m.: **First Annual Venture Forum Golf Classic**, Andover Country Club; \$150; [register online.](#)



Greater Merrimack Valley
Convention & Visitors Bureau

[adventures await Greater Merrimack Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau news.](#)

- ❖ Thurs., May 28, 8:00- 9:30 a.m.: Annual Tourism Breakfast, Holiday Inn Tewksbury/Andover, 4 Highwood Dr, Tewksbury



[North of Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau news](#)



[Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce news:](#)

- ❖ Thurs., June 11: 5:30 p.m.: 93rd Annual Dinner and Awards presentation; DiBurro's Function Facilities, 887 Boston Road, Ward Hill.



Amesbury Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation news

❖ June 24- July 3: Amesbury Days



Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce news:

- ❖ Weds., May 27, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Business After Hours, Fortunato's Restaurant, Palmer Street, Lowell; \$10 Chamber members, \$20 non-members; RSVP 978-459-8154
 - ❖ June 3, 9:00-10:00 a.m.: Billerica Business Day, Billerica Town Hall
 - ❖ June 2, 10:00-11:00 a.m.: Tewksbury Business Day, Tewksbury Town Library.
 - ❖ June 11, 7:30-9:30 a.m.: Westford Business Day, Westford Town Library.
 - ❖ June 4, networking event, Metro Credit Union, 1527 Main St., Tewksbury \$10
 - ❖ June 9, 7:30-9:00 a.m.: 14th Annual Municipal Breakfast, Courtyard by Marriott, Andover,; \$35
 - ❖ June 16, 5:00-10:00 p.m.: – 2nd Camberpalooza, Castleton, 30 India Rock Road, Windham, NH; \$10
 - ❖ June 23, 7:30-9:00 a.m.: Breakfast Networking Event, Blair House of Tewksbury; free, open to the public.
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Billerica Community Alliance

- ❖ Thurs, May 28, 7:30 a.m.: Business Champion Breakfast, honoring Alice Rouse of Middlesex Community College; Cabot Corp., Billerica; tickets \$15; 978-667-4174 or info@billerica-alliance.org
 - ❖ Weds. June 10. 8:00 a.m.: small business seminar – “Cool Tools for Small Managing and Marketing your Business;” Millipore Corp., n in Billerica free, RSVP: 978-667-4174 or info@billerica-alliance.org
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Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and Industry news

- ❖ **Charles F. Withee**, executive vice president of **The Provident Bank**, is the new chairman of the Greater Newburyport Chamber; *Daily News of Newburyport*: [Chamber announces leadership changes](#)
 - ❖ *Daily News of Newburyport*: [Chamber surprises Sayer with Molin Award](#)
 - ❖ Wed., May 27, 5:30-7: p.m.: Mixer, Ould Newbury Golf Club, Route 1, Newbury
 - ❖ Thurs., June 4, 7:30-9:00 a.m.: Breakfast Forum: Katie Delahaye Paine, CEO, KDPaine & Partners; publisher, The Measurement Standard; Mission Oak Grill, 26 Green St., Newburyport ; \$20 Member, \$25 non-Member; [register](#)
 - ❖ Find out about Newburyport happenings in the latest issue of [STAY in the LOOP!](#)
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Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce news



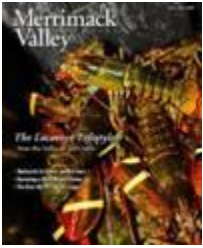
Young Professionals of Greater Lowell



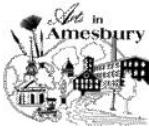
Salisbury Chamber of Commerce:

Thurs., June 11, 5:30 p.m.: Annual Recognition Dinner; guest speaker: Senate President Therese Murray; The Surfside5, oceanfront deck, 25 Broadway, Salisbury; RSVP: salisburychamber@aol.com

ARTS, CULTURE, NATURE, RECREATION



The May/June issue of [Merrimack Valley Magazine](#) is now online and on newsstands. The new issue includes a cover story about the Valley's "locavore" movement, profiles of Lowell landscape artist **Vassilios Giavis** and Newburyport musician **Susan Levine**, and a book review of "The King's Grace, the latest novel by Newburyport's **Anne Easter Smith**.



Hollywood actor and Amesbury High school alumnus **Jeffrey Donovan** has created a \$100,000 scholarship through The Amesbury Educational Foundation Inc. Donovan will give a \$10,000 scholarship each year for ten years to a student entering the fine arts. *Daily News of Newburyport*: [Actor's \\$100,000 pledge aimed at aspiring arts students](#).



[Jewell Towne Vineyards](#), on the border of Amesbury and South Hampton, NH, was impressive at the 2009 [Taster's Guild](#) International Wine competition, winning three gold, medals, two silver and a bronze.

Restaurants in the Merrimack Valley



[Click here for the Dining](#) page of MVEDC's web site.



[Winnekenni Castle](#), 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill:



[The Brush Art Gallery](#), 256 Market Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through June 13: Massachusetts Artists 2009
 - ❖ June 21–July 26: Artists at the BRUSH Go Green! Opening Reception: Sat., June 27, 2:00- 4:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Art classes in jewelry, glass, weaving and textiles, drawing, pottery, pastels and painting, taught by professional, experienced artists: [Adult Classes](#); [Children's Classes](#)
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[19 Gallery](#), 119 Chelmsford St., Lowell:



[Exsultemus](#) vocal ensemble:

Sat., May 30, 7:30p.m.: "The Elvas Songbook- Portuguese and Spanish Songs of the Renaissance;" St. Anthony's Church, 893 Central Street, Lowell; 45-minute concert, followed by reception; free.



[Bridge Gallery](#), 1R Water Street, Newburyport:

- ❖ Through May 31: Art of [Judith Larmay](#)
 - ❖ Through May 31: Bridge Gallery artist **Joanna Hammond** exhibit at Stella's of Middle Street, Newburyport.
 - ❖ Through May 29: Bridge Gallery artist **Susan Jaworski-Stranc's** plein air oil paintings, "Small Works of New England", at Chase and Lunt Insurance, 47 State Street, Newburyport
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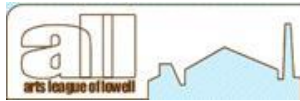


Newburyport's [Custom House Maritime Museum](#) has opened for the season, with new events and exhibits; *Daily News of Newburyport*: [New programs highlight museum's 2009 season](#)



[Whistler House Museum of Art](#), Lowell:

- ❖ Through June 27: **Anne D. Sullivan: A Retrospective**; brown bag Luncheon & artist talk: June 10, 12:00 noon; evening gallery talk with artist: June 25, 6:00 p.m.
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[Arts League of Lowell \(ALL\) Gallery](#), 246 Market Street, Lowell

- ❖ May 16-June 7: "Whispering Dimension" - Carol Whelihan-Scherer, Gregory Scherer, Mary Ann Mathews, and Sharon Sawyer.
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[Lowell National Historical Park](#), 246 Market Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through June 30, "At Home. With You." celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the [Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell](#); Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center.
- ❖ Saturdays, Sundays, and Memorial Day beginning May 23 through June 19: Lowell National Historical Park boats return to the canals of Lowell: Locks to Locks Tour- 1 hour 45 minute tour on Lowell's canals locking at Swamp Locks and visiting the Francis Gate complex; adults, \$8; Seniors/students, \$7; youth (6 -16), \$6; Children 5 and under, free.
- ❖ June 13-14: RiverFest: Locks to Locks Canal Boat Tour Sat. June 13, 2:00 p.m., with an environmental and water quality focus. Tour begins at the Park Visitor Center, 246 Market Street; free, reservations required: (978) 970-5000.
- ❖ Sat., June 13, 3:00 p.m.: Merrimack Riverwalk Walking Tour; starts at Boott Cotton Mills Museum 115 John Street, Lowell; free, reservations required: (978)

970-5000.

Sat. June 13, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: [RiverFest](#) - Muldoon Park on the Concord River, Billerica Street, Lowell; learn about the river's history, its wildlife and its future.



[Western Avenue Studios](#), 122 Western Avenue, Lowell:

- ❖ Sat., June 6, 12:00-5:00 p.m.: Artists' Open Studios (first Saturday every month)

Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Avenue, Lowell:



Sat., June 6, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: [17th Century Saturday](#) -28 houses and structures built in Essex County between 1625 and 1725 are open to the public; free.



[New England Quilt Museum](#), 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through July 12: *Radka Donnell - The Work of Touch*.
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[Lawrence Heritage State Park](#), One Jackson Street, Lawrence:

- ❖ June 5-7: 12th annual [Lawrence Film Festival](#); free.
 - Friday, June 5, 7:00 p.m. – Emmy Award-winning documentary, Have You Seen Andy? Discussion with filmmaker Melanie Perkins follows the film.
 - Sat., June 6. 7:00 p.m.: La Vie En Rose
 - Sun., June 7, 3:00 p.m.: Balseros



[Haverhill Historical Society/Buttonwoods Museum](#):

- ❖ Sat. & Sun., May 30&31; 11:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.: Open Studio at the Buttonwoods; watch artist Rob Sardella paint one of the shoes for the Haverhill "Shoe-la-bration;" free; light refreshments.
- Sat. & Sun., May 30&31; 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.: Annual ENHA Visitor's Center Open House; free.
- Weds., June 3, 6:00 p.m.: Annual Meeting, followed at 7:00 p.m. by the documentary "A City in Ruins: The Great Conflagration of 1882;" free, open to the public.



[Firehouse Center for the Arts](#):

- ❖ Gallery: Through June 7: **Paula Estey** exhibit, "It's A New Day"
- ❖ Fri, May 29, 7:30 p.m.; Sun., May 31, 4:30 p.m.: "Newburyport Lost: Changes Revealed through Photographs." one-hour photo documentary; *Newburyport Current*. [Photographic memory](#)
- ❖ Sat., May 30, 7:00 p.m.: **L.A. Dance**; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Fri. & Sat., June 5&6, 7:00 p.m.: **REEL PEOPLE: Fishermen of Plum Island**; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Fri. & Sat., June 12&13, 8:00 p.m.: **Kate Redgate**; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)
- ❖ Wed., June 24, 7:00&9:00 p.m.: **Jake Shimabukuro**; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#)



[Newburyport Art Association](#), 65 Water Street, Newburyport:

- ❖ Through June 14: **12th Annual Regional Juried Art Show**
- Sat., June 20, 5:00-10:00 p.m.: "**Artful Feast**" – 8th annual art auction; 5:00 p.m. champagne reception, silent auction 6:00-7:00 p.m.; live auction 7:00-10:00 p.m.



[Essex Art Center](#), 56 Island Street, Lawrence:

Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery -

- ❖ Through June 12: "Estate of Things" - new work by Candice Smith Corby;
- ❖ *Chester F. Sidell Gallery -*
- ❖ Through June 12: Two artists, A mélange of paintings and drawings of roads, portraits, places and things by Eric Allshouse (Lawrence) and Dennis Hart (Methuen)
- ❖ [Register now for Essex Art Center Summer 2009 classes](#), July 6 – August 20.
- ❖ June 6, 6:00-11:00 p.m.: 11th annual **Wet Paint** auction and fundraiser, Jackson Lumber and Millwork, 215 Market Street, Lawrence; [buy tickets online – MVArts.info](#).



[Revolving Museum](#), 22 Shattuck Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Current exhibit: "Show and Tell: The Art of the Narrative"
- ❖ Friday, May 29, 7:00-9:00 p.m. reception for "Show and Tell: The Art of the Narrative, Part 2"; \$5



Sat., June 20, 7:30 p.m.: Stanley Swann's Smooth Jazz; [Tabocas Steak House](#), 26 Andover St, Lowell; \$10.



[Ayer Lofts Gallery](#), 172 Middle Street, Lowell:

- ❖ Through May 31: All Fired Up, Paintings by Laura Shaw
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[Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley:](#)

- ❖ June 3-13: Fine Art and Fine Crafts Show and Sale; Nevins Memorial Library, 305 Broadway Methuen
 - ❖ Thurs., June 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.: monthly artists meeting & demonstration (3rd Thursday/month); Nevins Adult Day Health Center, 12 Ingalls Court, Methuen
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[American Textile History Museum](#), 491 Dutton Street, Lowell:

- ❖ June 21, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Grand re-opening of the new interactive Main exhibition, Textile Revolution: An Exploration through Space and Time;
 - ☐ Two new special exhibitions: "What Followed Me Home: Collecting Antique Quilts, Fabrics and Tools," and "Threads: The Weaving of Stories;" free admission all day.
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[Merrimack Repertory Theatre:](#)

- ❖ Fri., June 12, 6:00-11:00 p.m.: MRT's 30th Anniversary Gala; cocktails, dinner, dancing and performances by the Stardust Band and Laiona Michelle; Lowell Memorial Auditorium; tickets \$130; [purchase online](#); info: Jeff Prescott, 978.654.7552.
 - ❖ Registration now open for 12th season of [Young Artists At Play \(YAAP\)](#) - theatre camps, performance seminars and musical theatre workshops, from one to four weeks for students entering grades 1-12
- 2009-2010 season will feature two world premieres and three regional premieres:
- ❖ Sept. 10–Oct. 4: Flings & Eros by The Flying Karamazov Brothers (world premiere)
 - ❖ Oct. 15–Nov. 8: The Seafarer by Conor McPherson
 - ❖ Nov. 19–Dec. 13: Heroes by Gerald Sibleyras, adapted by Tom Stoppard (regional premiere)
 - ❖ Jan. 7–31, 2010: Fabuloso, A Play by John Kolvenbach
 - ❖ Feb. 11–Mar. 7, 2010: Black Pearl Sings! by Frank Higgins(regional premiere)
 - ❖ Mar. 18–Apr. 11, 2010: World Premiere Comedy by Richard Dresser
 - ❖ Apr. 22–May 16, 2010: The Blonde, the Brunette and the Vengeful Redhead by Robert Hewett (regional premiere)
 - ❖ Subscription packages on sale now, individual ticket sales begin August 10.
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[Lowell Memorial Auditorium:](#)

- ❖ Weds., May 27: **Cake**
 - ❖ Wed., June 3, 8:00 p.m.: Middlesex Community College Celebrity Forum 2009 Presents Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York; Lowell Memorial Auditorium; [buy tickets online](#).
 - ❖ Weds., June 10: **Vince Gill**
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What's Up Haverhill

- ❖ Fridays, June 19 - August 14: **Haverhill's Wingate Street Arts District** presents Friday Nights on "The Patio; live entertainment; free admission.



Friday June 19, 6:00-11:00 p.m.: "Buffett on the Beach" to benefit Anna Jaques Hospital; Pavilion at Salisbury Beach Reservation; \$125



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Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover:



PCA Westford's Parish Center for the Arts:

ACT ANDOVER



Andover Community Theater – "ACT Andover": Registration now open for summer camp for young adults (12-16); info: Mark Gracy: markgracy@ACTAndover.com; 978-476-6041



Sat., June 6, 7:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.: 31st Annual Lou Marcel Canoe Race to benefit Special Olympics; eight miles from Lawrence to the Crescent Yacht Club in Haverhill, followed by reception and awards presentations.



Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust offers whitewater rafting on the Concord River in downtown Lowell, with Class III & IV rapids.



The Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island offers 4,662 acres of natural beauty, including miles of sandy beaches, freshwater and salt marshes and other habitats that are home to more than 300 species of wildlife. The Refuge offers free programs throughout the year.



Joppa Flats Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, Newburyport

- ❖ Through July 12: wildlife photography by **Jim Fenton**.



Tewksbury Community of Artists:

- ❖ Sat., June 20, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: **Art on the Common**, Tewksbury Town Common (rain location: The Green Room and Old Chapel, Tewksbury Hospital)



Pentucket Players Summer Youth Theatre:

❖ Friday-Sunday, June 26-28: "**Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**" Merrimack College, North Andover; [buy tickets online-MVArts.info](http://buyticketsonline-MVArts.info)



Sat., June 27: **Lawrence Kite Festival, a Family Fiesta**: kite-making and kite-flying at Pemberton Park on the Merrimack River; face painting, music and trolley tours; free.



[News and events.](#)



Lowell Spinners: individual tickets now on sale [online](#)



Sat., May 30, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: "**2009 Local Authors Gathering**" – more than 20 published local authors will sign and sell their books; Johnson Auditorium, [Haverhill Public Library](#) 99 Main Street; info: Christopher Obert,: (978) 372-5825

2009 Merrimack Valley / Greater Boston

Fiber Arts Celebration!

Merrimack Valley/Greater Boston Fiber Arts Celebration: Sunday, June 14: Fiber arts demonstrations Gourmet box lunch, vendors' booths, hands-on activities; Featured Speaker: **Brunonia Barry**, author of the New York Times best-seller, *The Lace Reader*, admission \$35; Wyndham Hotel, Andover



Tickets are now on sale for all twenty shows in the 2009 Season of [the Lowell Summer Music Series](#) -blues, folk, roots and classic rock music in an outdoor amphitheater at affordable prices. 2009 Season Pass: \$250 before May 31; June 1, \$260.

- ❖ Saturday, June 27: Los Lonely Boys
- ❖ Friday, July 10: Ani DiFranco
- ❖ Friday, July 17: Michael Franti & Spearhead
- ❖ Saturday, July 18: Aimee Mann
- ❖ Thursday, July 30: Joan Baez - 50th Anniversary Tour
- ❖ Friday, July 31: Blues Traveler
- ❖ Saturday, August 1: Melissa Ferrick & Catie Curtis
- ❖ Friday, August 7: Dar Williams
- ❖ Saturday, August 8: The Derek Trucks Band
- ❖ Friday, August 14: Jakob Dylan & the Wallflowers
- ❖ Saturday, August 15: Entrain
- ❖ Friday, August 21: Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul
- ❖ Saturday, August 22: Livingston Taylor
- ❖ Friday, August 28: Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience
- ❖ Saturday, August 29: Ronnie Earl & the Broadcasters
- ❖ Friday, September 4: Hot Tuna Electric, with Jorma Kaukonen & Jack Casady
- ❖ Saturday, September 5, Tom Rush

❖ Saturday, September 12: 30th Annual Banjo & Fiddle Contests
 Friday, September 18: Gaelic Storm



Maudslay Arts Center, Maudslay State Park, Newburyport: 17th Summer Season:

- ❖ Sat, July 4 - Barrence Whitfield & The Savages
- ❖ Sat., July 11 - The Don Campbell Band
- ❖ Sun., July 12 - Made in the Shade
- ❖ Sat., July 18 - The Aardvark Jazz Orchestra
- ❖ Sun., July 19 - The Dave Rowe Trio
- ❖ Sat., July 25 - Paul Broadnax Quintet
- ❖ Sat., Aug. 8 - Shirim Klezmer Orchestra
- ❖ Sun., Aug. 9 - Gerry Barrett Big Swing Band
- ❖ Sat., August 15 - The New Black Eagles Jazz Band
- ❖ Sun., Aug. 16 - The Mystix
- ❖ Sat., Aug. 22 - Grace Kelly Jazz
- ❖ Sun., Aug. 23 - Vintage John Penny Band
- ❖ Sun., Aug. 29 - Rebecca Parris



- ❖ Sat. & Sun, June 27&28: Salisbury's 3rd Annual **Sand & Sea Festival**: wave-running, surfing, kayaking, kite-flying, live music and the largest fireworks display north of Boston
- ❖ [Click here for more info.](#)



Christine Brown, former director of UMass Lowell's Center for the Arts, will offer live theater performances at the [Chelmsford Performing Arts Center](#) for local school groups, starting in October. *Lowell Sun*: [Former director of UMass Lowell Center for Arts starts company to bring live theater to children](#)

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