

ART DUJOUR

VAL'S VIEW

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A Third Thursday Classic



It's no secret that the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum sure knows how to host an excellent evening. This month they're partnering with ONE-in-3 for an evening exploring ways that young professionals in Boston

engage with civic, artistic and social life. On Thursday April 16th from 5:30 - 9:00pm, the Gardner Museum hosts a special "Third Thursday" concert series honoring 100 years of Billie Holiday with up-coming vocal jazz vocalist, Jasmine Jefferson. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance as well as at the door. For more information visit www.gardnermuseum.org. Photo credit to Huffington Post

ArtWeek Boston to Offer 125+ Creative Events May 1 – 10 - 127 events – 64% free – scheduled in 45 neighborhoods and towns

How would you like to paint with your food or learn to dance with the cast of Dirty Dancing? Or listen to an a capella concert in a distillery or join an Afro-Latin drum circle? What about sitting down to a meal inspired by the soundtrack of the cult classic movie Pulp Fiction? These are all part of ArtWeek Boston, a bi-annual, 10-day celebration of Greater Boston's creativity made possible by 175 creative and business partners from May 1 – 10.

Presented by the Highland Street Foundation and produced by Citi Performing Arts Center, ArtWeek offers an exciting selection of more than 125 events in 45 neighborhoods and towns, including: Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Lowell, and expanded this year to Beverly, Brookline, Chelmsford, Concord, Framingham, Gloucester, Haverhill, Ipswich, Mansfield, Marion, Maynard, Medford, Natick, Needham, Provincetown, Salem, Sandwich, , Watertown, Wenham, and West Newton. The majority of events are free with 94% under \$25. The complete calendar of events can be found at www.artweekboston.org.

Sculpture in Boston



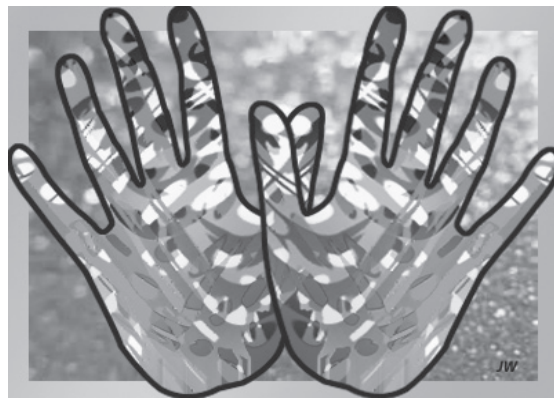
Barnard Dog

Forest Hills Cemetery

Sculptor
Henry Dexter

Mr. Barnard was a shoemaker who died in 1853; Mrs. Barnard lived for another 60 years, until 1913. It was Mrs. Barnard who chose this wonderful dog sculpture to mark her husband's grave. <http://www.foresthillstrust.org>

ART BRIEFS



A Brand-New Festival for Kids - Kids and creativity take center stage next June for Hubbub, presented by the Boston Book Festival. At Hubbub, kids can dance to world-class music, be inspired by their favorite authors, marvel at puppetry,

experiment with science, bounce ideas around, and encounter surprises around every corner of Copley Square. Mark your calendars for June 20, 2015, and get ready for an unforgettable day of creative commotion. info@bostonbookfest.org. 617.945.9552. hubbubfest.org

National Poetry Month Film Series--Wilde

Join us Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in April for our National Poetry Month Film Festival. Sponsored by the Friends of the West End Branch Library. April 15: Sylvia (2003, 111 mins, rated R). April 22: Edge of Love (2008, 111 mins, rated R). April 29: Kill Your Darlings (2013, 104 mins, rated R). West End Branch Library, 151 Cambridge St, Boston MA 02114 www.bpl.org

Freedom Rising: Reading, Writing and Publishing Black Books is a celebration of the rich tradition of African American literature at Museum of African American History

Black Books places pioneering works of 18th and 19th century black authors from the Museum of African American History's collection of rare books in dialogue with more contemporary works across a wide array of selected genres: poetry, fiction, auto-biography, medicine, military experience, sociology, music and more! The featured books include David Walker's 1829 Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World together with The Autobiography of Malcolm X (1965), and the published work of Phillis Wheatley in dialogue with 20th century poetic works of Sonia Sanchez and Nikki Giovanni. maah.org. 617-720-2991. 46 Joy Street, Beacon Hill

CALL to ARTISTS - Performing Artists & Visual Artists

The Commonwealth Shakespeare Company invites artists from all disciplines to apply for Fair Verona, three open-air festivals that will transform some of Boston's most cherished parks and local communities into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. They will highlight performances and displays, workshops in the visual and performing arts, and interactive outdoor activities, including, but not limited to: mask making, painting, drawing, drum circle, dancing, fight choreography, improvisation, theater games, and more. Artists should indicate whether or not they are applying for a slot on the mainstage or at an adjoining booth. Deadline: April 15, 2015. <http://commshakes.org/learn/Shakespeare-OFF-the-Common/fair-verona-festivals/call-to-artists>

“Creativity takes courage.”

Henri Matisse

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