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First Friday Tickets

NBMAA Non-Member Ticket\$15.00 USD

NBMAA Member Ticket\$10.00 USD

Member # (req. for members)

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First Friday of each month from 5:30-8 p.m.

\$10 for Museum members, \$15 Non-members

\$3 for beer and wine, soda is free

First Friday features live jazz music performed by local and nationally known musicians. Attendees have the opportunity to view the Museum's premier permanent collection, which includes 300 years of American art. Experience art activities and have intriguing gallery talks while you mix and mingle with other art and jazz lovers. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, and soda will also be served during the event.

For general inquiries about First Friday please contact the Front Desk at (860) 229-0257.

For sponsorship information please contact the Development Manager at (860) 229-0257, ext. 246.

Jan. 2

Music: Greg Abate & Greg Abate jazz saxophonist, flutist, composer continues as an International Jazz/Recording Artist with 225 days a year touring the globe. In the mid 70's after finishing a four year program at Berklee College of Music, Greg played lead alto for the Ray Charles Orchestra for 2 years. In 1978 Greg formed his group Channel One which was a favorite in the New England area and from there had the opportunity to play tenor sax with the revived Artie Shaw Orchestra under leadership of Dick Johnson from 1986 to '87. Following this experience Greg ventured out as post hard bop soloist playing Jazz Festivals, Jazz Societies and Jazz Clubs throughout the U.S. Canada and abroad, including most of Europe, UK, and Moscow and Georgia Russia. Greg will be playing with Kent Hewitt, Bill Morrison, and Ben Bellelo.

Tasting: Shannon's Jammin Jams

Maker's Market: In the Buff by Dory Redman

In the Buff, by Dory is a home based business that sells natural bath products. Dory makes every batch by hand and takes pride in all of her products. Everything she makes is her own recipe, she works hard to develop the perfect product for her customers making her sugar body scrubs, bath salts, lotions, lotion bars, lip balms, cuticle balms, goat milk soaps and vapor rub. Her products will leave you feeling pampered and relaxed.

Feb. 6

Music: Shaded Soul is a high-energy band that has been established since 1985. Shaded Soul is known all over New England for their stage show and versatility in musical styles ranging from the 40's big band music to the top 40 of today.

Tasting: Killam & Bessette Farmstead (jam & sausage)

Food: The Whey Station (Food Truck)

Maker's Market: Jane Wilson (handmade purses); and Amanda Proscino (vintage jewelry)

Jane Wilson is a Connecticut based designer who specializes in one of kind handmade purses. Jane combines her love of color, graphic design and sewing to create each original and unique purse. Some are enhanced with individual applique work; others rely on the fabric patterns and color combinations to create interest and appeal. Jane takes time with each purse exploring color and pattern interplay to create the individual design. Items are not mass-produced. She develops her own patterns for the purses and she cuts, presses and sews each one by hand. She has fashioned the purses for functionality, with pockets for essentials and a long shoulder cord for hands free independence.

Amanda Proscino & Queen of None specializes in mixed media jewelry with a focus on reclaimed materials.

Primarily accented with brass and silver, Queen of None jewelry is constructed with baubles, found objects, and vintage elements. As each piece is created using reclaimed treasures, no two are alike. From chunky statement necklaces to minimalist earrings, Queen of None provides one-of-a-kind and earth-conscious jewelry for those who wish to indulge in their inner-royalty.

Mar. 6

Music: Vin Knapp & New Britain native Lynn Roby Knapp will be performing at the museum. Singing Jazz standards as well as dance hits from Motown to Disco and R&B Accompanying Lynn will be Joe Grieco On Keyboard and vocals, Dean Coutsouridis sax and guitar and Vin Knapp drums.

Tastings: Max Pizza and Back East Brewing

Maker's Market: Sharon Kehmna (pottery); and Northeast Nutmeg by Erin & Allie (scented candles)

Sharon Kehmna - I have been playing, in one form or another, with earth since I was a small child. My exploration began in mud and dirt piles and continued on to small clay pots that I sometimes pinched and sometimes threw on a kick-wheel that my father built.

Although I've left clay in the past to explore painting and other media, I always come back to clay. It is, and will always be, my favorite art medium. I enjoy the tactile pleasure and intuitive nature of clay. Clay speaks to me. I love the challenge of its properties. Clay connects me to earth and life. In difficult times, it has saved my life.

For many years I focused on hand building, incorporating interesting found textures into my work. Currently, I am honing my wheel throwing skills to create functional and decorative pottery. I am also beginning to alter my wheel thrown forms and am combining them with texture and other hand building techniques to create sculpture. Where this will all lead me, I do not know, but I am enjoying this journey every step of the way.

Erin & Allie are two local Nutmeggers inventing deliciously creative handmade candles. Their scents and classic designs make these artisanal candles the perfect gift for each season & every occasion. Each candle is made using soy wax— from soy grown right here in the USA and feature lots of local Connecticut small business ingredients.

Northeast Nutmeg Candles are perfect for warming homes and hearts!