

ART DUJOUR

VAL'S VIEW



Let Your Skin Be the Canvas

Boston's Tattoo Convention comes but once a year, and with it a whole world of unique and talented artists. The convention doesn't just highlight who has the biggest and most outrageous tattoos, but it celebrates the vast and long standing his-

tory of the art of tattooing. Aside from hosting over 100 nationally known tattoo artists, the event will feature live music, swag giveaways, a facial hair competition and burlesque. The convention takes place at the Back Bay Sheraton Hotel, Friday August 21st - Sunday, August 23rd. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door, or online. For more information about the event, or to order a weekend VIP pass, visit, www.bostontattooconvention.com

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Saint Anthony's Feast in the North End of Boston. August 28-30. Visitors stroll the beautifully decorated streets sampling the best Italian street foods from 100 pushcarts enjoying arancini, sausage peppers & onion, quahogs, calamari, pizza, pasta and of course zeppole, cannoli and gelato. Guests can also browse the wide selection of souvenir keepsakes and mementos. Other events include: The Fillipo Berio Culinary Pavilion featuring cooking demonstrations and sampling from the North End and Boston's most fabulous restaurant, an annual Open Air Mass in honor of Saint Anthony, including the veneration and individual blessing of the Relic of Saint Anthony and the distribution of blessed Saint Anthony Bread. <http://stanthonysfeast.com/>

Free Fun Fridays!

70 MUSEUMS & CULTURAL VENUES

10 WEEKS OF FUN THIS SUMMER

7 SITES OPEN FOR FREE EACH FRIDAY

Free Fun Fridays offers visitors no cost admission to many of the most treasured cultural venues in Massachusetts

Schedule at <http://highlandstreet.org/freefunfridays.html>

The Riot Theater seeks to create a home for some of Boston's best comedy. Boston has an abundance of talent and never enough stages to put it on. The Riot Theater, housed in A Far Cry Chamber Orchestra's storefront rehearsal space, seeks to bring quality comedy to a part of Boston that has a wealth of support for the arts but little in the way of a regular comedy scene. Located at 146A South Street, Jamaica Plain. www.theriottheater.com

Walking a **LABYRINTH** brings physical benefits but helps to relieve stress, experts say. On the first Wednesday of the month, June-October at 12:30, you can walk the labyrinth at Armenian Heritage Park on the Greenway with the Labyrinth Guild of New England. Labyrinth at Armenian Heritage Park on the Greenway is a "circular winding path in grass and inlaid stone that celebrates life's journey". Labyrinth Walks are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm. The Labyrinth is open to the public at anytime. For more information: ArmenianHeritagePark.org

ART Tripping with Two Eleanor's

Fitchburg Museum

A nice drive on Route 2 West will bring you to a wonderful museum bursting with new and old art to enjoy. Current exhibits include a beautiful exhibit by **Eleanor Briggs**, documentary and fine art photographer and the 80th Regional Exhibition of Art & Craft both on view until September 6. **Eleanor Norcross** born in 1854 was the inspiration for this museum. According to the museum web site: "Although she (Eleanor Norcross) did not live to see her dream of opening an art center fulfilled, her bequest of her collections and funds made it possible to open the Fitchburg Art Center in 1929 - "for the joy and inspiration of art." In 1951 The Fitchburg Art Center became the Fitchburg Art Museum, where Eleanor's legacy lives on. <http://fitchburgartmuseum.org>



Save the Date - Boston Arts Festival

The festival is held over two days on September 5 and 6 in Columbus Waterfront Park and features a juried exhibition of work by emerging artists, art making demonstrations, live music, and craft and food vendors. 105 Atlantic Ave., Boston. (617) 635-4500

Boston Storytellers Wanted

Cara Solomon is working in partnership with the Peace Institute and other community-based organizations in Boston to create a storytelling website for the city (Everyday Boston). She is looking for community-minded people who would like to partner up with her on this project. The time commitment is about five hours a month, and Cara can work around your schedule. So far, we've got story ambassadors from Roxbury, Charlestown, Dorchester, and Mission Hill. All interested folks are welcome from all different neighborhoods, including the ones that are already represented. If you'd like to represent your neighborhood by becoming a story ambassador, Cara would love to hear from you. Teens are welcome, too! Please contact Cara directly at cjill1025@yahoo.com. ldbpeaceinstitute.org

Upcoming Forest Hills Cemetery Walk - August 19

Literary Boston. Join Anthony Sammarco for a tour visiting the gravesites of some of the prominent literary figures memorialized at Forest Hills. Some are well-known: poets e.e. cummings and playwright Eugene O'Neill, and members of the dynasty behind 'The Boston Globe': Charles H. Taylor and William O. Taylor. But there will be some surprises as well, such as Susanna Haswell Rowson, whose lurid yet pious novel "Charlotte Temple" was America's first best seller, and Annie Haven Thwing, who compiled a history of Boston on 125,000 index cards and was the author of the classic "Crooked and Narrow Streets of Boston." And without Lewis Edson Waterman, the inventor of the fountain pen (also buried at Forest Hills), authors might still be struggling to write with a feather quill dipped in ink, so our tour will visit him as well. These tours are sponsored by the Forest Hills Cemetery and the Forest Hills Educational Trust. Meet at Main Gate at Forest Hills Cemetery, 95 Forest Hills Avenue, Jamaica Plain, MA at 5:30 PM. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water; this is a ninety (90) minute walk (with frequent stops) over varied terrain. \$10.00 per person. More info (617) 524-0128.

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