

# Valentines, "Oscars," Sports, and More

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**The Burlington Historical Society** received a surprise gift in the final hour of the final day of business in 2011. Governor Malloy arrived in Burlington to announce the awarding of a \$155,000 STEAP grant for the repair of the ballroom ceiling at their Elton Tavern. The Tavern, a 1810 mansion, is home to the Burlington Historical Society, and the bowed-ceiling on the upper floor is in need of structural repair. The

February is an exciting month! Read all about FVVA member happenings, events and specials!

Make your Reservations NOW,  
for the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day

February is right around the corner, so if you don't want to be "left out in the cold" without a reservation for the Super Bowl or Valentine's Day, make them now. Our restaurants and lodgings have great packages for both events. The Maple Tree Cafe has announced a free pasta and meatball buffet for the SuperBowl and a Valentine dinner and wine special. We'll keep you up-to-date as other specials come in. Don't forget to look for that special gift for your Valentine. Try Carol & Company in Canton, as their store sale continues until February 18th!

By the way, don't forget a Valentine's gift for your pet. **Oma's Pride** (also the home of Miller Foods in Avon) announces "**O'Paws love bundle**," a scrumptious assortment of loving treats for your pet. For information, call 678-6627 or visit them off of Arch Road in Avon.

## The Farmington Valley Film Commission Presents: OSCAR NIGHT

Join us on Sunday, February 26th from 7:30 to Midnight at Farmington Gardens in Farmington for an evening of fun and excitement. Enter on the red carpet in Black-Tie Optional attire. Enjoy pre-Oscar festivities, heavy hors d'oeuvres, carving stations, cash bar, and "hob-knob" with "stars!" Watch the Oscars in style and stop by the photo booth to make a memory. The evening will be emceed by Maggie Slys, actress, news reporter and on-air personality for the CT Lottery drawing on Fox 61. \$50 per person or \$95 per couple may be charged through the website.. [www.farmingtonvalleyfilm.org](http://www.farmingtonvalleyfilm.org). Cash or check payments may be made through the FVVA office. Feel free to visit the web for details or call us at 676-8878. Hope to see you there!

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grant will also allow for interior painting and repair of the chandeliers. When completed, the Society is planning a Grand Ball in the new Ballroom. Watch for details!

The Central CT Chambers of Commerce have created "Ducks on Parade," to raise funds to create a "Business Incubator" targeting start-up businesses in the region. They will provide space for entrepreneurial and start-up businesses, providing them with administrative support and professionals to help guide them. If you'd like to participate and either sponsor or purchase a "duck," call the Chamber at 584-4718.

## SAVE THE DATE!

FVVA presents Mob's Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Celebration-A Great Way to Kill an Evening, Thursday, March 22nd from 7-11pm at 41 Bridge Street in Collinsville. Join "Uncle Franco" and his mobsters in a professional production, including thrills, action, intrigue, fun and laughter, while enjoying a sumptuous buffet created by 41 Tolly's Restaurant.

Ticket will be available online at [www.41bridgestreet.com](http://www.41bridgestreet.com) shortly, or can be purchased through the

Congratulations to Jean Foisie of Travel Vision. She was just honored at the "Sandals" STAR awards in Ocho Rios, Jamaica as one of the top travel agents in New England. Way to Go Jean!

Homewood Suites by Hilton announces their February promotion: a complimentary "Breakfast To Go" bag each morning, filled with a bottle of water, piece of fresh fruit and a breakfast bar or muffin. For more information, call Lori or Jeffrey at 321-0000.

Learning Power realizes that the Spring SAT season is creeping up, so their instructors are prepped and ready to work with Juniors for the upcoming March exam. Classes begin Feb. 4th and run through Feb. 26th, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1-5pm at their offices in Avon. The class is 32 hours of instruction in Critical Thinking, Math, Essay Writing, English usage and grammar review. Pre-Tests and Post- Tests will be administered, and the student will learn strategies for time management and dealing with test anxiety. The instructor will provide a personal prescriptive study plan based on testing and class performance. They are offering \$100 off the cost of the course for the first 5 people who enroll. For information call 674-0502.

Simsbury Culture, Parks & Rec announces that summer job descriptions and applications, and Camp Counselor-in-Training information and applications are now available. Call 658-3836 or visit [www.simsburyrec.com](http://www.simsburyrec.com).

## February Events

A schedule of Maple Tree Cafe entertainment is below.

- 1-29 "February Showcase," Arts Exclusive Gallery, Simsbury, Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 1-6pm, 651-5824, [www.arts-exclueive.com](http://www.arts-exclueive.com)
- 1,4,15,18 "Exhibition Tours," Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 1pm; Enjoy a tour tailored to the new Print Exhibition, museum admission, 677-4787
- 2 Nook Farm Book Talk, "1861: The Civil War Awakening," Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford, 5pm reception, 5:30-6:30pm discussion, free, registration, 522-9258 x 317
- 2 The Fourth Season Hill-Stead "Winter Farm-to-Table Dinner," Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 6-10pm, \$99 per person, 677-4787 x 110 for information, reservations/tickets via the Max Online Store.
- 3 "Theo turns 145," A family birthday celebration/Movie Night, showing The Wizard of Oz, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 7pm, pre-registration, 677-4787 x 142
- 4 FREE Family Night & Summer camp Open House, Valley Sports Center, Canton, 5-8pm, 693-2378

office. Watch your e-mail for more details, or call us at 676-8878. Don't miss out on this hilarious murder mystery event!

Join Our Mailing List!

- 4 First Saturday Open Studios, Farmington Valley Arts Center, Avon, 678-1867
- 5 First Sunday Gallery Talk, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 1pm museum admission, 677-4787
- 5 An Ever-Widening Circle: Peoples of the Lighthouse Village, Canton Historical Museum's Winter Lecture Series held at the Canton Community Center, Canton, 2pm, \$3 members, \$5 non-members, 693-2793
- 8 Columnist Denis Horgan speaks about new forms of storytelling. Mark Twain House & Museum, Hartford, 5:30pm, free admission, 247-0998
- 8 "Let's Talk about It: Making Sense of the American Civil War Part Two: Choosing Sides, Avon Historical Society & the Avon Public Library, held at the Avon Congregational Church, Avon, 7pm, 673-9712
- 9 Salons at Stowe: Slavery in 2012 Connecticut, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford, 5-7pm, RSVP, 522-9258 x 317
- 10 Barkhamsted Historical Society Program Series: Scenes from 100 years ago, presented by Peg Giles, info & time-738-2456
- 10,11 Valentine Performance - Hartford Children's Theater Presents *A Love-Chase*, at the Mark Twain House & Museum, Hartford, 7pm and 8:30pm, \$23 members, \$28 non-members, reservations essential, 247-0998
- 11 "1863: Lincoln's Remarkable Year," a one-man performance, sponsored by the Avon Public Library, Avon Historical Society, and the Avon Senior Center, held at the Avon Senior Center, 1pm, registration, 673-9712
- 11 "Black Forest Bake Sale," Burlington Public Library, Burlington, 10am until they sell out, 673-3331
- 11 Love, Laughter and Living Used Book Sale, Burlington Public Library, Burlington 10am-4pm, 673-3331
- 12 "Dana Lauren Jazz Brunch," Murasaki Cafe at the Mark Twain House & Museum, Hartford, 11:30 am & 1:15 pm, reservations, 280-3130
- 18 High School Dodge Ball Tournament, Valley Sports Center, Canton, 5-10pm, call Mark S, 693-2378
- 19 "Presentation of Collins Company Tools" by Jan Fish, Canton Historical Museum's Winter Lecture Series held at the Canton Community Center, Canton, 2pm, \$3 members, \$5 non-members, 693-2793
- 19 "Open Cockpit Sunday," New England Air Museum, Windsor

- Locks, 10am-4pm, museum admission, 623-3305
- 20-24 February Vacation Activities: New England Air Museum:  
 ( 623-3305 - reservations & information)
- 20th LEGOS - ages 3-12 from 10am -3pm
- 21st Open Cockpit Program from 10am-4pm
- 22nd Aero Modeling Workshop ages 8-14 accompanied by an adult, 10am-3pm. The workshop takes 1 1/2 hours
- 23rd "Nose Art" activity - ages 3-12 10am-3pm  
 Airplane Flight Challenge 10am-12pm & 1-3pm
- 24th "Toys in Space," learning & discovery programs, 11am and 2pm
- 22 Family Health Seminar Series, Valley Sports Center, Canton, 6:30-8pm, registration by Feb. 20th, 693-2378
- 22 February Vacation Art Adventure, Hill-Stead Museum Farmington, 10am-12:30pm grades K-2; 1-3:30pm, grades 3-6, pre-registration required, 677-4787 x 142
- 23 Salons at Stowe: "Pollution is Harmful to Your Health," Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford, 5-7pm, free, 522-9258 x 317
- 25 Avon Arts Association's Monthly Meeting features a demonstration by Artist Susan Tilton Pecora, 7:30pm at the Avon Town Hall - Avon Building. There will also be a day long workshop, [www.avonarts.org](http://www.avonarts.org).
- 25 Nature Walk: Woodland Trail, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 1pm, 677-4787

**The Maple Tree Cafe's February Entertainment Schedule**  
 (for info.. call 651-1297)

- 3 Young Neal & the Vipers  
 4 Avenue Groove  
 10 Eight to the Bar  
 11 Push 10  
 17 The Savage Brothers  
 18 George Baker with Bert Teague  
 24 Major Motion  
 25 Jeff Pitchell & Texas Flood

**Simsbury Culture, Parks & Rec Programs**  
 ([www.simsburyrec.com](http://www.simsburyrec.com), 658-3836)

- Youth Programs:** Camp Tons-Ta-Do, Acting, Babysitter Safety, Teen Girls Yoga, Jukido-Jujitsu  
**Adult Programs:** Vinyasa Yoga, Empower Yoga  
**Family Programs:** Open gym, Red Sox Bus Trip Sunday June 10th  
 Skating programs for all ages

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Sincerely,  
 Nancy Anstey and the Farmington Valley Visitors Association