

February's the month for sweethearts, chocolate treats and romance...check out our members offerings to make February 14th Spectacular!

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Farmington Valley
Visitors Association

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**DON'T FORGET FVVA'S
OWN
"SWEETHEART DEAL!"**

We're offering you a **10% Early Bird discount** If you pay your 2017 dues by **Valentine's Day (Feb. 14th)**. You can pay by check, or on our website through PayPal.

If you've lost your invoice, please give us a call and we'll send you another copy!

CONGRATULATIONS TO RAVENSWOOD NATURAL HEALTH. They're 7 years and growing!

THERE'S STILL TIME TO design the Best Valentine's Day ever!

If you haven't made your **Valentine's Day plans**, there's no time to waste! Check out our lodgings, restaurants, grocery & specialty food stores for reservations, catered meals or all the fixing. Visit our florists and specialty shops for that extra special something to make unforgettable memories!

We'll be keeping you up-to-date on member specials throughout the next 2 weeks. You can celebrate Valentine's Day with **Metro Bis**, who offers a fabulous 3 course meal in the restaurant or "to go!" Call 651-1908 for reservations, or call 651-7417 to place your order. The Deadline for orders is Friday, February 10th. **Avon Prime Meats** has scrumptious suggestions for a romantic dinner at home. Check them out!

Scene Art Bar in Unionville says, "Get out of the fold and Ppaint, Sip and Socialize." Grab your friends or date and join a step-by-step art class with music, beer & wine. Classes include painting on canvas, glass, and reclaimed wood. Fundraisers, children's parties, private parties and mobile parties are also available. Visit www.sceneartbar.com to view their complete calendar of classes, or to book a private party.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

FlyFishtheFarmington.com
1748 Farmington Ave., #2,
Unionville, 995-8128
E: flyfishthefarmington@gmail.com
www.flyfishthefarmington.com
Say hi to Stephen!

Connecticut native Stephen Hogan has fished the Farmington River for over 30 years and knows it intimately - from the Hogsback Dam down to the Unionville Bridge. His wealth of knowledge and fly fishing expertise allow him to take his clients to places few anglers will go. It's never too early to book a full or half day guide. Just give him a call !

The **Stanley-Whitman House** is proud to announce that The Farmington River Quilt Project is on display in the museum during regular museum

Since opening in 2010, the shop has expanded every single year. The store has added new space, new products, new customers, and more.

Winter sales are on, from multi-vitamins to mellow mixes, salt lamps, and wellness to weight loss. Drop by and browse all 4 fabulous rooms!

In August of 2016, owner Sara Thornton completed her classes with Dr. Tieraona Low Dog. Now, Ravenswood Natural Health is the only vitamin shop in the Farmington Valley owned and operated by a Certified Clinical Herbalist.

For more information, call 264-1587 or visit: www.ravenswoodnaturalhealth.com.

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hours until February 26th. The 50-foot long quilt depicts 25 locations along the "Wild & Scenic portion of the Farmington River, and is designed and created by 24 skilled quilters using materials as diverse as metallic thread and rock. It is truly spectacular! Call 677-9222 for more details. Hope you can drop by.

41 Bridge Street Live thanks its fans for making their 2016 season a smashing success. They are on their "Winter Hiatus," but will reopen for the 2017 season on March 17th. We'll e-mail their schedule as soon as we get it.

Last Minute JANUARY EVENTS

- 29 Groundhog Day Hike, Roaring Brook Nature Center, Canton, 1:30-3pm, \$6 adults, \$4 children, 693-0263
- 29 A Tea Party to Celebrate "The Boston Tea Party!" Stanley-Whitman House, Farmington, 1-3pm, \$12 per person, registration required, 677-9222 x 302 or www.stanleywhitman.org.
- 31 Historic Homes in Avon: a celebration, Avon Library Community Room, Avon, 6:30pm, 673-9712

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 3 "Art At The 1820," featuring the Photography of April Aldighiere, Simsbury 1820 House, 5:30-7PM. Free, 658-7658
- 4 Family Winter Survival, Roaring Brook Nature Center, Canton, 2-4pm. Dress for Winter. Not geared for children under 9, \$5 members, \$7 non-members, pre-registration required, 693-0263
- 4 Hartford in World War 1, a talk by Dave Drury, Avon Historical Society at the Avon Library, 1pm, 673-9712
- 5 First Sunday Activities, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington; art projects, hiking, visiting the sheep farm, leisure tours and more, 1-4pm, 677-4787
- 5 Wildlife Super Sunday, Roaring Brook Nature Center, Canton, 1-4pm anytime. Learn about the animal sports mascots and whom you'd want to have on your dream team, Center admission, 693-0263
- 10 Snow Wading Moon - Family Night Hike, Roaring Brook Nature Center, Canton, 7:30-8:45pm, \$5 members, \$7 non-members, pre-registration, 693-0263
- 11 Explore the Night Walk: Winter Exploration II, Winding Trails, Farmington, registration: www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=649
- 12 Nature's Secrets - Who's Out and About During Winter, Winding Trails, Farmington, registration: www.windingtrails.org/register/?id650
- 14 Valentine's Day extended hours, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 4-6pm, 677-4787
- 16 Salons at Stowe: *If you Can't See It, Can You Be It?*, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford, 5:30pm, 522-9258 x 302
- 16 Soup Nights Dinner with author Betty Rosbottom, Metro Bis,

- Simsbury, five course wine dinner, reservations, 651-1908
- 20 Open Presidents Day, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 1-4pm, 677-4787
- 20-23 School Vacation Fun at Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 8:30am-1pm. Information and registration, limited space, 677-4787 x 140 or email: weaverj@hillstead.org
- 22 Story Time, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 9am, 677-4787
- 26 And the Award Goes to..... Which animals deserve the award for Best Actor, Best Sound Effects, Best Costume, Best Special Effects... Roaring Brook Nature Center, Canton, 2-3pm, Center admission, 693-0263

Farmington Valley Arts Center Schedule
678-1867 www.artsfvac.org

- 2/6-3/9 6 Thursdays 1:30-3:30pm
Landscape Painting with Kathleen Curran Smits
- 2/8-3/29 8 Wednesdays 9-12pm
Painting Basics with Carolann Dvorak-Brewer
- 2/28-3/14 - 3 Tuesdays 1-3pm
All Medium Painting with Deborah Leonard

Talcott Mountain Science Center
677-8571 www.tmsc.org

Both sets of classes run from 9am to 3pm

Feb. 4,11,25 Magic & Science Prime Time K-3

Feb. 4,11,25; March 4,11,18; April 1,8 The Sky's the Limit 4-8

Sincerely,

Nancy Anstey and the Farmington Valley Visitors Association