



Paddle, Paddle



Launch into spring with a ten-day paddle from one end of the Housatonic River to the other. The

Housatonic Valley Association has organized the **SOURCE TO SOUND PADDLE TRIP** from April 22 to May 1. Three expert paddlers will guide goes down the Housatonic River beginning at the source in the Berkshires and arriving in Stratford, on Long Island Sound. Along the way, riverside celebrations will take place, greeting paddlers and offering instruction about the river ecosystem and celebrating the 75th anniversary of HVA. "It promises to be a wonderful ten-day celebration, including many partner organizations and VIPs," says HVA's Brenda Singer.

On April 30, HVA board member and former fashion exec Linda Allard has committed to paddling in the war canoe, with influential Litchfield County women. HVA will hold riverside events along the way. School children will participate in events in W. Cornwall and Kent. The West Cornwall event will engage students from Cornwall and Sharon in an art-science collaboration, creating a life-size bald eagle nest, to celebrate the return of the bald eagle to Cornwall and the Housatonic River. The Kent event will take place at The Kent School and will engage 100-plus Kent Center School students in science activities about the river's wildlife. Don't forget your sunscreen.

More information, paddle itinerary, and riverside events can be found at hvatoday.org. —**GEOFFREY MORRIS**

Recursive Threads

APR 2 - MAY 5

HOTCHKISS SCHOOL

The Tremain Gallery at the Hotchkiss School presents an exhibit by two alumni, Ann Conrad and Elizabeth Gourley in an exhibit titled Recursive Threads. Curator Anthony Kirk paired these two artists, who share common ground both in Hotchkiss and the way they create their work. The end result is a beautifully curated exhibit showcasing two dedicated artists' work. A reception will be held April 9 from 4-6 pm.
11 Interlaken Rd
860-435-4423
hotchkiss.org/arts

After Architecture

THRU APR 30

HART'S GALLERY

An exploration of the symbiotic relationship between man-made and natural environments, and their impacts on our experience of Earth. The exhibition takes as its point of departure the biological concept of symbiosis: any association between two species that live together, whether the species benefit, harm, or have no effect on one another.
20 Bank St., New Milford
917-913-4641
hartsgallery.com

Sister Act

APR 16 - MAY 2

LANDMARK COMMUNITY THEATER

The hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a wannabe diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a crime and the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look—a convent! Under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship.
158 Main St., Thomaston
860-283-6250
landmarkcommunitytheater.org

Sinatra at 100

APR 26 @ 1PM

OLIVER WOLCOTT LIBRARY

Gil Gigliotti explores the life and career of one of the great-

est performers in history, Frank Sinatra. Listen to hits like Love and Marriage, New York, New York, and Strangers in the Night, and explore Sinatra's roles in films like *From Here to Eternity*.

160 South St., Litchfield
860-567-8030
owlibrary.org

Rita Wilson

APR 27

RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE

Singer and actress Rita Wilson, known best for roles in *Sleepless in Seattle* and *The Good Wife*, as well as wife of Tom Hanks, comes to the Playhouse with her second, self-titled album. Wilson collaborated with a number of songwriters to create the content of her new album. The show will include numbers from her first album, as well as some covers, and her new album. Tickets are \$75.
80 East Ridge St., Ridgefield
203-438-5796
ridgefieldplayhouse.org

HVA 75th Anniversary Dinner

APR 28

BULLS BRIDGE INN

Author Frank Delaney will bring River Words and the Diana Herold Jazz Trio will entertain guests, many VIPs, and dignitaries.
hvatoday.org

The Fantasticks

APR 28 - MAY 21

THE BROOKFIELD THEATER FOR THE ARTS

"The Fantasticks" is the longest-running musical in the world, and with good reason: at the heart of its breathtaking poetry and subtle theatrical sophistication is a purity and simplicity that transcends cultural barriers. The result is a timeless fable of love that manages to be nostalgic and universal at the same time.
184 Whisconier Rd., Brookfield
203-775-0023
brookfieldtheatre.org

Spring Jazz Series:

Albert Rivera

APR 29

PALACE THEATER

Contemporary, smooth, jazz musician Albert Rivera brings his trio's exciting sound to the Palace