

# Hill-Stead has children's activities, poetry, jazz



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Still in search of summer fun for little ones?

**Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington** is hosting "Summer Nature & Arts Adventure" for children entering grades 1 to 6. The camp will combine art, culture, history and nature, utilizing the museum's art collection and the grounds of the estate to inspire children.

The camp, which begins July 13 for three weekly sessions, will be Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. Each week of the multi-disciplinary camp has a different theme.

The days are structured around three one-hour activities, both nature- and art-oriented. Participants will enjoy time in the museum, exploring the property and trying their hands at studio art. Each week will also feature a guest speaker who specializes in nature, art or animals. Themes vary from week to week. July 13 to 17 will focus on "On the Farm," with colonial history, early Farmington history, animals and farm life. July 20 to 24 is titled "Canvas & Compass," with lessons in watercolor and pottery as well as opportunities for painting en plein air and time to enjoy nature hikes. From July 27 to 31, the focus is on "Around the World," with talk about world

travel, culture, cuisine and climate.

Children are grouped into three sections by grades, with grades 1 and 2 together, grades 3 and 4 combined, and grades 5 and 6 in the final group.

Cost is \$140 per child per week for members; \$150 per child per week for non-members. Reservations are required. Call (860) 677-4787 ext. 142 or visit [www.hillstead.org](http://www.hillstead.org).

**LIBRARY CREATIVITY:** The **Bristol Public Library** is asking patrons to "Be Creative @ Your Library" this summer. A summer program for adults started earlier this week and continues through the warmer months.

A **Knit Wits** needle workers group will meet on selected Wednesdays in Meeting Room 1 at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be July 15, following by gatherings on July 29 and Aug. 12. Share your creative knowledge while working on any needle projects. No registration is necessary.

"**Craft in America: Memory, Landscape and Community**," a highly acclaimed PBS series in three one-hour parts, will be shown Monday to Thursday at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Visit the library for a schedule of times for each segment.

"**Maya Lin - A Strong Clear Vision**" will have two showings: 2:30 p.m. July 13 and 6:30 p.m. July 23 in Meeting Room 1. The film about the architect of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. was the winner of the 1994 Oscar for Best Documentary Feature. The event is free and no registration is required. Another documentary, "**Andy Goldsworthy: Rivers and Tides**," will be shown at 6:30 p.m. July 13 and 2:30 p.m. July 21 in Meeting Room 1.

Additional programs continue throughout the summer. The Bristol Library is located at the intersection of High and Main Streets in

downtown Bristol. Call (860) 584-7787 or visit [www.BristolLib.com](http://www.BristolLib.com) for more information.

**FREE FUN:** Southington's **Music on the Green** concert series continues Wednesday with a performance by the **Barons**. The oldies group will perform the biggest hits of yesterday. The show is sponsored by The Summit at Plantsville.

The concert series is held every Wednesday through Aug. 26. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. Rain date is Thursday. Call (860) 276-6219 for more information.

**POETRY FEST CONTINUES:** The **Sunken Garden Poetry & Music Festival** continues Wednesday at the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington.

The event, which will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., features the winners of Hill-Stead's statewide Young Poets Competition. In addition to the work of six high school students, the evening will also feature **Kim Roberts**, the second prize winner in Hill-Stead's National Poetry Competition for Adults. Roberts is the editor of *Beltway Poetry Quarterly* and the author of two books of poetry.

Music will be provided by **Freddie Bryant and His Trio**.

Gates open at 4:30 p.m. Picnicking is allowed on the West Lawn and the Sunken Garden.

Visitors may bring their own food or purchase on site from Metro Catering. Attendance to the festival is free. On-site parking is \$10 per car.

The event is rain or shine. Hill-Stead is located at 35 Mountain Road in Farmington. Call (860) 677-4787 or visit [www.hillstead.org](http://www.hillstead.org).

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