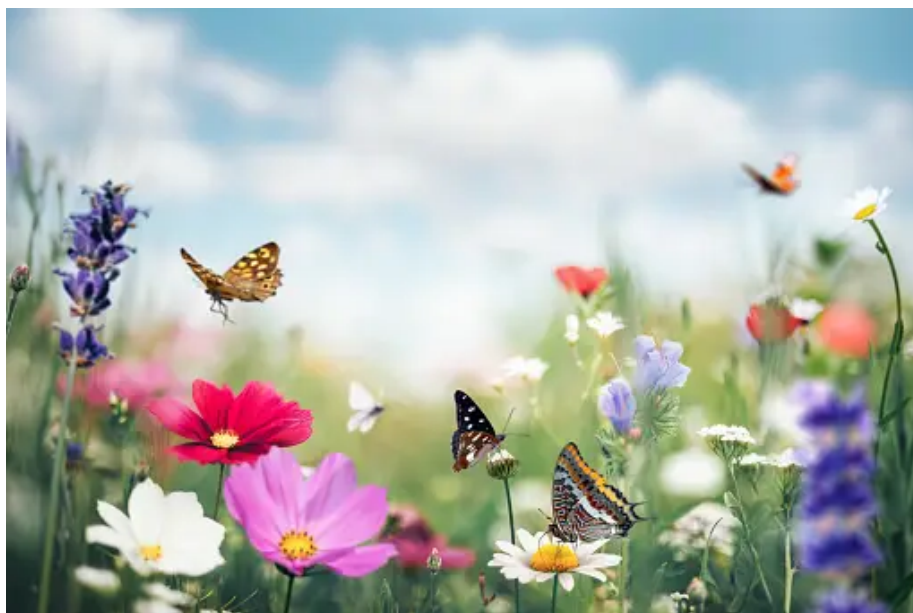


# EASTON COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY

**Spring 2024**  
**Easton Public Schools**

## **What's Inside:**

Local events at the Ames Free Library,  
Natural Resources Trust of Easton, Easton Collaborative  
Theatre, Easton SEPAC, and more...



Here in the Easton Public Schools, we believe that educating parents about their child's experience(s) in school as well as helping the community to understand what is happening in the district are important components in working collaboratively for the good of all students. We have provided hundreds of opportunities for staff to be continuous and lifelong learners and stay current in educational issues and trends. Easton Community University (ECU) does the same for the Easton community.

ECU has been able to bring more seminars, workshops, and classes to assist families and residents of Easton to better understand the EPS mission as well as provide guidance and skills helpful in navigating through education and childhood. We will also include sessions that create collaborative experiences between teachers and parents and/or provide a service to residents.

As we all know, education is moving, evolving, and morphing each and every day. We are all working hard to navigate all of the changes and expectations! We know that you, as parents and community neighbors, are encountering the same changes. Helping you to understand where we are headed and why, will only assist us all in communicating more effectively and clearly.

If there are topics that would be of interest or assistance to you, please contact us with your suggestions. If you have an interest in offering a workshop, please send us your proposal as well! Help us to support you as we work together to provide the very best for all of Easton's children which, of course, benefits the entire community.

# EASTON



Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics

## FAMILY NIGHT

Free admission to Easton Pre-K—2nd grade residents and their families!



**FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024**  
**6:30pm-8:00pm**

Fun-filled, hands-on activities for the family in:  
**Science - Technology - Engineering - Arts - Mathematics**

**BLANCHE A. AMES ELEMENTARY**  
50 Spooner Street  
North Easton, MA 02356

*Thank you to the many local businesses, organizations, EPS staff and volunteers that make this event possible!*

## SAVE <sup>THE</sup> DATE

**EPS DEIA COMMUNITY  
2023-2024 MEETINGS**

**Blanche Ames Elementary School**

50 Spooner St, North Easton, MA

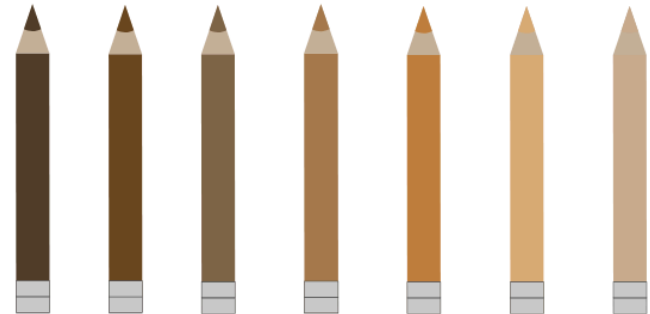
4:30 pm to 6 pm

Tuesday| November 28, 2023

Tuesday| January 30, 2023

Tuesday| March 26, 2023

Wednesday| May 29, 2023





**WILLIAM JAMES  
COLLEGE**

**Continuing Professional  
Education Programs**

*Enhance your career, earn CE credit and learn something  
new at Boston's premier school for psychology*

## Strategies & Supports for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Co-Sponsored by Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, William  
James College, and You Inc.

### Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

10 Lincoln Square  
First Floor Ballroom  
Worcester, MA 01608

**Hybrid Event!**

**Online via Zoom & In-Person**

**April 18, 2024**

**9:00 AM-3:30 PMET**

Viewing in Eastern Time

**This event is being offered both VIRTUALLY & IN-PERSON, choose  
which works best for you!**

**CE CREDITS: 5.5 Continuing Education Credits Available**

**COST: \$100 In-Person, \$85 Virtual**

**LOCATION: Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences &  
Online via Zoom**

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**It's spring and time to get the whole family outside!**

Vendor applications for crafters, food services, and sponsorships are  
posted below for download.

## NRT's 2024 Spring Farm Festival at Sheep Pasture

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 10 am -2pm**

Enjoy a day outdoors celebrating spring with family-friendly fun!

**Admission is \$20/ family, up to 5 people**

**\*Please note all admission and many vendors will be cash only  
at the event**

**Limited free parking available at NRT. Enter at 261 Main Street, North Easton,  
MA**

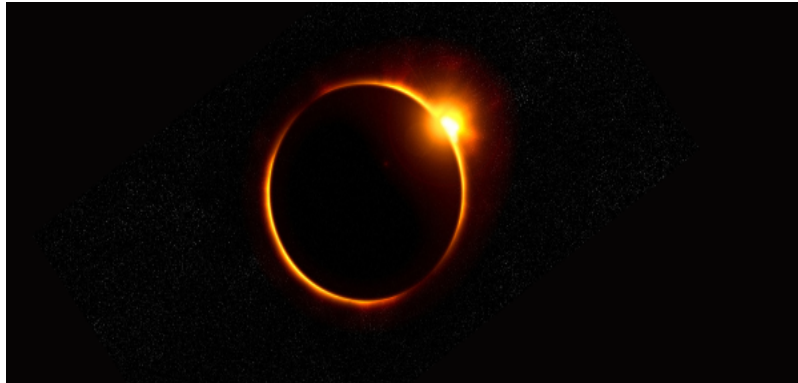
**(across from the Langwater Farm field)**

Free games, family photo booth, tractor exploration station, bubble station, crafts,  
and more. Food and some craft items will be available for purchase if desired for a  
small fee. Families are also welcome to bring a picnic lunch and blanket to enjoy  
outdoors! Vendors may be on site with local crafts, etc. and those items are not  
included with the admission fee.

**Please no dogs or other pets at the event. Service dogs trained to perform specific  
tasks for their handlers are welcome.  
NRT's Farm Festival is rain or shine.**

**All admission fees directly benefit the operations of the NRT of  
Easton & Sheep Pasture!**

# Eclipse Events at Ames Free Library



Excited about the upcoming total solar eclipse? So are we! Attend our events to learn more or just to join other enthusiasts. Read more about the eclipse [here](#).

Monday, April 8 at 1:30 PM: [Solar Eclipse Viewing Party in Queset Garden](#)

You can also pick up a pair of eclipse glasses at one of our glasses distribution days throughout the first week of April. Find out [when and where](#).

 EASTON COLLABORATIVE THEATRE PRESENTS

ESTD 2019

Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

# MARY POPPINS JR.

A MUSICAL BASED ON THE STORIES OF P.L. Travers & the Walt Disney film

ORIGINAL MUSIC AND LYRICS BY Richard M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman

BOOK BY Julian Fellowes

NEW SONGS AND ADDITIONAL MUSIC AND LYRICS BY George Stiles & Anthony Drewe

CO-CREATED BY Cameron Mackintosh

ADAPTED BY ITHEATRICS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF Timothy Allen McDonald

EASTON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
98 Columbus Ave  
North Easton, MA 02356

## OPENING CAST

FRIDAY

**APRIL 26**

7PM

SATURDAY

**APRIL 27**

2PM

## CLOSING CAST

SATURDAY

**APRIL 27**

7PM

SUNDAY

**APRIL 28**

2PM

**DIRECTOR**  
Liana Gorman

**CHOREOGRAPHER**  
Julie Bellini

**STAGE MANAGER**  
Alicia Fleischer

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/81224>



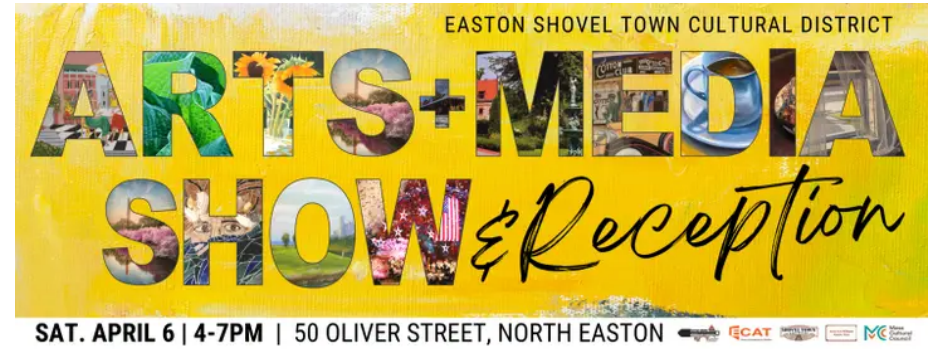


***Celebrate Earth Day at Sheep Pasture!***

We'll be conducting a BioBlitz to celebrate and acknowledge the incredible abundance of life around us! In a BioBlitz, participants try to find and identify as many different plant, animal, and fungi species as possible, documenting as much life as they can. We'll be using the iNaturalist app to help us identify and record whatever we find.

Don't worry if you're not too sure of your identification skills – we'll all be learning and collaborating together. Field guides, binoculars, and other tools will be available for use during the program, or feel free to bring your own!

This adults-only program is a great opportunity to experience the natural world in a new way, learn and share knowledge with others, and meet people who love the outdoors as much as you do!



**Free event and all are welcome!**

The Easton Shovel Town Cultural District, in partnership with Easton Community Access Television, is excited to announce the return of its Arts and Media Show and Reception to be held on April 6, 2024, 4PM – 7PM, at 50 Oliver Street, North Easton.

Featuring local Artists & Artisans displaying and selling their work in: Fine Arts Painting & Photography, Jewelry, Ink, Textiles, Drawings, Wood Turning, Metal & More.

Enjoy complimentary refreshments with Live Music by local favorite Guitarist Dave Spagone. Craft beer and wine available for purchase from Shovel Town Brewery.

Special Tribute honoring Avery Lee Williams with Live Music by award-winning Elvis Presley Tribute Artist, Robert Black, cake and champagne toast at 5PM.

ECAT will host a live show in its studio for public viewing, introducing artists with displays of their works for sale.

For more information, visit [easton.ma.us/shoveltownculturaldistrict](http://easton.ma.us/shoveltownculturaldistrict) or email Amy Rodrigues at [arodrigues@easton.ma.us](mailto:arodrigues@easton.ma.us).

Presented by Easton Shovel Town Cultural District and Easton Community Access Television, with generous support by Avery Lee Williams Family Trust and Mass Cultural Council



**Please check out the Town of Easton's Community Engagement Programs. Click the link below.**

# Easton SEPAC

## Special Education Parent Advisory Council

### *Information and Resources*

### **About Easton SEPAC**

The Easton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is for families like yours. We are a community of volunteer parents who meet regularly to provide a forum for families to discuss concerns, share information and resources, provide support, learn more about special education, and to advocate for our children. Our meetings are open to all caregivers. Please join us at our upcoming events, as we would love to meet you and hear how we can help your family. We offer regular educational seminars and support groups.

[Full Easton SEPAC Brochure](#)



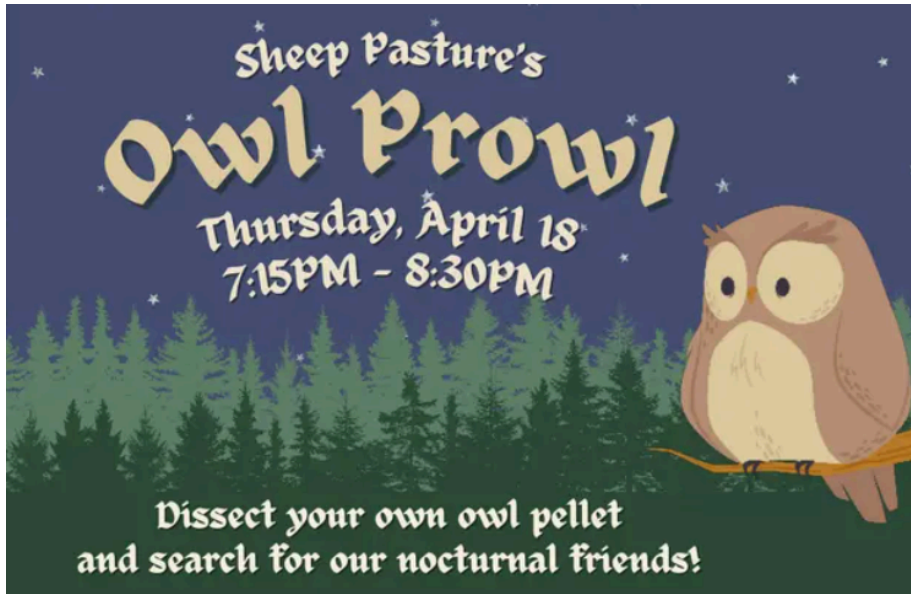
#### Health & Community Services in Easton

As winter fades away and flowers start to bloom, we're delighted to usher in the joyous spirit of spring with our upcoming programs. Dive into the season with our array of activities for the whole family. Let's celebrate the beauty of spring together, embracing the warmth, renewal, and the countless possibilities it brings. All programs listed in this flyer will occur between 3/31/24 and 7/3/24.

Some activities listed will be recurring and featured in future brochures based on demand. While hard copies of this brochure are available upon request, digital copies may change to reflect the addition of programs to our calendar. As always, please stay in touch with our department and let us know what programs you would like to see next!



[https://issuu.com/eastonprograms/docs/spring\\_programs\\_brochure\\_2024?fr=xKAE9\\_zU1NQ](https://issuu.com/eastonprograms/docs/spring_programs_brochure_2024?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ)



NRT Educator Hannah will lead a guided hike through Sheep Pasture's trails and help uncover the secret lives of these birds of the night! Participants will also get the chance to dissect their own owl pellet made up of all the indigestible bits of an owl's diet! Dig through the fur and bones to discover what kinds of animals our owls like to eat!

Night hikes are back at Sheep Pasture with our Sheep Pasture After Dark program series! Join NRT educators after hours as we discover nature in a whole new way. Each program will feature a unique topic delivered during a hike of Sheep Pasture's trails. All hikes are slow-paced on relatively level trails and programs are suitable for all ages. Be sure to bring your flashlights good shoes for walking plenty of water and anything else you might need for this 90-minute excursion.

Admission is \$10 for NRT Members and \$12 for NRT Non-Members. Children 4 and under are free.



April 20, 2024

Collage Assemblage with Stephanie Osser

Session 1: 10:30am-11:30am

Session 2: 12:30pm-1:30pm

Location: Lingos Multi-Purpose Room

Address: Ground Floor- Main Branch

304 Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301

Join Illustrator/ Instructor Stephanie Osser at the Brockton Public Library.

Children (and parents) are encouraged to create Eric Carle's "Hungry Caterpillar" as well as a "Fruit Loopy Bird". They will do this out of recycled food boxes, patterned papers, and googly eyes while listening to fun tunes.

Register by calling the children's room. This program is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.







## Borderland State Park

259 Massapoag Avenue  
North Easton, MA 02356  
(508) 238-6566



# Ames Mansion Tours

Pre-registration required

For dates and times, follow link below; on-line

**Mansion Tour:**  
**Building a Home**  
Sundays, 1:00-1:30pm  
and 2:00-2:30pm  
Wednesdays, 1:00-1:30pm

Come get a look at the fully furnished interior of the Ames Mansion, including the ornate two-story library. On this 30-minute tour, explore the history of the Ames family and the house itself. First floor only. For adults and older children.



**Kids Mansion Tour**  
Sundays, 3:00-3:30pm  
Mondays, 3:00-3:30pm

What would it have been like to be a kid living in the Ames Mansion? Learn about the Ames family and the four children who grew up here at Borderland. Great for families with younger children. First floor only. Tour is 30-minutes.

**Mansion Tour: The Ameses & Women's Rights**  
Sundays, 4:00-4:30pm  
Mondays, 4:00-4:30pm

Did you know that over 100 years ago, when the Ames Mansion was built, women did not have the right to vote? Blanche and Oakes Ames' involvement in the struggle for women's rights helped pass the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution in 1920. During this 30-minute tour of the first floor, you will learn about their women's suffrage efforts. For adults and older children.



Register in advance online by visiting: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/borderland-state-park-mass-dcr-44656431063>

Space is very limited. Masks are recommended. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tours are free; parking fees apply. Accessible. Rain or shine.



## Flower Collage

April 16, 2024: 10:00am-2:00pm

Location: 9 Sullivan Avenue, North Easton

The collage technique is a favorite of ours because it's perfect for all ages and abilities. Kids choose the pieces they want to work with and then it's a gluing frenzy as textural leaves, stems and blooms leap off the paper! Between the bright, bold colors and mix of textures, these pictures are very appealing from a visual standpoint. We will be turning out masterpieces all day long in MakerSpace on Tuesday (while supplies last).

Today we are part of Spring Week and this means free admission thanks to our friends from the Highland Street Foundation! Free admission is for this day only and is on a first come, first served basis. We anticipate a lot of people and the museum does have a capacity limit, so we encourage visitors to plan ahead and check our Facebook page prior to visiting for updates.

Check out the calendar for Spring Week, all supported by the [Highland Street Foundation!](#)

# Coming Event





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