

# APRIL 2018

## MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Building Better Futures for All Children



Artwork by Sienna, Age 5

**Free, Fun Activities  
for Families with  
Young Children**

## Animals of Spring presented by Teaching Creatures

Monday, April 2; Two sessions: 9:30-10:15 and 10:30-11:15  
Hilltop Montessori School, 99 Stafford Farm Hill Rd, Brattleboro



Come learn about what some special animals have been doing all winter, and what awaits them in warmth of the new season. Meet frogs, a rabbit and a hedgehog up close and celebrate the arrival of spring! Pre-registration required; call 802-257-0500 x102

## Sing & Dance w/ Robin

Tuesday, April 3 from 10:30-11:30 KidsPLAYce, Brattleboro

Tuesdays, April 10, 17, 24, 10:30-11:30 Brooks Memorial Library

A fun, joy-filled hour for parents and children ages birth to 5.

Sing, dance, and explore rhythm instruments in an enriching and bonding musical experience! Pre-registration is appreciated at Kidsplayce; call Rose at 802-254-5212.

## Children's Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Friday, April 6, 4:00

Moore Free Library, Newfane

Artwork by children at Timson Hill Preschool and NewBrook

Elementary on display in the library's Crowell Art Gallery throughout the month.

## Moving to Music, Stories and Imagination

Saturday, April 7, 10:00-10:45

Oak Grove School, Brattleboro

Andy Davis will lead young children in activities that weave together music, storytelling, dance and song. Parents are welcome to participate with children or observe. Bring comfortable shoes. Please pre-register - call Jen at 802-254-3868 or email [jenrice3868@gmail.com](mailto:jenrice3868@gmail.com).

## Kindred Spirits: New Life of Spring

Saturday, April 7, 10:00-11:30

Grafton Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd, Grafton

Learn about the explosion of life in the spring from small seeds to big babies and everything else in between. Build your own bird house to take home with you! RSVP by calling 802-843-2111

## 14th Annual Young Children's Art Exhibit

Sunday, April 8, 10:00-Noon

River Garden, 157 Main St, Brattleboro

Come enjoy the work of our community's youngest artists. Early childhood educators will be displaying their students' artistic creations. Fun, hands-on activities, refreshments, face-painting and information on resources and services available for young children and their families will be available.

## Building a Flourishing Community

Tuesday, April 10, 4:00-5:30

Winston Prouty Center, Holton Hall, 4th floor

How can we work together to build a strong and flourishing community? Come learn about the ways stressful events in our early years of development affect us in ways that last our entire lives. Then, talk together about how we can work as a community to build our individual and collective resilience. There will be a presentation, discussion and light snacks with Amy Goldberg and Tracy Binet-Perrin.

## Children's Creative Dance

Saturday, April 14, 9:30-10:00 (3-4 yr olds)

10:15-11:00 (5-6 yr olds)

Brattleboro School of Dance, 22 High St, Brattleboro (3rd floor)

Join us for a dance class which incorporates simple exercises and activities that draw on children's imagination and love of expressive movement. Contact [info@brattleboroschoolofdance.com](mailto:info@brattleboroschoolofdance.com) or 802-254-6884 with questions and to reserve a spot!

## Family Fun Event

Saturday, April 14 from 10:00-12:00

Early Education Services, 130 Birge St, Brattleboro


Open to all- music, face painting, crafts, live animals from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, door prizes, free books, bag lunches and more!

## Storybook Walk at Retreat Farm

Saturday, April 14, 1:00

Retreat Farm, 45 Farmhouse Sq, Brattleboro

Join outdoor educator, Cailyn Gans, for a storybook walk along the Little Lamb Loop trail! As we walk, children will search for the



next page in the book to discover the story of a shepherd who shears his sheep and spins wool to make a brilliant red cloak.  
More info: [info@retreatfarm.org](mailto:info@retreatfarm.org) or 802-490-2270

### **FREE Week at KidsPLAYce**

Monday, April 16 – Friday, April 20, 10:00-2:00

20 Elliot St, Brattleboro

KidsPLAYce, an indoor play/activity center in downtown Brattleboro, will open its doors with free admission! More info: 802-254-5212

### **Parent Tot Open Gym**

Monday, April 16 & Thursday, April 19 from 10:00-11:45

Gibson Aiken Center gym, 207 Main St, Brattleboro

Enjoy play in a big open space. Toy, blocks, playhouse, foam mats, balls and more provided. Children must be supervised.  
More info: Jessy at 802-254-5808

### **Welcoming Spring: Special Nature Programs & Earth Day Celebration**

Monday, April 16 – Saturday, April 21, 10:00-2:00

Grafton Nature Museum, 186 Townshend Rd, Grafton

Join our environmental educators at 11am on Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat for a special hour long nature program that will be fun for all ages. Saturday will include a special Abenaki program in honor of Earth Day! Afterwards, delve into the museum then head outside to explore. Grab a trail map, try an exploration kit, or go on a scavenger hunt!

### **Animal Tea and Stories**

Tuesday, April 17, 9:30-11:30

Brattleboro Food Co-op, 2 Main St, Brattleboro


Bring your favorite stuffed animal and dress up as an animal if you'd like! We'll have a special tea party with homemade animal crackers, kid-friendly tea and animal stories!

### **Talk a Walk with Mrs. Cranberry**

Wednesday, April 18, 3:30

Winston Prouty Center, Vermont Hall, 209 Austine Dr, Brattleboro

Discover the trails of the campus and meet our imaginary friends



who live in the forest - like Mrs. Cranberry and Brother Cub and Sister Cub - along the way. Family-friendly hike led by Alfred Hughes, Jr. Snack provided. More info: 802-257-7852

### **Fun with Food at the Coop**

Thursday, April 19, 9:30-11:30

Brattleboro Food Coop, 2 Main St, Brattleboro

We'll transform the BFC Community Room into a center of sensory exploration with doughs of various kinds for kids to get their hands in, along with taste tests from every color of the rainbow. Stop in any time between 9:30 and 11:30!

### **Puppet Variety Show**

Friday, April 20

10:00-10:30 toddlers, 10:45-11:30 preschoolers

Winston Prouty Center, Vermont Hall, 209 Austine Dr. Brattleboro  
Bringing story time to the next level- Winston Prouty Center's bookmobile librarian presents an engaging variety of storytelling techniques including shadow puppets, crankies, and more. Sharing her love of stories and art, Sueño delights young audiences with her simple productions and abundant enthusiasm.



### **Making Art with Found Materials**

Saturday April 21, 10:00-12:00

River Gallery School of Art, 34 Main Street (sidewalk entrance)

Taught by Kay Curtis & Nancy Detra Children under 5 should be accompanied by an adult. Questions or to RSVP call Kay at 802-258-7470

## **Adventures with Super Bee at KidsPLAYce**

Saturday, April 21, 11:15-11:45

20 Elliot St, Brattleboro

An inspiring, fun and interactive dance performance by Sobo Studios.

## **Wild Carrot Farm**

Saturday, April 21, 9:00-11:00

511 Upper Dummerston Rd, Brattleboro

Families are invited to meet farm animals, go for a hay-ride, and plant seeds in your own pot to take home. The farm is located across from the Brattleboro Country club. More information: wildcarrotfarm@gmail.com

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## **Mother Up! Monthly Meet-Up**

**Corrected date/time: Monday, April 23, 5:30-7:30**

KidsPLAYce, 20 Elliot St, Brattleboro

Mother Up! brings together families to talk about the tough realities of climate change and to participate in the just transition to a healthier and safer world. A simple vegetarian meal and childcare for ages 8 and under will be provided. Free and open to the public. Mother Up!: Families Rise Up for Climate Action is a project of 350Vermont. Contact: abby@350vt.org

## **Babes in the Woods**

Wednesday, April 25 from 9:30-11:30am

Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center

1221 Bonnyvale Road, Brattleboro

Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers are invited to take a hike and enjoy the woods at BEEC. We will meet the trees and look for clues of who lives in or nearby them. We will use all of our senses to experience the wonders of the woods in early Spring. Pre-registration is required at [www.beec.org](http://www.beec.org) or by calling 802-257-5785.

## Cheshire Children's Museum

Free with voucher

Friday, April 27 & Saturday, April 28, 10:00-5:00

Sunday, April 29, Noon-4:00

49 Emerald St, Keene, NH

A hands-on museum for children to explore, learn and Imagine a World of Possibilities. Vouchers for free entrance will be distributed at the Children's Art Exhibit on April 8 and available at the Winston Prouty Center or by calling 802-257-7852. More info: [www.cheshirechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.cheshirechildrensmuseum.org).

## Peter Siegel Concert/Sing-Along

Saturday, April 28, 10:00-10:45

Timson Hill Preschool, Newfane, VT

Come join us for a fun concert/sing-along for families with young children.

## Green Street Promise Community Pathway Opening Celebration

Saturday, April 28, 10:00-12:00

Green Street School

Art making! Kazoo parade! Ribbon cutting! Snack for all! Special showtime at 11:30! Rain or shine.

## Teddy Bear Workshop

Saturday, April 28, 11:00

Whitingham Free Public Library

Kids can stuff their own teddy, decorate a shirt and receive a birth certificate for it. Snack included. Ages 3 and up. Must pre-register by April 14, 802-368-7506.



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