

Gimme Ten! *July is heating up, so check out these cool area events!*

1. New Works by Dustin Spagnola at The Satellite Gallery

July 1-31; Reception on Friday, July 1, at 6 P.M.

This new body of work (oil on canvas) by local artist Dustin Spagnola focuses on imagery from his personal collection of photographs. Subjects include family and friends and the pieces explore the people, places, and images that have had a profound impact and personal relevance in his life and development as an artist. For more information, visit thesatellitegallery.com or call 828.505.2225.



Artist, Diana Gillispie

2. The Odyssey Co-op Art Gallery, Second Saturday Celebration

Saturday, July 9, 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.

The Odyssey Co-op Gallery in the River Arts District features pieces by 24 clay artists, working in a range of styles to create functional and nonfunctional pottery, as well as figurative and abstract sculpture. Featured artists for July are Christine Sams, Diana Gillispie, and Tara Underwood. Check out this free event and enjoy food, music, and artists' demonstrations.

3. Riverkeeper Beer Series Release Party

Saturday, July 9, at 5:30 P.M.

Through September, the Riverkeeper Beer Series supports the work of MountainTrue and the French Broad Riverkeeper. Five unique beers will be created by area breweries. The selection for July comes from Blue Ghost Brewing Company in Fletcher, which will host the free release party. Nantahala Outdoor Center will raffle off whitewater rafting packages at the event. Earlier in the day is a river cleanup event. Details to be announced at mountaintrue.org.

4. Concerts on the Quad at UNCA

July 11 & 18, from 7-8:30 P.M.

Attendees are invited to bring chairs, blankets, and picnics to enjoy along with the music at UNC Asheville's Concerts on the Quad series. A progressive Southern and country rock artist from Weaverville, Joe Lasher, Jr. will headline the July 11 event. The following week, singer, rapper, and guitarist Leeda Jones (known as Lyric) will take the stage. Find info at unca.edu/concerts or by calling 828.251.6674.



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Saturday July 16, at 8 P.M.

For a funky, jazzy, pop rocky, soul quenching evening of fresh grooves and original compositions, check out the Jeff Thompson Giving Trio at The Grey Eagle. Jeff is joined by Aaron Price on keyboards and James Kylen on drums. There will also be some special guests. Tickets are \$12 in advance/\$15 at the door. Visit thegreyeagle.com for more info.



Appalachian Barn Alliance

6. Appalachian Barn Alliance, “Seat at the Table” Benefit

Sunday, July 17, at 3 P.M.

Enjoy a farm-to-table dinner and guided tour of the property at The Farmer’s Hands, just outside the town of Mars Hill. Ticket purchases (\$35/\$30 for ABA members) benefit the Appalachian Barn Alliance. Reserve a seat by emailing info@appalachianbarns.org or calling Nancy at 828.230.6982. More info at appalachianbarns.org.

7. Music by Fayssoux Starling McLean & Brandon Turner

Sunday, July 17, at 7:15 P.M.

The Haywood Street Congregation will be transformed into a sanctuary of Americana and folk music. Lead vocalist Fayssoux Starling McLean and guitarist Brandon Turner will perform in a benefit concert. Donations support Haywood’s Downtown Welcome Table. Learn more at haywoodstreet.org.



8. The Moth at The Mothlight

Thursday, July 21, at 7:30 P.M.

Made famous by its popular podcast, *The Moth*—true stories, told live and without notes—comes to Asheville each month for the StorySLAM open mic storytelling competition at The Mothlight in West Asheville. All are

encouraged to submit their name for their chance to tell a five-minute story on a given theme. These ten tellers are chosen at random. This event always sells out in advance, so grab your ticket (\$10) when they go on sale July 14 at 3 P.M. This month’s theme is “Neighborhoods” and Steve Shell is the host. More info at themothlight.com.



Artist, Cathyann Lautier Burgess

9. ART Works Hosts Works by Cathyann Lautier Burgess

July 1-31; Demo on Friday, July 22, from 5:30-7 P.M.

ART Works in Brevard will host an exhibit of pastel paintings by Cathyann Lautier Burgess. Titled “Over Head and Hills: Sky Dancing,” the collection was inspired by air currents moving clouds over WNC mountains. To learn more, contact ART Works at 828.533.1063 or email artworksbrevardnc@gmail.com.

10. LEAF Downtown AVL

Saturday, July 30, from noon to 10 P.M. and Sunday, July 31, from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Head to Pack Square Park for LEAF Community Arts’ free, family-friendly second annual LEAF Downtown AVL. Enjoy a variety of music from regional and national states, such as WAR and Big Sam’s Funky Nation. The weekend kicks off with the LEAF Art Dash 5k on Saturday. Visit theleaf.org/downtown to learn more.

For more events (or to submit your own), visit thelaurelofasheville.com/events.