



Arts & Culture



MetroWest Boston offers a wealth of arts and culture. We recommend the following:

Danforth Art Museum (Framingham, MA)

A jewel box housed in the historic Jonathan Maynard Building. Browse the 3,500+ pieces in their permanent collection reflecting works of **art from the 18th century to today**, including the largest collection of work and ephemera by Harlem Renaissance sculptor **Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller** portraying the African and African-American experience. The Museum offers seasonal exhibitions, art workshops, and special programs and events.



"Many Cultures, One Heart" public art project (Framingham, MA)

One of many public art projects in MetroWest, the hearts represent the diversity of Framingham, and include work by **artists of many races, religions, ethnicities, and nationalities**. Each heart includes a plaque with a QR code that links to an artist's video telling their personal stories. One heart represents Brazilian immigrants in Framingham, the largest population of Brazilians outside of Brazil, one tells the Indigenous story of Massachusetts, another includes the word "Welcome" in all 67 languages spoken in Framingham, and more. Take your group on a scavenger hunt to find as many as you can.

Hopkinton Center for the Arts (Hopkinton, MA)

One of the region's largest performing and visual arts centers, HCA includes a rotating **gallery of regional work, a wealth of art workshops and special events, engaging lectures and educational programs, and indoor and outdoor performances**, such as their famous "A Play, A Pint & A Pie" summer stock production of one act plays submitted from all over the world. With your ticket price comes a pint of local craft beer and a savory hand pie. HCA is always happy to create a custom class or book a private performance for your group.



Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra (Milford, MA)

Enjoy a symphony, chamber music, or jazz concert during the season, including their famous Holiday Pops concert. In the summer, bring a picnic and enjoy their free outdoor family concerts. Alternatively, see what other classical music **MetroWest Symphony Orchestra** might have on offer.



Natick Center Cultural District (Natick, MA)
Marlborough Downtown Village Cultural District (Marlborough, MA)
Franklin Cultural District (Franklin, MA)

The Districts' lovely boutiques showcase **local handcrafted items**. Each walkable District also offers a **plethora of public art, restaurants, theaters, and artists' studios**, plus a huge variety of special events, including **fairs and festivals, open studio nights, live concerts**, and more. Natick offers weekly **Natick Nights** arts events in the summer, and Marlborough's **Museum in the Streets** is a unique walking tour of the town.

Dean College Performing Arts Season (Franklin, MA)

Dean College's nationally-ranked performing arts department has something for everyone, from **award-winning musicals** to cutting-edge **plays** to **innovative dance performances**. Running Oct to May, the season includes four theatre, four dance, and multiple showcase performances featuring Dean's students and renowned guests.



The Center for Arts in Natick (Natick, MA)

Housed in a restored 1875 fire station, the theater brings in both national and local acts, from plays to live music to comedians to movie screenings.

The Umbrella Arts Center (Concord, MA)

A multidisciplinary arts center in the heart of historic Concord Center Cultural District offering an art gallery, hands-on workshops, plays, musicals, film screenings, and concerts with stars like Natalie Merchant and Lyle Lovett.

EXPERIENTIAL TOURISM

Cheryl Cohen Mosaics: offers home décor and jewelry mosaics classes

Molly's Apothecary: soap-making workshops

Board & Brush: unique sign-making classes

WSK: fantastic cooking classes for kids and adults, from pasta to patisseries

Elsie Kaye Glassworks: make glass beads during a unique flameworking class or take a metal jewelry workshop



MetroWest Festivals

Enjoy a wide variety of festivals, including the twice-annual **Paradise City Arts Festival**, the **New England Folk Festival**, various **multicultural festivals, street fairs, arts festivals, porch fests**, and more.

The VERVE Hotel Boston Natick, Tapestry Collection by Hilton

A truly unique property that includes displays of **American pop culture from the 1960's to the '90's** throughout the hotel. On check in, request a tour from the front desk, and they will happily point out to you all the little idiosyncrasies of this fun and funky hotel.



Come see what we have to offer in the heart of Massachusetts!
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