



Muskegon County Calendar of Events April 9-16, 2018

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Monday:

Vegetarian Doesn't Mean Flavorless with Sofia

Monday, April 9 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Kitchen 242 inside the Muskegon Farmers' Market is offering the culinary class, "Vegetarian Doesn't Mean Flavorless with Sofia!" The Menu: Minestrone, Baked leek and asiago frittata, Vegetable pie Learn from Sofia Occhialini who moved her four years ago after spending her entire life in Italy and be sure to bring your appetite! The cost is \$35. For more information call 231-769-2202

Live Jazz with Checkers Morton

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Muskegon Community College: Wind and Jazz Ensembles Concert

Monday, April 9 @ 7:30 pm

Monday, April 9 at 7:30pm, come to the Frauenthal Theater for the Muskegon Community College Wind and Jazz Ensembles Concert, featuring traditional wind and jazz ensemble music of all styles. Tickets are \$6 or free for students. For more information, call 231-727-8001.

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MCC Wind and Jazz Ensembles

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The Muskegon Community College Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble will perform on Monday, April 9, at 7:30pm in the Frauenthal Theater in downtown Muskegon. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2 for students and are available at the Star Tickets website: www.startickets.com. Directed by Daniel M. Meyers, the Wind Ensemble will perform four selections. Following a brief intermission, the Jazz Ensemble, directed by Tim Froncek, will play three pieces. In honor of the late Leonard Bernstein, an American composer, conductor, author, music lecturer, and pianist whose 100th birthday would have been on August 25, the Wind Ensemble will open with two of his works, “America” and “Somewhere,” from the 1957 Broadway musical “West Side Story.”

Tuesday:

Planetarium Show: Incoming!

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 7:00 pm - 7:35 pm

Visit the Carr-Fles Planetarium at Muskegon Community College for the planetarium show, “Incoming!” Tag along with robot explorers zooming past rocky asteroids and icy comets, all the way to Pluto, and discover how asteroids and comets have collided with our planet throughout history, changing the course of life on Earth. Narrated by George Takei, this 2016 program gives audiences a closer look at the scientific advances that may allow us to find and track cosmic threats before they reach planet Earth. This is a 35-minute presentation. (The campus will be closed May 8-17 for break between semesters). For more information, call (231) 777-0289.

Wednesday & Thursday:

West Michigan Student Showcase

Come to the Frauenthal Theater for the West Michigan Student Showcase! This is an annual celebration of excellence for high school youth of West Michigan. Students from Mason, Muskegon, Newago, Oceana and Ottawa counties are selected by their respective schools in the areas of academics, athletics, literacy arts, performing arts and visual arts. Show begins at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for students, \$14 for an adult 2-night pack or \$9 at door. Call 231-727-8001 for more information.

Thursday:

Muskegon Museum of Art: Free Tours

Thursdays @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Every Thursday from 4:00pm – 8:00pm, you're invited to the Muskegon Museum of Art for a free tour guided by MMA docents, compliments of Meijer! For more information, call 231-720-2570.

Cast Iron Cookies with Chef Char

Kitchen 242 inside the Muskegon Farmers' Market invites you to the culinary class, "Cast Iron Cookies with Chef Char!" What a sweet way to use a cast iron skillet! Make your own "giant cookie" and decorate with homemade piped frosting to leave an extra sweet message for someone special or just to decorate for your own enjoyment. This is a great class for all ages and tailored toward beginners in the kitchen. The cost is \$35 and is from 6:00pm-8:00pm. For more information, call (231) 769-2202.

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Friday:

MCC Events to Celebrate 2018 Earth Week

From Friday, April 13, through Friday, April 20, a Used Book Giveaway will be held in the MCC Science Center hallway. The public is encouraged to stop by and pick up the books. MCC faculty and staff may donate used books by no later than Friday, April 6, to Jennifer Darling in Room 1134.

On Saturday, April 14, MCC's Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapter is coordinating the clean-up of MCC's Adopt-a-Highway section along Business 31. The public is invited to participate. Those interested should RSVP by email to ptk@muskegoncc.edu. Participants are asked to meet at 9:45am by the Muskegon Community College sign near the front entrance doors and will carpool to the site. Volunteers must bring their own gloves and wear closed-toed shoes. Everything else will be provided.

From Wednesday, April 18, through Friday, April 20, a recycling display with information about the various types of recyclable items will be located in the MCC main entrance lobby. Visitors can register for drawings for refillable water bottle prizes.

From Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20, Earth Day-inspired paintings by students in MCC Instructor Tim Norris' Painting I class will be displayed around campus.

“In connection to this year's Earth Week theme of ‘End Plastic Pollution,’” the students are creating compositions contrasting either one plastic object against several natural ones or vice versa,” explained Norris. “They're also embedding additive textural materials into the painting surfaces, developing it in relief with actual texture and three-dimensional projections. The idea here is to subtly suggest the contrast between nature and the human-made world without hitting the viewer over the head with a sledgehammer to convey a visual message.”

For more information about the Earth Week events, contact MCC Joint Sustainability Council Chair Tamera Owens at (231) 777-0289.

On Tap & Uncorked: A Michigan Beer, Wine, and Food Tasting Event

April 13 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Come to the Muskegon Museum of Art for “On Tap & Uncorked!” This is a Michigan beer, wine and food tasting event where you can sample exceptional craft brews, wines and delicious food pairings from our area's fine restaurants while experiencing the Expressions 2018 Student Art Exhibition and other great exhibitions. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door and \$25 for museum members. Tickets are on sale in the Muskegon Museum of Art Store and at Pigeon Hill, Unruly, and Fetch brewing companies. Each ticket includes five 4-ounce beverage tasting tickets and food. Additional tasting tickets will be available for purchase at the event. For ticket information, call 231-720-2580. Admission is open only to guests 21 years of age and older. I.D.s will be checked at the door.

The Alley Door Club: Pop Fiction

April 13 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Celebrating its' 13th season. The Alley Door Club features live music from popular West Michigan bands in a fun environment which includes cash bar and dancing. Featured in the Ballroom located on the 3rd Floor of the Hilt Building the doors open at 6:00pm for Happy Hour (\$1 off all drinks), with live music from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. Friday, April 13: Pop Fiction – pop & rock. The last event of the season is Friday, April 27: Yard Sale Underwear – self-proclaimed kings of polyester pop & soul. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Frauenthal Box Office via phone at 231-727-8001 or in person Monday – Friday from 11:00am to 5:30pm or by calling Star Tickets at 1-800-585-3737. Tickets can also be purchased at startickets.com. Tables may be reserved: \$65.00 for a 4-top (included 4 admission tickets) / \$100.00 for an 8-top (includes 8 admission tickets). Limit of 2 4-tops and 2 8-tops reserved for each performance, available on a first come basis. The Alley Door Club is sponsored by Bayer Crop Science and Hooker DeJonge.

Back Alley Comedy Club: Vince Carone – Don-a-Palooza

April 13 @ 7:00 pm

The Back Alley Comedy Club located at 1531 W. Sherman Blvd. inside Sherman Bowling Center presents Vince Carone! Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (231) 755-1258 or visit the website below. Performing since 2001, Carone has become known for his fast-talking, quick-witted, over-the-top rants, combined with a stage presence.

Junk to Jewels Rummage Sale

April 13 – April 14 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday, April 13 and Saturday April 14 from 9:00am – 3:00pm both days, come to the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club to find your next treasure at their "Junk to Jewels" event, an indoor rummage sale! There'll be a wide variety of furniture, books, home decor, clothes, and much more! All proceeds will benefit the maintenance of their historic building. www.muskegonwomansclub.org

Saturday

Express Yourself Super Saturday

April 14 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

You're invited to the Muskegon Museum of Art for an "Express Yourself Super Saturday" free family fun day! Student artists and visitors are some of their most important VIPs; you are the next generation of art lovers! So come on in to this Super Saturday and explore art created by Muskegon County student artists. For more information call 231-720-2570 10:00am & 1:00pm Film: The Brave Little Toaster (90 mins.) 11:00am – 1:00pm Guided Tours: Visit Expressions Student Art Exhibition with a Museum docent. 11:00 – 2:00 pm Make & Take: Choose your medium! Ms. Ronace will have a selection of materials on hand for our budding artists to create with. What's your favorite medium?

The Tasting Station: Fusion Ghanaian Cuisine

April 14 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Stop by the Tasting Station at the Muskegon Farmers Market as Tacitus Bailey-Yabani returns to share another recipe from his home country of Ghana. Cooking demonstrations will be held at 10:00am, 11:30am and 12:15pm. Come and learn, taste, shop the market and then have lunch at Just Klassics Roadside Deli! For more information, call (231) 722-3251.

Streaming Michigan Irish Music Initiative 2018

April 14 @ 3:00 pm

It's Streaming MIMI 2018! If you can't be in Ireland to watch the Michigan Irish Music Initiative, then come to Hennessey's Irish Pub in downtown Muskegon! What is the MIMI? Michigan Irish Music Festival will bring together aspiring musicians associated with colleges or organizations, who focus on Irish traditional music. They will participate in a high level competition taking place at the Spirit Store in Dundalk Co. Louth, Ireland. The winners will have the opportunity to perform on the main stage at The 2018 Michigan Irish Music Festival, receiving round-trip airfare, and accommodations with breakfasts/dinners included.

Cheers and Chocolate 2018

April 14 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

You're invited to Cheers and Chocolate 2018! Cheers and Chocolate is West Michigan's premiere pairing event. This annual fundraiser pairs sweet and savory culinary delights with fine wines and beers at the state-of-the-art Culinary Institute of Michigan (CIM) in downtown Muskegon. Proceeds will support services that support domestic and sexual violence, and human trafficking, as well as services to pregnant or parenting teens at Every Woman's Place. For more information, call (231) 759-7909.

Indoor Farmers' Market

Saturdays @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Muskegon Farmers' Market invites you to come inside their warm barn and shop this winter! They're open every Saturday from 9:00am – 2:00pm, November – April. They will be closed Saturday, December 30. For more information, call (231) 722-3251.

West Michigan Ironmen Home Game: Indianapolis Enforces

April 14 @ 7:00 pm

The West Michigan Ironmen is West Michigan's only professional football team! They strive to provide the highest level of competition and entertainment at an affordable price for the whole family. You can catch their home games at 7:15pm at the L.C. Walker Arena. Tickets start at under \$10 and are available through www.startickets.com or at the L.C. Walker Box Office. Today they take on the Indianapolis Enforcers. call (231) 457-4288.

Benefit Comedy Show: Vince Carone

April 14 @ 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 14, come to the Back Alley Comedy Club for a dinner, silent auction and comedy show to raise funds for Orchard View's Grad Night! Doors open at 5:00pm, with dinner at 6:30pm and the comedy show beginning at 8:00pm. Vince Carone, known for his fast-talking, quick-witted, over-the-top rants, will be performing. The cost is \$25 per person and tickets can be purchased by calling Tammy at 231-670-3704, Chris at 231-557-8208 or through the Back Alley Comedy Club's website below.

Pigeon Hill Brewing: Cigar Rolling Demonstration

April 14 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Come to Pigeon Hill Brewing Company for a Cigar Rolling Demonstration w/ Jorge's Cigars! Learn the art of properly rolling a cigar by hand. You will have the opportunity to learn everything about the process; from the planting of seeds to the point of enjoying a well-rolled cigar from someone who loves to discuss the passion, history, and culture of the famous Cuban cigar brands. Cigars will also be available for purchase from Jorge (cash or credit). For more information, call (231) 375-5184. PLEASE NOTE: Pigeon Hill Brewery Company is a non-smoking location.

Sweetwater Local Foods Market

Saturdays @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sweetwater Local Foods Market is open year-round, every Saturday from 9:00am-Noon! Healthy! Humane! Homegrown is their pledge to use NO synthetic fertilizers, NO synthetic chemical pesticides or herbicides, no growth promoting antibiotics and NO GMO's! You can find them in the lobby and parking lot of Mercy Health Lakes Village. For more information, visit www.sweetwaterlocalfoodsmarket.org.

Celtic Woman

April 14 @ 7:00 pm

Celtic Woman, the multi-platinum international music sensation, is returning with a brand new live show for an extensive North American tour beginning spring 2018 with a stop in Muskegon on April 14 at the Frauenthal Center. The much-anticipated concert, 'Homecoming,' will play in more than 90 U.S. and Canadian cities from coast-to-coast. Tickets go on sale beginning October 13 at Noon. Tickets range from \$33.00 – \$106.00 and can be purchased at the Frauenthal Box Office, Monday – Friday from 11:00am – 5:30pm, by calling 231-727-8001 or online at frauenthal.org or startickets.com.

Performances @ The Block: Robin Connell

April 14 @ 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

The Block, 360 W. Western Ave. 2nd Floor

Come to The Block for a live performance by Robin Connell! Originally from Detroit, Robin is equally at home as a jazz pianist or jazz pianist/vocalist, performing regularly in clubs, concerts and private parties as a solo pianist. She is also leader of her own trio/jazz quartet. Call 231-726-3231 x223 for tickets

Sunday

White Lake College Performance Series

April 15 @ 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

You're invited to Lebanon Lutheran Church for the White Lake College Performance Series featuring top ensembles from Grand Valley State University. Four ensembles will be featured for this groundbreaking concert; The GVSU Whirlwind Quintet will perform works by Bathe, Pierne, Farkas, and Arnold; a clarinet and bassett horn duo will perform Mendelssohn's Konzertstück No. 2; a GVSU string quartet will present the Mozart String Quartet in G Major; plus the Mozart Kegelstatt Trio for clarinet, viola, and piano will be featured. The suggested donation is \$5 at the door or free for all students. More information may be found at www.whitelakemusic.org.

MCC Honors Orchestra and Vocal Ensembles

April 15 @ 7:30 pm

Frauenthal Center, 425 W Western Ave # 200

April 15 at 7:30pm, come to the Frauenthal Theater for the Muskegon Community College Honors Orchestra and Vocal Ensembles, featuring wind and string players as well as collegiate singers from MCC and area schools. Tickets are \$7 or \$2 for students. For more information, call 231-727-8001.

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Marketing Mondays: Common Sense in Online Marketing

April 16 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Monday, April 16 from 12:00pm – 1:00pm, come to the Muskegon Innovation Hub for a “Marketing Monday!” This week’s focus is “Common Sense in Online Marketing,” presented by Tari & Jennifer Follett of Firelight. Don’t get lost in endless data and trends! Bring your feet back to the ground, keep your goals firmly in mind, and get ready for some real talk. Entrepreneurs and small businesses are passionate about the products and services they provide. Translating that passion to sales requires a strategic focus on marketing and promotion. Marketing Mondays at the Muskegon Innovation Hub will provide sound tools, techniques and knowledge that every small business owner and entrepreneur needs to know to effectively engage with customers and increase revenue from sales. RSVP by noon Friday, April 13. NO WALK-INS, NO EXCEPTIONS. For further information, please send an e-mail to the Hub at mihubinfo@gvsu.edu.

Edith Maniker, Kindertransport Survivor

April 16 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Edith Maniker, who as a young child was a Kindertransport survivor who escaped Nazi persecution during World War II, will be the guest presenter at the 2018 Shoah Commemoration Service at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. The event, which takes place at Samuel Lutheran Church, at the corner of 8th Street and Muskegon Ave. in downtown Muskegon, is organized by the Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies – Muskegon. Maniker will also speak at a community event on Monday, April 16, from 6:30-8 p.m. in Muskegon Community College’s Sturuss Technology Center, 388 W. Clay Ave., in downtown Muskegon. Both events are free

and open to the public. During the day on April 16, Maniker will be participating in an outreach program for Muskegon County High Schools from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies – Muskegon. Born in Leipzig, Germany, Maniker, along with a hundred other children, was placed on a train in 1939 that transported the youngsters from Germany to England and away from the Nazi horrors. A few years ago, Maniker returned to Germany – something she vowed she would never do – for the first time since her remarkable escape. The Kindertransport (German for “children’s transport”) was an organized rescue effort that took place during the nine months prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. The United Kingdom took in nearly 10,000 predominantly Jewish children from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and the Free City of Danzig. The children were placed in British foster homes, hostels, schools and farms. Often they were the only members of their families who survived the Holocaust. For more information on the events, please contact Trynette Lottie-Harps at (231) 777-0559.

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