



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.



Worcester Art Museum (Worcester, MA)

WAM opened in 1898 and includes 38,000 works of **art dating from antiquity to the present day**, including early American paintings, Japanese ukiyo-e prints, European Old Master paintings, and objects from ancient Antioch. Make sure to see the **Higgins Armory Collection**, the second largest collection of arms and armor in the United States, featuring pieces from ancient Egypt to nineteenth-century Japan, with a core collection of suits of steel armor from medieval and Renaissance Europe.



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.



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 intimate concerts with high-powered stars** like Natalie Merchant and Lyle Lovett.



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.



- 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, museums 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.

EXPERIENTIAL TOURISM

Serendipity: offers home décor and jewelry making classes

Craftworks: fiber arts workshops

Board & Brush: unique sign-making classes

Goodnow Farms: chocolate making tours

Circles of Joy: sound bath workshops, mediums, yoga, and more

Helen's Handbags: turn sentimental articles of clothing into bags & accessories

Duck Soup: fantastic cooking classes for kids & adults, from pasta to patisseries

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

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill: photography, crafting and floral design workshops

The Garden at Elm Bank: botanical drawing & painting, floral design and wreath making classes



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. MetroWest will also be home to an official **Regional FIFA 2026 World Cup Fan Zone**, with watch parties on the jumbotron, food trucks, beer garden, arts & crafts and other vendors, activities, games and more!

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