

EDGERTON PARK'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

FREE CONCERTS AND EVENTS IN THE PARK

Picnic style events on the lawns. Bring chairs, blankets, food, kids, grandkids, dogs on leash. Restrooms nearby; street parking only.

Disabled parking, with placard, within park.

Check the website www.edgertonpark.org for any updates or rain date calls.

July 12: Drum Circle with Billy Fischer. Billy has been active in and leading drum circles for a number of years throughout the state including a series of statewide circles sponsored by the Ct. Cultural Development office. The power of drum circles is becoming increasingly important to him for their highly participatory and the healing attributes. There will be total of 50 drums and percussion instruments available. The activity is fun for anyone! Please bring any drums and/or shaker toys that you might have. (folding chairs available) billthedancecaller.com

July 26: St. Luke's Steel Band. St. Luke's Steel Band was started in the fall of 1999 when Father Victor Rogers and a group of supporters from New Haven's historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church purchased a set of used steel pans from a band in Brooklyn. Since then, the group has attracted a dedicated membership of players of all ages. Many of the members or their families come from the West Indies: the islands of Antigua, Barbados, Bermuda, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago are all represented in the ensemble. St. Luke's has performed on the Yale School of Music's Duke Ellington Concert Series with composer/performer Andy Akiho in April 2010. St Luke's Steel Band has also had the pleasure of collaborating with Haven String Quartet, resident quartet of Music Haven, and the Heritage Chorale of New Haven. www.stlukessteelband.com

August 9: Rain date for St. Luke's Steel Drum Band

August 23: Barn/Contra Dancing w Billy Fischer. Billy has been calling dances for over thirty years, starting out in New Haven, Connecticut with the contra dance series that has been a fixture of the folk music and dance scene since 1976. Much of his calling activity centers on special occasion "barn" dances including the monthly musical event BMAD at his home in Bethany, CT. Bill will call out the instructions for the dances which are all simple easy and accessible for all ages and levels of experience. No partner needed. Live music will be played for the dances by a group with a combination of traditional instruments such as fiddle, guitar, flute, mandolin, banjo and bass. billthedancecaller.com

August 20 – September 6, 8 pm: Shakespeare in the Park. (Every evening but Monday):
The Elm Shakespeare Company will perform *Twelfth Night*. The play takes place on the "Great

Lawn" of the Park, near the fountain. We encourage you to come early and set up your picnic dinners, beverages, blankets and chairs! Elm Shakespeare has been performing Plays in Edgerton Park for the last 20 years. Come early as the event always gets a big crowd!! *Donations appreciated.*

September 12: CT Folk Festival. Since 1991 Edgerton Park has been the home for the CT Folk Festival (Formerly the Eli Whitney Folk Festival). The original concert was conceived as a fundraiser to begin the Rails to Trails project and was headlined by Tom Rush. Over the years we have brought many regional, national and local musicians to the park to the delight of our attendees. Our event remains a much anticipated fall event, always produced the weekend after Labor Day. 2015 is our 4th year of being a 100% free event. www.ctfolk.org

September 12: Green Expo. In 2005 the CT Green Expo was conceived and became a core part of the CT. Folk Festival with a mission to provide a setting where families can find the resources that support environmentally sustainable communities and social responsibility. The event has grown from 17 exhibitors to over 80 exhibitors including CT non profits, local businesses and food vendors all with the same intention of creating and sustaining a better world. www.ctfolk.org

October 11: David Sloan Sing-along. Well known as the Master of Ceremonies of Edgerton Park's "Sunday in the Park". Dave will once again offer his program built around *frog songs and other joys*. Old timey 5 string banjo and Hoot-nanny for kids sing-a-long. Need parents willing to be little tiny Teapots and Itsy Bitsy Spiders along with their children. dsloane@newhaven.edu

October 11: Laconia Therrio the Storyteller. A therapist, a chaplain and the Director of Behavioral Science of Stamford Hospital's Family Medicine Residency Program, Laconia shares stories from across the globe. As a professional storyteller he tells stories in schools, libraries, corporations...or wherever stories can be told. Believing that stories remind us more of our commonalities than our differences, his repertoire include stories from the Americas, the African continent, Europe and Asia. Whether folktale, myth, fables or scary, he invites the listener to discover the wonder of each tale. connstorycenter.org

October 18: Cyril the Sorcerer. Cyril uses his magic to make the world a better place. Through shows on recycling, water conservation and creating a culture of sustainability, Cyril shares the message of sustainability in ways which enchant, entertain and educate. Cyril's magic comes from years of experience as magician, storyteller and Ivy League environmental professional. www.cyrilmay.wordpress.com

November 8, 2-4 pm: Alan Plattus, Yale Professor of Architecture & Urbanism will give a talk. Discussion to follow.

December 4, 5 & 6: Wreath making in the greenhouse. Details to come.

