

Your Guide to the Old Lyme Arts District's **MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL** JULY 25 & 26



CELEBRATING ART, MUSIC, AND FAMILY FUN
on Historic Lyme Street in Old Lyme, Connecticut.
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Friday Evening, July 25, 2025

Florence Griswold Museum / 96 Lyme Street

Park at 96 Lyme Street

5-7pm: Open House: View the current exhibitions *Nancy Frieze: Living Landscapes* and *Cow Tales* for free. Shop the FloGris Shop's Midsummer Super Sale early for a wide variety of heavily discounted gifts, books, stationery, toys, and more.



7-9pm: Midsummer Concert: The *Mighty Soul Drivers* return to the riverfront to kick off this year's Midsummer Festival. From the moment the opening horn riff blasts out of the speakers, they pump out the best Memphis-style Soul to be heard in Southern New England. Pack a picnic or enjoy a snack from local food trucks. Stake out a spot on the grassy banks of the Lieutenant River to enjoy this free concert! The Midsummer Concert at the Florence Griswold Museum is generously sponsored by All Pro Automotive and Mercer Advisors/Benchmark Wealth Management, LLC.

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau / 59 Lyme Street

8am: Midsummer 5K Run & Walk: This run begins behind 59 Lyme Street and winds through the beautiful streets of the village. Preregistration at lysb.org or on-site beginning at 6:45 am. A Kids K takes place on the High School running track at 9am. Kids K check-in at LYSB.



Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center / 100 Lyme Street

9am-3pm: Family Fun Activities: Stop by the Kelsey Family Children's Innovation & Discovery Center to conduct an experiment, use binoculars to spot the amazing wildlife around the sanctuary grounds, and create a craft! Have your face painted on the front lawn under the 149-year-old Japanese Chestnut tree. The CT River Museum will be onsite teaching rope making; Great Island Foundation will have a touch tank with oysters & mussels; and the Old Lyme Land Trust will have live birds of prey.



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10am: Family Concert at RTPEC: The Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library team presents on the estuary grounds the *Michele Urban Music Show!* Michele will delight audience members of all ages with crowd favorites and new selections. This interactive, fun, and whimsical concert is a must for families and anyone young at heart!

10am-3pm: Peterson Exhibit: Stop in the Eleanor Robinson Environmental Education Center to see works from Roger Tory Peterson's personal collection including artist proofs and signed prints. Sanctuary grounds open until dusk. No dogs please.

9:30am-1:30pm Classic Car Show: Presented by the Lyme-Old Lyme Lions Club. Enjoy antique, exotic, and hot rod vehicles. Attendees can judge entrants for \$5 at the gate. People's Choice Trophies awarded after 1pm. Classic car owners can participate at LymeOldLymeLionsClub.org. Stop by the popular Lions Club Food Tent for their classics from the grill. All proceeds go to Lions charities.

Florence Griswold Museum / 96 Lyme Street

9am-5pm: Open House: Enjoy free admission! View the current exhibitions *Nancy Frieze: Living Landscapes* and *Cow Tales*. Explore the art and history on view in the Griswold Boardinghouse for artists, c. 1910.

9am-3pm: Food Truck Court: Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from a variety of local food truck vendors. Cool off with an Italian ice or lemonade or grab a burger and fries and find a shady spot for lunch.

9am-3pm: Festivities and Fun: Enjoy shopping from local artisan vendors and artists. Find a special gift or something for yourself! Hands-on crafts in the Education Center (free); and face painting and fairy hair by April's Balloon Creations (for a fee).

9am-5pm: Midsummer Super Sale: The FloGris Shop holds its popular Midsummer Super Sale Friday and Saturday. You'll find up to 75% off unique items including gifts, art books, kids' books and toys, stationery, garden items, and much more. No further discounts.

10am-12pm: Dog Show: The Parading Paws dog show is back, where every dog is a winner! Judges will be looking for the Best Smile, Best Costume, Longest Tail, and more. Please note, free dog registration for the competition takes place from 10-10:30am on the shady lawn; judging begins at 10:45am.

2pm: Gallery Tour: Enjoy a free guided tour of the current exhibitions.



11:30am-2:30pm: Café Flo: Enjoy a delicious lunch with seated service on the veranda overlooking the Lieutenant River. Reservations highly recommended for Café seating: 860.434.5542 x126.

Lyme Art Association / 90 Lyme Street

9am-3pm: Front Lawn Festivities: Meet LAA's member artists, check out their latest works, make a fun family craft, and take your photo in an artistic masterpiece! Get an icy treat from Del's Lemonade, some tasty snacks from Seabird Enterprises, and honey from Well-Comb Home. Celebrate nature, get some gardening advice, and try an iconic duckie cookie with the Duck River Garden Club. Learn about local indigenous history from the Nehantic Native Nation and current community opportunities at the Old Lyme Economic Development Commission booth. Enjoy art and crafts from an array of popular vendors; and learn all about hydrangea care from Mark Comstock of Hydrangeas Galore!



9am-3pm: Live Music: During the morning, enjoy the Wandering Fiddlers with both traditional and original Irish and American fiddle tunes. After 12:30, Kipp "Kid Caviar" Sturgeon will entertain with Americana and old-time jazz tunes on banjo and ukulele.

9am-5pm: Gallery Exhibitions: Come inside the LAA to view three captivating new shows: *104th Elected Artist Exhibition*, the Members' show *"Red Hot,"* and the *New Haven Paint and Clay Club Select Members Exhibit*. Enter a drawing for LAA merchandise and a special piece of art!

Old Lyme Inn / 85 Lyme Street

9am-4pm: Fence Artists Show: Peruse and purchase art by regional accomplished artists. Original works representing a range of styles and media will be displayed and sold "Parisian Style" on the lawn of the Inn. A **painting demonstration** will take place beginning at 11 am. Fence artists include: Annie Averill, Pam Carlson, Cathy Castonguay, Michael Centrella, Rosemary Cotnoir, Francine Curto, Norma DeGrafft, Kathleen DeMeo, Vincent Elliott, Ellen Gaube, Michael Greene, Sarah Grote, Lisa Helene, Doris Howie, Mike Laiuppa, Joyce Maurice, Quyen Phan, Peggy Price, Janet Shea Rae and Ceal Swift.



9am-3pm: Lyme Artisans Guild: Enjoy the unique and inspired work of the Lyme Artisans Guild and see how they find artistic expression through fine craftsmanship that honors the rich heritage of handmade creations. Lyme Artisan Guild members include: Michaelle Pearson, jewelry; Wayne Kirk, pottery; Sherry Block, metal welding; Ian Evertson, woodworking; Paul Maulucci, wood turning; Janet Soares, rug hooking; Barbara Eaglesham, watercolor mosaics; Mariette Brown, paper jewelry and rock carving; Troy Antoniewicz, metal/copperwork; Carol Stanland, printed fabric bags.

Lyme Academy of Fine Arts / 84 Lyme Street (South Entrance)

10am-4pm: De Gerenday's Fine Art Materials &

Curiosities: Offering the finest art materials hand selected by our renowned faculty of professional artists and exquisite giftable objects from around the globe.

12pm-4pm: Chauncey-Stillman Gallery: The *Annual Student and Faculty Exhibition* is currently on view. Lyme Academy is quickly being recognized nationally and internationally for its innovative arts curriculum and as an epicenter for drawing, painting, and sculpture in the figurative tradition. This exhibition is an invitation to learn more about the Lyme Academy's uniqueness and impact today, as it trains the success stories of tomorrow.



Please note, entrances to the shop and gallery are located at the rear of the Academy accessible only via the South Entrance. Main buildings will be closed to the public.

9am-3pm: Community Friends: Be sure to stop by the booths of all our nonprofits friends throughout the festival and learn about our treasured local ecology, educational opportunities, and more!

All events are as of press time and may be updated. Venues reserve the right to change or cancel special music or art events in the case of rain. The Festival is rain or shine.

Want to be sure you have the latest on parking, weather, and more the day of the Festival? Sign up now for text updates by texting MIDSUMMER to 888-777.

Check ExploreOldLyme.com or the Old Lyme Arts District Facebook page for up-to-date offerings.

For a complete list of vendors, artists, and nonprofit participants with their festival locations, go to ExploreOldLyme.com/Vendors or scan this QR code for a mobile-friendly listing



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P Festival Parking: GPS Addresses

Museum Rear Entrance: 5 Halls Road

Old Lyme Marketplace /Across from The Bowerbird: 46 Halls Road

Lyme Academy Grassy Lot: Across from 84 Lyme Street

High School/Middle School: 69 Lyme Street/Enter drive to rear lots

R Restrooms/Portables

Saturday Shuttle Bus Stops

9:15am-3:45pm

Look for shuttle signs. Shuttle stops:

46 Halls Road: OL Marketplace Parking Lot near The Bowerbird

84 Lyme Street: Lyme Academy of Fine Arts

69 Lyme Street: High School Tennis Courts

Across from 84 Lyme Street: Grassy Lot

85 Lyme Street: Old Lyme Inn

96 Lyme Street: FloGris Museum

5 Halls Road: Museum Rear Entrance

Map not to scale

