

Local Events of Interest in conjunction with the visit of *The Wall That Heals* to Manchester

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sept. 9, 6:30pm Whiton Library | 100 North Main Street

The library's special September book club selection is "The Women," by Kristin Hannah (subject: American servicewomen in Vietnam). Copies of the book are available at both library buildings for borrowing. For more information, call the Reference Room at 860-645-0821.

Sept. 19, 6:30pm Whiton Library | 100 North Main Street

"An Evening with Vietnam Veteran Robert Jefferson" Vietnam veteran, freelance artist, and poet Robert Jefferson, aka RoJe, will share some of the drawings he created while in Vietnam and read selections from his poetry.

WORK_SPACE | 903 Main Street

Aug 2-Sept. 22 Colors of Courage

"Colors of Courage," a poignant art exhibit honoring the courageous individuals who serve or have served in the military, as well as their immediate family members. This exhibition is strategically timed to coincide with Manchester's hosting of *The Wall That Heals*, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, at Charter Oak Park from September 19th to 22nd, 2024.

Regular Viewing Hours: Weekdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and during WORK_SPACE's monthly 2nd Saturday Open House on September 14th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Sept. 19, 6:30-9p - 3rd Thursday Listening Room

WORK_SPACE and Imagine Manchester invite all those 16+ yrs old to join us for our monthly melodic and inspiring evening of live music and spoken word. Held in our Main Street Gallery, we foster a welcoming atmosphere where you can relax, unwind and connect with fellow artists and music enthusiasts. Sign up to showcase your talent or simply sit back and enjoy the performances of local artists. Whether you're a musician, poet, or storyteller, this is your chance to take the stage and share your creativity with a supportive audience. Grab your instrument, bring your friends, and get ready to enjoy a night filled with incredible performances and good vibes surrounded by amazing art. 6:30PM doors open for sign-up | 7-9PM performances | 2 songs/10-minutes. (Free, ages 16+) Let us know you are coming: <https://bit.ly/3RDthursOPENmic>

Sept. 21, 10a-12p – VOICES OF VALOR @ WORK_SPACE

Join us for Voices of Valor, a heartfelt event designed to bring together veterans, current service members, and their families for a gathering of shared stories, creative collaboration, and community connection. With the guidance of our Poet Laureate (Nadia Sims) and Town Troubadour (Bill Ludwig), participants will explore their personal experiences and perspectives, transforming them into poetry and music that celebrates their journeys and honors their contributions. All community members are invited to share, listen, and be part of this creative tribute to those who serve. (ages 16+) This free event is being held as a companion program to THE WALL THAT HEALS.

Sept. 21, 4-6p – A Staged Reading of "A Piece of My Heart" by Shirley Lauro at WORK_SPACE

Experience the powerful storytelling of Shirley Lauro's celebrated drama, *A Piece of My Heart*, directed by Dwayne Harris, Executive Director of the Little Theatre of Manchester. Presented in an intimate setting with minimal props and costumes, this raw and compelling staged reading will bring to life the gripping stories of six courageous women who served in the Vietnam War. The actors - scripts in hand - will vividly portray the strength, resilience, and heartbreak of these extraordinary women as their experiences unfold on stage. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of drama and reflection. (Free, all ages)



Sept. 21, 7-8p – Drum Circle at WORK_SPACE

Don't miss this powerful and unifying experience as we host a special drum circle dedicated to veterans, current military members, and their families. This evening of rhythm and reflection offers an opportunity for our community to come together, connect, and honor the courage, sacrifice, and service of those who have served our country. All are welcome, regardless of drumming experience. We will provide drums, or you may bring your own. Let's come together to create a resonant and meaningful tribute to those who have dedicated their lives to service. (Free, all ages)

Sept. 19-21, noon-5pm Manchester Historical Society | ManchesterHistory.org

- **The Old Manchester Museum, 126 Cedar Street:** Military displays and WWII artifacts and memorabilia
- **History Center, 175 Pine Street:**
With the arrival of *The Wall That Heals* to Manchester, Manchester's Wit & Wisdom Poetry Club in association with the Manchester Historical Society invites the public to the sharing of its poetry written for this meaningful occasion.
Readings will take place at the History Center from Noon to 4:00 PM.: **Thursday, 9/19, Friday, 9/20, and Saturday, 9/21**

Sept. 20-22 Park(ing) Day – Downtown Manchester

Location: Parking spaces in front of 903 Main Street (WORK_SPACE)

Manchester's first time participating in the global annual event known as Park(ing) Day, in which communities temporarily repurpose on-street parking spaces into pop-up parks and spaces for social gathering. www.myparkingday.org

Sept. 21 Manchester Songwriter's Club | Musical performances on Main Street

Find us on WORK_SPACE, Imagine Manchester and Cultural District social media.

