

**FIRST FRIDAYS**
DOWNTOWN PUTNAM
MAY-OCT • Events Start at 5pm

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# 2019 First Fridays POSTER CONTEST

## Made in America!

Join us as we celebrate six of the arts and cultures that America has introduced to the world. Here is your chance to create a poster with inspiration from the celebrations listed below. The winning entry will creatively express the season's theme, with originality.

## Deadline for entries is March 30, 2019

**All work MUST be submitted in full color and fit into a 16 x 20 poster frame portrait orientation or will be disqualified.**

**Visit DiscoverPutnam.com for entry form. Entries can be dropped off at WINY Radio Station, 45 Pomfret Street, Putnam, where they will be on display until judging time. For more information contact Karen at 860-928-1350 or kareno@winyradio.com.**

*The Putnam Business Association reserves the right to reproduce the winning posters for sale and distribution and/or for publicity purposes with the artist's by-line. The entered posters will become the property of The Putnam Business Association.

**The First Fridays committee and Putnam Arts Council are excited to announce the 2019 poster contest!**

**Calling all artists! It's time, once again, to get creative and submit your original work based on our First Fridays theme. The winning art will be reproduced as the cover of the First Friday program which is distributed throughout northeast Connecticut and beyond. The winner will be awarded a $250 cash prize and will be a featured artist, complete with a bio, in the program.***

**MAY 3 - American Sports**
What's more American than football and baseball? We love to cheer on our favorite teams and players. We tuned in to the Super Bowl this year to cheer on the Patriots. We crave a hot dog at Fenway Park. We're proud of the athletes that bring home Olympic medals. Our heads bounce back and forth as we enjoy a good tennis match. And we celebrate our local schools and colleges whenever they compete for top honors.

**JUNE 7 - American Music**
American music is a true reflection of the diversity that makes us a rich culture. No matter where you travel in the world you're bound to hear American music. Many styles originated in the US - jazz, country, barbershop, bluegrass, ragtime, hip hop and more. Their roots come from African-American blues, gospel, Irish tunes, Latin American rhythms and other immigrants who brought their music along with them when they came to this great country.

**JULY 5 - American Theme Parks & Animation**
Are you one of those who jump on every scary ride you can find? Or are you a "I'll hold your stuff while you go" kind of person? Whichever way you roll, there's no denying that theme parks are F-U-N!!!! That's why we flock to them in the summer and do family getaways to them in the winter. We love the rides, the games of chance, the food we know we shouldn't eat, and the special attractions that make each park unique. Weeeeeeeeeeee!!!!

**AUGUST 2 - Happy 50th Anniversary Woodstock!**
Break out your tye dyes and put a flower in your hair because it's time to celebrate all things Woodstock. What was originally planned to be a quiet concert for 100,000 people turned into a gathering of well over half a million people and the best rock musicians of the 1960's. It was a celebration of love and peace during a very unsettled time, all covered in mud. Groovy.

**SEPTEMBER 6 - Celebrating ComiCon**
What began in 1970 as a one-day comic book convention in San Deigo is now one of the largest, most unique events held across the US. It's a showcase for American pop culture – from gaming to comics to movies to art. It's an entertainment epicenter and a "safe haven" for those who revel in being different, nerdy, or are nerd friendly. So get your cosplay ready and express your own sense of super style by dressing up as your favorite character.

**OCTOBER 4 - Steam Punk (A Retro Futurism Party)**
Retrofuturism is a movement in the creative arts showing the influence of depictions of the future produced in an earlier era. Confused? Don't be – just imagine yourself dressed in an 1800's Victorian outfit then add in a little science fiction twist, like an iPhone powered by steam. Or go in the opposite direction and make your laptop look like an old typewriter. It's Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea, The Time Machine or Flash Gordon where predictions about the future were made using technology of the time that everyone understood. The trend can be seen in movies, fashion, music and beyond. It's fun and an oh so creative way to take today's technology and mix it up with a love of retro.