

Community Events Calendar

Friday - May 2nd, 2025

- **Spring Ephemeral Hike**
 - **11:00am – 12:00pm**
 - **Location:** The Albert and Virginia Szok Preserve, Sanford, MI
 - Attendees will discover more about these hardy and short-lived plants within this preserve on the Salt River, in Sanford. Attendees will meet at the parking lot trailhead before heading out on the ~1 mile hike.
 - **Hiking Conditions** - This hike will consist of hiking on rustic grass trails, with potentially wet and muddy conditions. Hiking pace will be slower, with time for stopping and observation along the way.
 - **What to Bring** - Attendees should dress for the weather and potentially wet and muddy trail conditions. Additionally, if available, attendees can bring relevant field guides for identification.
 - **Contact Information:** Lily Kelsey lkelsey@littleforks.org
 - **Fees/Admission:** Free

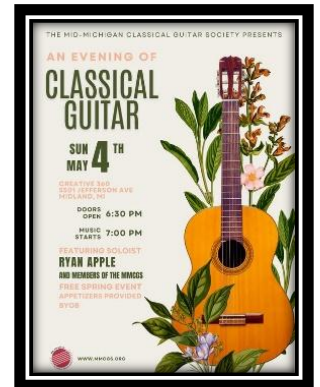


Saturday - May 3rd, 2025

- **Herbert Dow's Garden Tours**
 - **2:00pm – 3:30pm**
 - **Location:** Dow Gardens, 1809 Eastman Avenue Midland
 - Join us for a stroll back in time! Visitors will meet on the porch of The Pines, the home of Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow, and take part in a guided walking tour through the gardens.
 - Photographs, along with letters and journals from the archive will shed light on how the property looked when it was the private residence of the Dow family. Please note: This tour will travel through the Estate Garden and will leave the paved pathways. The tour will require ample walking (approx. 1.5 miles) on uneven ground. Recommended for avid walkers.
 - **Contact Information:** info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - **Fees/Admission:** \$5.00 for adults (+ admission). Children (0-17) and students with valid I.D. \$3.00 (+ admission).

Sunday - May 4th, 2025

- **An Evening of Classical Guitar**
 - **6:30pm – 8:30pm**
 - **Location:** Creative 360, 5501 Jefferson Avenue, Midland, MI
 - Enjoy a free evening of classical guitar music featuring members of the Mid-Michigan Classical Guitar Society and guest soloist Ryan Apple. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music starts at 7:00. Appetizers provided. BYOB.
 - **Fee/Admission: Free**

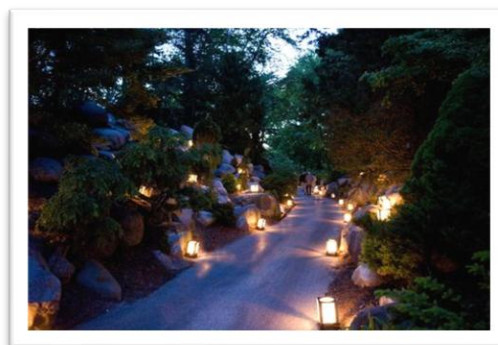


Friday - May 9th, 2025

- **Festival of the Senses**
 - **5:00pm – 8:00pm**
 - **Location:** Dow Gardens, 1809 Eastman Avenue Midland, MI
 - **Spring at Dow Gardens comes alive with vibrant color and fresh energy.** Flowering trees, spring ephemerals, and over 22,000 bulbs create a dynamic landscape bursting with life. Live music adds to the atmosphere, making this the perfect way to embrace the season.
 - *Participants must be 21 or older (with identification).*
 - **Contact Information:** info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - **Fees/Admission:** \$60 per person
 - *Capacity is limited; registration is required.*

Thursday - May 1st, 2025

- **MBA Ribbon Cutting/Open House**
 - **4:00 pm – 6:00pm**
 - **Location:** 300 Rodd St, Midland
 - **Contact Information:** Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - **Fees/Admission:** Free



Thursday - May 8th, 2025

- **MYPros Grub Club**

- **11:30am – 1:00pm**
- **Location:** A&W Midland, 1514 Washington St, Midland
 - Come hang with the MYPros crew for some good vibes, better food and great networking opportunities. No pressure, just people who love what they do—and maybe a root beer float or two.
- **No registration is necessary. (Note: You do have to buy your own lunch!)**
- **Contact Information:** Isabelle Pasciolla- ipasciolla@mbami.org
- **Fees/Admission:** Free

- **Meet your Merchants**

- **4:00pm - 7:00pm**
- **Location:** Downtown Midland, MI
 - On Thursday, May 8, 2025 Downtown Midland will host their Meet Your Merchants event. This is a chance for the community to discover who makes Downtown Midland so unique!
- During the event each business will have something exciting to discover, so come downtown and see what makes the downtown businesses so special.
 - A detailed list of participating merchants is listed on downtownmidland.com/events/meet-your-merchants/



Friday - May 9th, 2025

- **WakeUp! Midland**

- **7:30am – 9:00am**
- **Location:** Dow Diamond. 825 E. Main Street. Midland
 - WakeUp! Theme: Gear up in your favorite sports attire because WakeUp is happening at Dow Diamond!
 - Talk Show Topic: Inclusivity in the Workplace: Neurodiversity and Autism
- **Contact Information:** Becca Pleiman - rpleiman@mbami.org
- **Fees/Admission:**
 - Member Registration: \$22
 - Member Walk-In Rate: \$27
 - Future Member Registration Online or Walk-In: \$30
- ***Updated Invoicing Policy:** When registering for an event (advance or walk-in), payment is expected at that time. Invoicing will no longer be offered.
- ***Per MBA policy,** all event registration cancellations must be made at least 48-hours in advance of the event date for a refund.

Wednesday - May 14th, 2025

- **Ribbon Cutting – Larson Insurance Solutions**
 - 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm
 - **Location:** 142 Ashman St. Midland
 - **Contact Information:** Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - **Fees/Admission:** Free

Thursday - May 15th, 2025

- **Ribbon Cutting – Colonial Villa**
 - 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
 - **Location:** 5007 Universal Dr. Midland
 - **Contact Information:** Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - **Fees/Admission:** Free

Saturday - May 17th, 2025

- **Midland Blooms**
 - 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - **Location:** Midland Business Alliance Foundation, 300 Rodd St., Suite 101, Midland
 - The Midland Business Alliance is once again coordinating Midland Blooms, an annual beautification project for the community. Midland Blooms is in its 35th year and involves nearly 600 community volunteers to make it happen. As in years past, we plan to plant on both sides of Eastman Ave. from Wackerly to Indian/Hines. We will plant petunias in 2025!
 - **Contact Information:** Emily Lyons (989) 839-9901 or elyons@mbami.org
 - **Fees/Admission:** Must register to participate – Registration is for team captains only, which include gathering 8-10 volunteer planters and acting as a main contact between Midland Business Alliance and planters.

Tuesday - May 20th, 2025

- **Ribbon Cutting - Chippewa Nature Center: Nature Education Center**
 - 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 - **Location:** 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
 - **Contact Information:** Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - **Fees/Admission:** Free

Wednesday - May 21st, 2025

- **May 2025 Business After Hours - Veedu Indian Kitchen**
 - **5:00pm – 7:00pm**
 - **Location:** Veedu Indian Kitchen - 337 E. Wackerly St. Midland
 - **Contact Information:** Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - **Fees/Admission:** Free to all MBA Members! No RSVP required.

Thursday - May 22nd, 2025

- **Good Work: The Psychological Impact of Goals**
 - **11:30 am – 1:00 pm**
 - **Location:** Carl A. Gerstacker Commerce Building. 300 Rodd Street, Midland.
Lower-Level Conference Room
 - **The Psychological Impact of Goals:** We will discuss how goals influence our perception, behavior, and emotions. This could include the relationship between goals and positive/negative emotions, and how achieving goals can boost self-efficacy and motivation. *Good Work* is a transformative workshop series led by Jason Story, designed to help you unlock your 2025 goals. Through real-world problem-solving, collaborative learning, and reflective practice, Jason will guide insightful conversations to set and achieve meaningful goals. With lunch included, this workshop is the perfect opportunity to grow, connect, and plan your best year yet!
 - **Fees/Admission:** Member Registration: \$25.00
 - Future / Non-Member Registration: \$30.00
 - Walk-In Registration: \$30.00
 - ***PRE-REGISTRATION ONLINE CLOSES ON THURSDAY, MAY 22ND AT 10:00AM.** *Please note when registering online, payment will be required at the time of checkout. *Per MBA policy, all event registration cancellations must be made at least 48-hours in advance of the event date for a refund.
 - **Contact Information:** Jason Story jstory@mbami.org
 - **Upcoming workshops:**
 - September 18th:** Overcoming Obstacles in Goal Achievement
 - October 30th:** Balancing Multiple Goals
 - December 11th:** Reflecting and Celebrating Achievements

Saturday - May 31st to Sunday - June 1st , 2025

- **Summer Art Fair**
 - **Sat & Sun / 10:00am – 5:00pm**
 - **Location:** Main Street from Jerome Rodd (Downtown Midland)
 - Summer Art Fair is an exciting outdoor celebration of fine arts and crafts hosted by the Midland Center for the Arts—held rain or shine in Downtown Midland! The event attracts thousands of art lovers each year, with artists' booths, delicious food, and live music from local bands, creating the perfect environment for the community to engage with art.
 - **Fees/Admission:** Free



For more Events, Please check out Downtown Midland.

- downtownmidland.com/events/
- [COMMUNITY CALENDAR — Max Loves Midland](#)
- [Events Calendar - Midland Business Alliance - Midland Business Alliance](#)

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