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WHY WOODEN
ROLLER COASTERS
STILL RULE

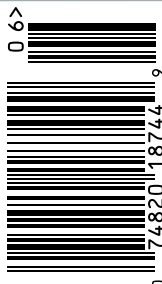
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Adult Skate at
the Fun Factory

Trapeze Lessons

Firefly Walks

Yoga in the Park

Ohio River
Paddlefest

Rabbit Hash
Barn Dances

The Slurring
Bee at Mayday

The Delhi
Skirt Game

Pull-Tabs for Jesus

Glass Making
at Brazee Street
Studios

Ride the Bull at
Bobby Mackey's

Mock Turtle
Soup at St. Rita's

Fountain Square
Fish Toss





FIVE "SECRET" SOCIETIES TO JOIN

Schwartz's Point Few jazz spots around town are as serious about the music. Case in point: there's a designated table where patrons are allowed to carry on conversations. That means one thing—be quiet and listen, or leave. We can dig that.

Anime Night Learn more about anime (Japanese animation) at the University of Cincinnati's Anime Night, every Friday. Check out their Facebook page for the weekly schedule.

The Slurring Bee Sure, you can spell, but try doing it while you're

intoxicated. The Slurring Bee at Mayday in Northside tests your linguistic (and alcoholic) mettle the third Thursday of every month.

Hive13 calls itself a "hackerspace," a place where the scientific, technological, and digital meet. We call it an "underground lair" for tech geeks, based in Camp Washington. The group sponsors arcade nights and workshops.

Candlepin Bowling What do you get when you mix skeeball with bowling? Candlepin bowling at the Wyoming Civic Center. It may have smaller balls (one or two pounds) and pins (15.75 inches tall), but it's just as much fun.

You Can Visit Planet Snoopy

Just when you thought you could forgo the season passes this year, Kings Island reveals yet another not-to-be-missed attraction—Planet Snoopy. The all-new collection of Peanuts-themed rides, including The Great Pumpkin Coaster, Woodstock Express, and Peanuts Off-Road Rally, will not disappoint your kids or the kid in you. And even a year after its debut, Diamondback, which tops out at 80 miles per hour, is still hailed by thrill junkies as one of the most breathtaking rides out there. We readily concur. » WWW.VISITKINGSISLAND.COM



Tough Girls On Skates The Cincinnati RollerGirls aren't girls at all. They're broads. And we mean that in a good way. The 55-member team is full of tough-as-nails chicks who hip check, block, and occasionally elbow their way to points and penalties on the roller derby circuit. (During the home opener in March, one of the players suffered a double leg fracture and waved enthusiastically to the crowd as she was wheeled off of the track on a stretcher. Take that, Carson Palmer and Dwyane Wade.) We could talk about the sport as a form of female empowerment, but we won't. Just go to the games and let the adrenaline pump through your veins as you root for the home team. It's sure to make you forget about the perceived inappropriateness of women on roller skates smacking each other around. If it doesn't, the spandex shorts and fishnet stockings probably will. » WWW.CINCINNATIROLLERGIRLS.COM

WHY I'M HERE

Bootsy Collins: "It can be very difficult or it can be very easy to get along with others. It's not about what the town gives you, but more about what you have to give to the town. I have been all around the world for the funk and there ain't no better funk'n' place than the 'Nati!'"



Evenings at the Palm Court Bar At the Hilton Netherland Plaza hotel bar one gets the feeling that, given the right mix of cocktails and beautiful strangers, anything can happen. Knowledgeable mixologists treat patrons to upscale martinis. The bar anchors the entire grand room, which includes a small stage, a piano, exquisitely detailed frescoes, and an original Rookwood fountain. Dimly lit and otherworldly, the Palm Court bar invites locals and out-of-towners alike to slip out of time, get fashionably tipsy, and glide through an evening, chatting as strangers do at hotel bars, as the piano plays. And there's always a luxury suite available, should the need arise. » (513) 421-9100

You Can Still Light Up in Kentucky

It's extra fun for drinkers to smoke while seated at the bar. You know, indoors, in Kentucky, where that's still legal. It's especially great during the winter, when all of the impromptu "courtyards" that cropped up throughout Ohio, after the state implemented a smoking ban in 2006, are covered in dirty slush and icicles.

Meet Your (Beer) Maker

» **Great Crescent Brewery.** No tasting room or fancy-pants tour guides at this small-but-expanding operation. Just show up during the workweek and owners Lani or Dan Valas will show you around. Valas brews seven varieties. » WWW.GCBEER.COM

» **Listermann Brewing Co., Inc.** "The tour does not consist of much more than poking their head in," Dan Listermann says. Because Listermann and his staff have spent years guiding hobbyists through the mixing, mashing, steeping, and fermentation adventure that is beer-making, they know how to explain the science and the art behind brews such as their Wild Mile Ale. » WWW.LISTERMANN.COM

» **Rivertown Brewing.** The region's newest brewery—creators of, among others, Hop Bomber pale ale and a summer Wit Bier—is also happy to let visitors come in and check out the works. Co-owner Jason Roeper (his partner is Randy Schiltz) suggests calling first. » WWW.RIVERTOWNBREWERY.COM

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to do
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David Simon talks about *The Wire*, *Treme*, and the blessings of HBO

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SPORTS

Skate Queens » You own roller skates.

You've seen *Whip It*. You have just enough pent-up aggression to be dangerous. But remember: That doesn't put you on par with the **Cincinnati Rollergirls**. When they take on Milwaukee's Brewcity Bruisers this month, you'll find out what happens when tough derby chicks get amped up. Formed in 2006, the Rollergirls have skated their way into the hearts of Cincinnatians, cultivating adoring fans across the region. "It's all a little surreal, given my rather sedentary day job," says jammer Lauren Bishop, a features reporter for *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, a.k.a. Miss Print. "I'm no roller derby superstar, but our fans make me feel like I am." —AIESHA D. LITTLE

JUNE 19. SAT 7 PM. CINCINNATI GARDENS, 2250 E. SEYMOUR AVE., BOND HILL, WWW.CINCINNATI-ROLLERGIRLS.COM

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SPECIAL
EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL BUTTERFLY SHOW

Thru June 20: Butterflies of Japan. **Admission:** adults \$6, seniors \$5, children 5–17 \$4, children 4 and under free. Mon–Sun 10 am–5 pm. Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Eden Park, (513) 357-2621.

BOOK SIGNING: JOHN ERARDI AND JOEL LUCKHAUPT

June 2: Authors sign and discuss their new book, *The Wire-to-Wire Reds: Sweet Lou, Nasty Boys, and the Wild Run to a World Championship*. **Admission:** free. Wed 7 pm. Joseph-Beth Booksellers, 2692 Madison Rd., Norwood, (513) 396-8960.

SUMMERFAIR

June 4–6: More than 325 artists exhibit and sell works including ceramics, jewelry, photography, and fiber arts. **Admission:** adults \$10, children 10 and under free. Fri 2–8 pm, Sat 10 am–8 pm, Sun 10 am–5 pm. Coney Island, 6201 Kellogg Ave., Anderson Twp., (513) 531-0050.

DON'T MISS! ART IN THE GARDEN

June 5: Historic Augusta hosts an outdoor art show. **Admission:** free. Sat 10 am–5 pm. Riverside Dr., Augusta, www.augustaartguild.com

TOYOTA'S MOVIE NIGHT

June 5–Aug 28: Bring the blankets and chairs for double-feature movies on the Square's big screen. Check website for movie schedule. **Admission:** free. Sat 7:30 & 9:30 pm. Fountain Square, Fifth & Vine Sts., downtown, www.myfountainsquare.com

FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

June 6–10: Stock up on cheap reads at this annual event. **Admission:** free. Friday is Bag Day, where shoppers can purchase a \$10 bag and fill it with books. Mon–Wed 9 am–9 pm, Thurs &