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## June blooms in downtown Nashua

From dedication to celebration, there are plenty of events taking place during the month of June in downtown Nashua. We have compiled some highlights that you won't want to miss.

The New Hampshire Holocaust Memorial dedication and ribbon cutting will take place during the first weekend in June at Rotary Common. The concept for creating this significant memorial began more than four years ago as an idea of Fred and Jan Teeboom. Now complete, the site contains symbolic representations of the Holocaust. The memorial is structured so that a visitor can walk the rail path into the Central Sculpture, a structure composed of six massive walls surrounding a brick column topped with a polished black granite cube that reflects the image of a visitor.

The dedication, including ribbon cutting ceremony, distinguished speakers, a children's dance performance, and the laying of the memorial wreath, will begin at 1 p.m. June 1. For more information, visit [www.nhholocaustmemorial.org](http://www.nhholocaustmemorial.org).

The highly anticipated food celebration event of the year in downtown Nashua will take place on the first Wednesday in June: The Taste of Downtown is commemorating "20 Years of Great Taste." This ticketed event draws hundreds of foodies from the region to sample the culinary offerings of downtown's best restaurants from inside fabulous downtown retail and service locations. To add to the festivities, there are street musicians, prizes, giveaways, raffles and a popular scavenger hunt. Twenty-three restaurants will participate in this year's event.

The Taste of Downtown is sponsored by The Apartments at Cotton Mill, Clocktower Place Apartments, The Lannan Company Real Estate Investment & Development, Bellavance Beverage Co., 106.3 FrankFM and The Telegraph.

Tickets may be purchased at [www.downtownnashua.org](http://www.downtownnashua.org),

or at the following downtown locations: Beckonings, 221 Main St.; Fortin Gage Flowers & Gifts, 86 W. Pearl St.; Fresh of Nashua, 178 Main St.; and Scontsas Fine Jewelry & Home Decor, 169-173 Main St. The Taste will take place at 6 p.m. June 4, for more information, call 883-5700 or visit [www.downtownnashua.org](http://www.downtownnashua.org).

Do you know the fundamentals of photography, but want to hone your skills? This month, you may want to try the Portable Portrait workshop. Taught by portrait photographer Sid Ceaser, this workshop is a hands-on, active participation workshop that will get you outside on location using off-camera lighting. The class begins with a technical refresher, and then each student will have time to work with a model to further develop their photography skills. The workshop will be held at 1 p.m., June 21 at Sid Ceaser Photography Studios, 99 Factory St. Ext., fourth floor. For more information or to enroll, call 821-3812, email [info@ceaserphotography.com](mailto:info@ceaserphotography.com) or visit [www.ceasarphotography.com](http://www.ceasarphotography.com).

June also marks the return of fresh local fruit and vegetables to downtown, at the Nashua Sunday Farmers Market. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m, Sundays beginning June 22, the market will be held on the Main Street Bridge through Oct. 12. Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of fruit and vegetables, meat, eggs, cut flowers, plants, pastries, artisan breads, honey, maple syrup, candy, ice cream, soap and crafts. There will also be performances by local musicians every week, including several appearances of the popular bluegrass band, The New Englanders.

Special events will be peppered throughout the summer and fall months, including fruit festivals, live art events and exercise demonstrations. The Nashua Sunday Farmers Market is sponsored by St. Joseph Hospital, and The Telegraph. For more information, call 883-5700 or visit [www.downtownnashua.org](http://www.downtownnashua.org).

Come downtown to celebrate the beginning of summer vacation. The Nashua Public Library is hosting an Outdoor Kick-off Carnival on the Library Plaza, for grades 6-12. Come enjoy local bands and performers, outdoor games, a robotics display and more. The carnival will be held 6:30-9:30 p.m., June 25. For more information, visit [www.nashuapubliclibrary.org](http://www.nashuapubliclibrary.org) or call 589-4600.

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