

**WICN-FM WORCESTER, MA
QUARTERLY ISSUES
Third Quarter 2021**

This listing includes some of the significant issues responded to by WICN(FM), Worcester, Massachusetts along with the most significant treatment of those issues for the period July 1st – September 30th, 2021. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Arts

Sunday, August 15 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, August 17 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes back Beijing-based visual artist WEI YAN to talk about her new work. Her website is: www.weibeyond.com or you can check out her latest work on Instagram.

Sunday, September 12 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, September 14 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Returning to Inquiry tonight to continue our series on how Covid has affected museums, we welcome back NICK CAPASSO, PhD, Director of the FITCHBURG ART MUSEUM and KENT RUSSELL, Executive Director of the MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS. Museums thought we were going to be past this pandemic by now, but instead we are facing another surge in cases even here in Massachusetts. How are these two museums dealing with this and planning for the future? Tune in!

Inquiry welcomes back artist MICHELLE MAY. She is also the editor, creative director, publisher and co-founder of the new JUNIPER RAG: A VISUAL ART MAGAZINE. Tune in and find out all about it.

Sunday, September 19 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, September 21 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Mathematicians are passionate about their blackboards. Blackboards are one of the oldest tools for teaching and learning, yet many abstract mathematicians are wild about “chalk talks”. Looking at a chalkboard filled with symbols, numbers, and illustrations that you do not understand is like coming across an abstract painting in an art museum. Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with JESSICA WYNNE. She is an associate professor of photography at the Fashion Institute of Technology. Her new book is a wondrous collection of photographs of mathematician’s chalkboards and their statements on what they do and why they love their chalkboards: DO NOT ERASE: MATHEMATICIANS AND THEIR CHALKBOARDS.

Business

Thursday, July 1 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour.

Sunday, July 4 – 10:00PM

Monday, July 5 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

"Business Beat" is an in-depth interview show that highlights the world of Central New England's business and economic development leaders, hosted by Erin Hayes and Ian Barrett of the award-winning content creation agency MediaBoss. You'll learn about successes and failures as well as their hopes and dreams as Worcester's ongoing renaissance continues to attract a new generation of entrepreneurs.

Thursday, July 8 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Sunday, July 11 – 10:00PM

Monday, July 12 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, July 4 description.

Thursday, July 15 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Sunday, July 18 – 10:00PM

Monday, July 19 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, July 4 description.

Thursday, July 22 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Sunday, July 25 – 10:00PM

Monday, July 26 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, July 4 description.

Thursday, July 29 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Sunday, August 1 – 10:00PM

Monday, August 2 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, July 4 description.

Thursday, August 5 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

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Sunday, August 8 – 10:00PM

Monday, August 9 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

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Thursday, August 12 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

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Sunday, August 15 – 10:00PM

Monday, August 16 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

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Thursday, August 19 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

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Sunday, August 22 – 10:00PM

Monday, August 23 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

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Thursday, August 26 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

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Sunday, August 29 – 10:00PM

Monday, August 30 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

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Thursday, September 2 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

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Sunday, September 5 – 10:00PM

Monday, September 6 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

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Thursday, September 9 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

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Business Beat

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Thursday, September 16 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

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Monday, September 20 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

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Thursday, September 23 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

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Monday, September 27 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

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Thursday, September 30 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Culture – Popular, including Music

Thursday, July 1 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

WICN GM David Ginsburg and Worcester Cultural Coalition Marketing Manager Nikki Erskine share local arts and culture highlights, including streaming events plus indoor and outdoor activities that you can comfortably enjoy, in this fun half-hour conversation.

Sunday, July 4 – 10:30PM

Monday, July 5 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI is joined by famed biographer, Hayden Herrera to talk about her new memoir “UPPER BOHEMIA” a look at her life through parents who were divorced and often narcissistic and aloof.

Thursday, July 8 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Sunday, July 11 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, July 13 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight, on Inquiry we welcome back poet TONY GLOEGGLER who will read some of his poems from the collection: UNTIL THE LAST LIGHT LEAVES.

Tonight, on Inquiry we talk with GENE LUEN YANG. He writes, sometimes draws comic books and graphic novels. And tonight we are talking about his newest book DRAGON HOOPS: FROM SMALL STEPS TO GREAT LEAPS. This graphic memoir traces Yang’s coverage of the high school basketball team where he teaches. It’s a project he started even though he has never enjoyed sports and knows nothing about basketball. His book is a thrilling account of his school’s attempt to finally win the State finals as well as a unique history of the sport.

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Culture Beat

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Thursday, July 22 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Sunday, July 25 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, July 27 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with poet, editor, and prose writer KAZIM ALI about his new collection: THE VOICE OF SHEILA CHANDRA.

Rod Serling was a screen and television writer who helped create the “Golden Age of Television” with his television plays like Patterns and with his ground-breaking series The Twilight Zone. Yet he was a tortured soul, often haunted by his military experiences. Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome award-winning illustrator and cartoonist KOREN SHADMI. He will be talking about his fine graphic biography: THE TWILIGHT MAN: ROD SERLING AND THE BIRTH OF TELEVISION.

Thursday, July 29 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Sunday, August 1 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, August 3 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with one of the great artists of radio and aural theatre: Firesign Theatre member DAVID OSSMAN. We will talk about a new (!!!) release of Firesign material: DOPE HUMOR OF THE SEVENTIES. Ossman’s career is a long one in writing and acting in radio plays, and we will talk about some of his many other projects too.

Milt Gross was comic strip artist of the early decades of the 20th Century. His wild newspaper strips like “Nize Baby” and “Count Screwloose of Tooloose” epitomized the zany “big foot era” of American comics. He was also a well known author, animator, and in the end became a serious painter. Tune in and learn about the man that made “Banana Oil” a catchphrase of an era when we talk with editor PETER MARESCA about his wonderful new book: GROSS EXAGGERATIONS: THE MESHUGA COMIC STRIPS OF MILT GROSS.

Thursday, August 5 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Sunday, August 8 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, August 10 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we continue our talk with one of the great artists of radio and aural theatre: Firesign Theatre member DAVID OSSMAN. The new (!!!) release of Firesign material is DOPE HUMOR OF THE SEVENTIES. But Ossman has long been a writer, poet, performer, actor and director. We will talk about some of his many projects from the ground-breaking series of interview with poets called The Sullen Art, his own published poetry, the George Tirebiter books, and his many adaptations of material for radio airplay.

Sunday, August 8 – 10:30PM

Monday, August 9 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on “The Public Eye” Al speaks with best-selling author Sebastian Junger about his new book, “FREEDOM”. Tune in to hear what the NY Times best-selling author has in store this time.

Thursday, August 12 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

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Thursday, August 19 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Sunday, August 22 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, August 24 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we are excited to talk with writer GRETEL EHRLICH, author of nonfiction, fiction, and poetry. Her new evocative memoir is titled UNSOLACED: ALONG THE WAY TO ALL THAT IS. This is a book about travel, loss, impermanence, global climate change, death, sentience and sunderance, and where we find a home.

Thursday, August 26 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

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Thursday, September 2 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

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Thursday, September 9 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

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Thursday, September 16 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

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Sunday, September 19 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, September 21 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

“We are all trying to change what we fear into something beautiful”. Tonight Inquiry welcomes back poet KELLI RUSSELL AGODON. She is the cofounder of Two Sylvias Press as well as co director of Poets on the Coast: A Weekend Writing

Retreat for Women. We will be talking about her new collection: DIALOGUES WITH RISING TIDES, from which she will be reading a few selections.

Thursday, September 23 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Thursday, September 30 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, July 1 description.

Sunday, September 26 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, September 28 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes writer and journalist JESSICA HOPPER to talk about her just re-printed, revised, and expanded collection of essays: THE FIRST COLLECTION OF CRITICISM BY A LIVING FEMALE ROCK CRITIC.

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with KRISTIN HERSH, writer, solo artist, and founding member of the bands Throwing Muses and 50-Foot Wave. We will be talking about her fascinating new memoir SEEING SIDEWAYS: A MEMOIR OF MUSIC AND MOTHERHOOD.

Community

Sunday, July 4 – 11:00PM

Wednesday, July 7 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

Public Hearing is our podcast and radio show talking about smart cities, systems change, and equity-centered development through the lens of our home City of Worcester, MA. We explore challenges facing the community and discuss solutions with a focus on inclusion, equity, and prosperity. Hosted by Joshua Croke founder of Action! by Design.

Sunday, July 11 – 11:00PM

Wednesday, July 14 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Sunday, July 4 description.

Sunday, July 18 – 11:00PM

Wednesday, July 21 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

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Sunday, July 25 – 11:00PM

Wednesday, July 28 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

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Sunday, August 1 – 11:00PM

Wednesday, August 4 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

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Wednesday, August 11 – 6:00PM

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Public Hearing
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Environment

Health

Sunday, August 8 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, August 10 – 6:00PM
Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with GUY CROSBY. He is Adjunct Associate Professor of Nutrition at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He is also the Science Editor for Christopher Kimball's Milk Street. Crosby's new book is unique and fascinating. It is a cultural history, a nutrition guide, an introduction to cooking science, and a wonderful cookbook: **COOK, TASTE, LEARN: HOW THE EVOLUTION OF SCIENCE TRANSFORMED THE ART OF COOKING.**

History

Sunday, July 4 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, July 6 – 6:00PM
Inquiry

In 1919 World War I had just ended when it was decided that France would have a Tour de France, the weeks-long grueling bicycle race that traces the borders of France. The route would take the participants right through areas that were scenes of constant fighting and bombing just months before. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer and journalist ADIN DOBKIN about his gripping account of this race: **SPRINTING THROUGH NO MAN'S LAND/ENDURANCE, TRAGEDY, AND REBIRTH IN THE 1919 TOUR DE FRANCE**

Do you think you know what camping is, tune in to tonight's Inquiry. Through the last century and a half, camping has changed definitions and the way it was socially and politically viewed. From remembering the Civil War to "back to nature". We talk with PHOEBE S.K. YOUNG. She is an associate professor of history at the University of Colorado,

Boulder. Her new book traces this changing landscape of living out of doors: **CAMPING GROUNDS: PUBLIC NATURE IN AMERICAN LIFE FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE OCCUPY MOVEMENT.**

Sunday, July 25 – 10:30PM

Monday, July 26 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This summer marks the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 15 moon landing. Especially important is the fact that the Lunar Rover was used to transport astronauts from one destination to another. Tune in this week when AI speaks with best-selling author and educator, Earl Swift. His new book; “ACROSS THE AIRLESS WILDS” is a historical step back in time to the final moon landing.

Sunday, August 15 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, August 17 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we have a serious discussion about anthropodermic books, volumes bound in human skin. Our guest tonight is MEGAN ROSENBLOOM. She is a librarian with a research interest in the history of medicine and rare books. She also works for the Anthropodermic Book Project. Moving beyond the initial macabre titillation of the subject, these books raise important questions about whether they belong in museum and library collections. A number of these books were also owned and prepared by medical doctors. How could doctors bound a book with the skin of one of their patients? Rosenbloom’s new book is titled: **DARK ARCHIVES: A LIBRARIAN’S INVESTIGATION INTO THE SCIENCE AND HISTORY OF BOOKS BOUND IN HUMAN SKIN.**

Sunday, August 15 – 10:30PM

Monday, August 16 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

In his new book; **AMERICAN REPUBLICS**, two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and author Alan Taylor shows that as a new nation America during 1783-1850 was caught up in controversy and divisiveness as to what direction to take as it forged its way ahead. Tune in this week when AI speaks with Alan Taylor.

Sunday, August 22 – 10:30PM

Monday, August 23 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

“**LADY EDITOR**” The Life of Sarah Josepha Hale is a new book by author Melanie Kirkpatrick. At a time in history when women performed domestic duties, Hale was out publishing a magazine (Godey’s Lady Book), educating and influencing women of the early nineteenth century. She has been called the Oprah and Martha Stewart of her time. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI speaks with Melanie Kirkpatrick about her book.

Sunday, September 19 – 9:00PM

Monday, September 20 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on “The Public Eye” AI chats with author Robert Levine about his new book; **The Failed Promise.** An engrossing study of the black struggle to gain the right to vote after the Civil War and the efforts of black activists such as Fredrick Douglass.

Sunday, September 5 – 10:30PM

Monday, September 6 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on “The Public Eye” AI talks with author Deanne Quinn Miller who recently published her first book, a memoir in which she talks about the death of her father, a prison guard who was killed during the Attica State prison uprising in 1971. Miller was only five at the time and has found that writing the book has given her some closure.

Humanities

Politics/Current Affairs

Sunday, July 18 – 10:30PM

Monday, July 19 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI speaks with Mike Festa, MASS state director for AARP about the cost of being a caregiver and what the Federal government is doing to help millions of families across the nation.

Sunday, August 1 – 10:30PM

Monday, August 2 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI speaks with award-winning columnist and author, Stephen Kurczy. In his new book: THE QUIET ZONE he paints a portrait of an Appalachian community where cell phone service and WIFI are restricted by law. Tune in this Sunday and Monday evenings to hear how the residents of this region have come to accept the quest for quiet.

Sunday, September 12 – 10:30PM

Monday, September 13 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

In his new book; Decolonizing Wealth author and activist Edgar Villanueva argues that philanthropic organizations are not doing enough to reach those most in need and that colonization is at the root of the problem. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI speaks with Villanueva about his book and his concerns.

Sunday, September 26 – 10:30PM

Monday, September 27 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

Violence against health care is a global problem, one that requires our full attention. That's how educator and author Leonard Rubenstein sees it. In his new book: PERILOUS MEDICINE he describes the human and emotional toll that war and violence has on global health care.

Science & Nature

Sunday, July 18 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, July 20 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back KENNETH CATANIA. He is the Stevenson Professor of Biological Sciences at Vanderbilt University. We will continue our conversation about his book GREAT ADAPTATIONS: STAR-NOSED MOLES, ELECTRIC EELS, AND OTHER TALES OF EVOLUTIONS MYSTERIES SOLVED. Tonight we talk about the bizarre Tentacled Snake and why Worm Grunting works.

Earth is beautiful and filled with wonders, but it is “frustratingly” complex and at times extremely violent. There are volcanoes, hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, and climate change. Because of the hard work of numerous scientists, we understand some of why these events occur, but there is so much more we wish we knew. Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back author and marine scientist ELLEN PRAGER to talk about her new book DANGEROUS EARTH: WHAT WE WISH WE KNEW ABOUT VOLCANOES, HURRICANES, CLIMATE CHANGE, EARTHQUAKES, AND MORE.

Sunday, August 22 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, August 24 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes back JOHN KRICHER. He is a Professor Emeritus of Biology at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts where for 48 years he taught ecology, ornithology, and vertebrate evolution. We are continuing our conversation about his new book the PETERSON REFERENCE GUIDE TO BIRD BEHAVIOR. Tonight we will talk about all the ways that birds keep their feathers clean, how they find food, and how birds sleep.

Sunday, August 29 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, August 31 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with IAN PARSONS who has spent years birding in Spain and leads bird tours there. His particular passion is watching vultures, and central Spain is a great place to do just that. His new book is A VULTURE LANDSCAPE: TWELVE MONTHS IN THE EXTREMADURA.

Inquiry welcomes back SHAWN CAREY, film maker, lecturer, and founder of MIGRATION PRODUCTIONS. Carey will talk about his series “A Wing and A Prayer”, a series of short films about people who are building a future for birds. He will also talk about a new series kicked off with the film: “Birds of Myakka Park”.

Technology