



# Grafton Riverbeat

## February Events, Music & Things to do



### **Art Fair at The Vineyards** **February 25** **11am - 6pm**

The Grafton Winery the Vineyards is excited to host their first Art Fair on Saturday, February 25, 2023. They will have a variety of artists present to display their work, which will also be available for purchase. There will also be food, drinks, and wine (of course) available for purchase throughout the fair. Come out and support our local talent at The Vineyards beautiful country setting. The Vineyards is located at 21028 Eckert Orchard Rd.

This year for Valentine's Day, treat your sweetie (or yourself) to a tasty meal, favorite drink or a basketful of goodies or gift certificates from Grafton.

Make it an extra special time by spending a few days at an overnight stay and enjoy the view at leisure.

Head over to the ice rink at The Loading Dock for a pre-Valentine's Day Couples Skate the weekend before.



# Things to Do

**Grafton Sky Tour:** Closed for the Winter, reopening in March.

**Aeries Alpine Coaster:** Winter Hours, Thursday-Sunday 11am-4:30pm (weather permitting).

**Edward Amburg Museum & Visitor Center:** Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm and Monday Holidays (Closed on Thursday Feb.9 so that our staff can attend the Annual Tourism Summit on that day).

**Riverside Ice-Skating Rink at the Loading Dock:** Hours are Fridays 5-10pm, Saturdays 12-10pm and Sundays 12-8pm. Also open for special Holiday hours, call 618-556-7951 for more information or email: loadingdock@gtec.com.

**The Grafton Winery Vineyards:** **Fireplace Friday, Fri. Feb. 10, 6-9pm:** Spend a relaxing evening hanging out with friends and fellow wine lovers. Bring a favorite appetizer, dish, or dessert to share. **On The Rocks Tasting Series, Sat. Feb. 18, 6:30-9pm:** This tasting series will be with Old Herald Distillery from Collinsville. The owner/Distiller will join us with a selection of their most popular spirits including, bourbon, whiskey, agave, and more! Once again, your ticket will include food, and a cigar from AP Cigar out of Alton. <https://thegrafftonwinery.com/>

**Pere Marquette State Park: Stained Glass Retreat Feb 5, 9:30 am to finish (overnight stay required). Wine Pairing Dinner Shades of Red, Wed Feb 8 6:30pm, reservations recommended. Trail Hiking, Rock Climbing, Educational Visitors Center. For information and reservations on all events call 618-786-2331 ext. 338.**

## AERIE'S RESORT

### Valentine's Packages



## STAY

**1 NIGHT STAY - \$279 + TAX**

- a cozy one weekend night stay in a Terrace, Landing, or Deckhouse room
- an exclusive four-course dinner for two (see menu below)
- a bottle of wine

**2 NIGHT STAY - \$389 + TAX**

- a cozy two weekend night stay in a Terrace, Landing, or Deckhouse room
- an exclusive four-course dinner for two (see menu below)
- a bottle of wine

## DINE

**COUPLE'S DINNER - \$89 + TAX\***

- an exclusive four-course dinner for two people at our winery (see menu below)
- \*gratuity is not included in price

## MENU

*Dinner For Two 5pm-9pm*

<h3>STARTERS</h3> <p>choose a starter to share</p> <p><b>SPINACH DIP</b></p> <p>baby spinach, artichokes, and cream cheese dip served with warm pita bread</p> <p><b>FIREBALL</b></p> <p>cream cheese, jalapeños, and chopped pecans, all in a ball served with crackers</p>	<h3>SALADS</h3> <p>each enjoy a salad</p> <p><b>HOUSE SALAD</b></p> <p>spring lettuce mix, mozzarella, artichokes, pepperoni, tomato, and black olives</p> <p><b>DESSERT</b></p> <p><b>CHOCOLATE CAKE</b></p>	<h3>DINNER</h3> <p>each choose an entree</p> <p><b>SHRIMP FETTUCCINE</b></p> <p>fettuccine pasta with grilled shrimp, bacon, spinach in a heavy cream sauce</p> <p><b>NEW YORK STRIP</b></p> <p>CAB New York Strip seasoned and grilled, over open flame, cooked to order served with mashed potatoes and asparagus</p>
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## Valentines Packages at Aeries Resort

Looking for a special way to treat your favorite Valentine this year? Head up to Aerie's Winery & Resort for a romantic getaway and dinner the weekend before Valentines Day. They have a special couple's dinner planned on February 11 from 5-9pm with overnight packages available also because after a good meal who wants to make a long drive home when you can go back & relax in your room with one of the best views in the Midwest. Call 618-786-8439 to make your reservation or visit their website [aeriesresort.com/events](http://aeriesresort.com/events) for more information.

  
**Happy Valentine's Day**

## Shopping

### Hours for some shops vary in the Winter.

**Aeries Gift Shop 600 Timber Ridge Dr:** Open Thu-Sun 12 -5pm.

**Cox's Rivertown Mill Art & Gifts 115 W Washington:** Call for hours 812-994-9007.

**Golden Eagle Antiques 300 E Main:** Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm.

**Grafton BP Station 200 E Main:** Open Daily.

**Grafton Fudge Shop 321 E Main:** Open 11am-5pm.

**Grafton Graphix, Darts & Crafts 1406 W Main:** Open 10am-6pm Daily.

**Grafton Harbor Marina Shop 215 W Water St:** Closed for Winter

**Grafton Market 1415 W Main:** Open 6am-8pm daily. Call 786-2337 for information.

**Grafton Winery Gift Shop 300 W Main:** Daily from 11am-7pm.

**Harrisons Gifts 224 E Main:** Weekends only, weather permitting.

**Knotty By Nature 15 E Main:** Daily from 10am-6pm.

**Mosby Woodwork 309 Market St:** Call for information on hours 786-2223.

**Fancy Nancy on Main 120 W Main:** Hours vary; Look for the Cardinals and Open flag.

**Pajarito 316 E Main:** Open 11am-5pm Daily.

**Riverbank Gifts 225 E Main:** Temporarily closed for season  
Normal Business Hours: Fri 2-6pm, Sat and Sun 10am-4pm.  
Call 618-786-2265 for information on purchasing items.

**The Lady LaMarsh 25 E Main:** Closed for season until Spring.

**The Wood Artisan 22 E Main:** Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm.

**Main Street Gift Shop 301 E Main:** Temporarily Closed for Remodeling. Normal Business Hours: Thu - Sun 10am to 6pm.

*Fudge from Grafton Fudge & Ice Cream is a welcome valentine's gift!*



**Stop by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chute Bar & Grill for one of their weekday lunch specials.** They have the \$6.95 working man lunch special Mon-Fri from 11am-1pm plus other daily specials:

**Monday** – Homestyle Monday, a different homestyle type meal from 11am until close.

**Tuesday** – Taco Tuesday, 1.50 Tacos/5.00 Quesadillas/3.00 margaritas.

**Wednesday** – Wing Wednesday.

**Thursday** – Thirsty Thursday, 2.25 domestic bottles all day/11.95 3pc Fried Chicken dinner after 4pm.

Steak Special on February 11 for Valentines Day. Call 618-786-8888 for information. 220 W. Main St. [www.3rdchute.com](http://www.3rdchute.com)

### Grafton Winery & Brewhaus Music Lineup for February:

**Feb 4** NGK Band 3-7pm / **Feb 5** Strangers 1-5pm

**Feb 11** Terry Beck 3-7pm / **Feb 12** 1-5pm.

**Feb 18** Tragg Band 3-7pm / **Feb 19** TBD 1-5pm.

**Feb 25** Jason McAtee 3-7pm / **Feb 26** Rockabilly Revival 1-5pm.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mushroom Festival at Raging Rivers



**April 15, 2023**  
**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Raging Rivers Waterpark | 100 Palisades Parkway, Grafton, IL 62037

Calling all Vendors to be a part of the 3rd Annual Great Mushroom Hunt on April 15, 2023, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Raging Rivers Waterpark.

They are looking for vendors for food trucks, producers, small businesses, and artisans to enhance a festive atmosphere for both vendors and shoppers. All vendors will receive 2 free admission tickets to the park. Spaces are only \$60 for registration!

Visit [bit.ly/MushroomHunt](https://bit.ly/MushroomHunt) for more information or to fill out a vendor form today.



Music in The Park has a wonderful list of bands lined up for this season which will start Thursday, May 25 at The Grove Memorial Park. Donations are still being sought to help with costs. You can send your tax deductible donations by check to Grafton Chamber of Commerce, P O Box 403, Grafton, IL 62037 or go to <https://www.graftonilchamber.com> to make a payment by credit card by clicking on the link. Any amount is appreciated. A free family and dog friendly event!



# SAVE THE DATE

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi Masters Golf Tournament

Lockhaven Golf Club

Friday, May 19, 2023



LOCKHAVEN



**4-PERSON SCRAMBLE \$400 PER TEAM**

**12:00 pm Shotgun Start**

**Check-in starts at 10:30 am**

**Lunch, beer and soft drinks are included in entry fee**

**Rain Date: May 26, 2023**

**Sponsorships are available from \$700 which include a team, signage and honorable mention in all literature.**

**Hole sponsorships available for \$100.**

**Individual players, twosomes or threesomes are welcome too!  
Visit our website for fees.**

**For Team or Sponsor Registration go to:  
[www.graftonilchamber.com](http://www.graftonilchamber.com)**



**Prizes 3 Flights:** (Based on Full Field)

**A \$600, \$300, \$100**

**B \$600, \$300, \$100**

**C Prizes**

**-- 4 Closest to the hole prizes**

**-- Optional cash skins game available for \$40 per team with 100% being returned to the field.**

**Goody Bags, 50/50 & Attendance Prizes**

<http://www.graftonilchamber.com>

<http://www.enjoygrafton.com>