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Busy season ahead for Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses

Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses, a chapter of the nonprofit American Lighthouse Foundation, was founded in 2001 to care for Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse in New Castle, New Hampshire. In 2009, the organization took on the stewardship of Whaleback Lighthouse, off the Kittery, Maine, shore at the mouth of the Piscataqua River. Plans call for a dock to be installed at Whaleback with public tours in the future. For now, there's plenty happening at the easily accessible Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse, a historic jewel of the Seacoast that also provides the best view in the area.

As in the past few years, Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse will be open for public tours every Sunday afternoon, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., from Memorial Day weekend to Columbus Day weekend in October. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. There's a minimum height requirement of 42 inches to climb the 44 steps and ladder to the top of the lighthouse. The view from the top is magnificent, and visitors also get to see a rare operational nineteenth century lens up close. Volunteers tell visitors about the history of the lighthouse and its keepers, and there are gifts and books for sale.

A special "Family Weekend" is planned for July 6-7. The lighthouse will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on both days. At 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, a representative from the Center for Wildlife in York, Maine, will give a talk on our local wildlife, with live animal ambassadors from the Center. On Sunday afternoon, July 7, there will be live music by Shannachie. There will also be children's games and more.

One of the most popular events at Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse for several years has been the "Haunted Lighthouse and Fort Tours" offered on occasional nights. Participants get the rare opportunity to visit the lighthouse and adjacent Fort Constitution at night, something that's ordinarily not possible because they are located inside an active Coast Guard station. This year's dates for the Haunted Tours are July 20, August 17, and September 14. Leading the 90-minute walking tours are Ron Kolek, founder of New England Ghost Project and popular paranormal author and radio host, and lighthouse historian/author Jeremy D'Entremont. Participants will hear about the paranormal investigations at the fort and lighthouse that have indicated the presence of a number of otherworldly residents. Ron will discuss investigation methods, and Jeremy will fill in the history behind the ghostly tales. Advance reservations are required; the tour is \$20 per person.

The Friends also have two lighthouse cruises scheduled from Rye Harbor this season, a sunset cruise on June 21 and a cruise past five lighthouses on September 21. Advance tickets are recommended. Details on all these events and directions to Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse are available on the Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses website at www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org.

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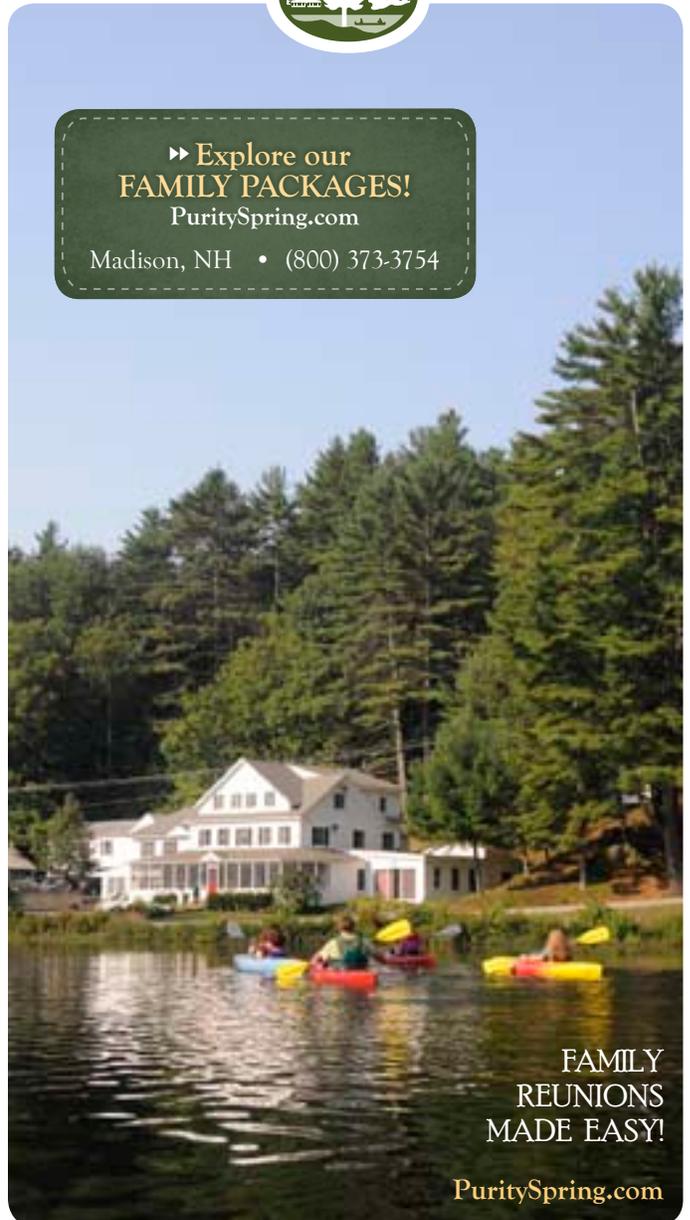
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New Exhibit of Southwestern Art and Culture

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is proud to unveil its newly renovated gallery devoted to Native American art and culture of the southwest. A new donation of stunning contemporary southwestern pottery and funding from Ginny Theo-Steelman and David Steelman inspired the gallery redesign.

The gallery entrance, created from real logs and stone, combined with a mural showing cliff dwellings give the gallery the look and feel of the southwest. The rug weaving area features a blanket loom and a life-size photo cutout of a Navajo woman weaving. The pottery area displays Pueblo pottery from ancient Anasazi to very modern pieces. Sand paintings, katsinas and silver are also featured.

The exhibit was designed by curator Nancy Jo Chabot and artist Chris Bullock (Wampanoag). Over one dozen volunteers helped bring the design to life including Scott and Debbie Dostie (Dine Metis) who built the loom and mural painter Leslie Ossoff.

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum was founded in 1990 by Charles "Bud" and Nancy Thompson as an educational and cultural center to connect visitors with Native American culture, past and present, and to encourage respect for our environment. The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum seeks to challenge all of us



to improve the quality of our lives and our world. The museum is open daily May 1 – October 31, Monday – Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday noon-5pm and on

weekends November through mid-December. See our website for a complete listing of upcoming events: www.indianmuseum.org

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Governor's Lilac and Wildflower Commission photo contest

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The Governor's Lilac Commission was established by Governor John H. Sununu in 1984 to promote extensive planting of lilacs throughout the State. It encourages the efforts of many individuals and groups to be involved in establishing our State Flower on public lands for all to enjoy. The Governor's Lilac Commission provides plant materials and recommends cultural practices for growing lilacs to insure the best possible results.

In an effort to help beautify New Hampshire's highways, the Commission has taken on the additional responsibility of purchasing and assisting in planting wildflowers. Because of these efforts, Governor Stephen Merrill renamed the Commission on August 1, 1995. For more information call Guy Giunta, Chairman (603) 271-6476 work.



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Canterbury Community Farmers' Market

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For more information, check our website at www.ccfma.net. or find us on Facebook. Each week there will be new musicians, a changing selection of goodies to taste, and demonstrations of cooking and garden skills. You'll want to visit the market regularly! 3 Center Road, Canterbury, NH. Phone: 603-783-9043. Email: canterburyfarmersmarket@gmail.com. Website: www.ccfma.net. 6/5/2013 (4:00PM)

Indoor and Outdoor Herb Gardening

2013 Master Gardener Series

This workshop series is open to all and consists of hands-on gardening workshops presented by Sullivan County Master Gardeners.

Master Gardener, Marilyn Hill will share tips and techniques for growing herbs from windowsill herb

gardens to expansive outdoor herb garden designs, as well as tips for using herbs in cooking, health, beauty and medicinal purposes. Get fresh ideas for layout and design, tips for planting and propagation and a brief history of herbs and spices.

Advanced registration is required. To register, contact Louise at The Fells at 603-763-4789 ext. 3.

Location: The Fells Estate and Gardens - 456 Route 103A, Newbury NH 03255 View Map

Fee: Suggested donation of \$10 per workshop or \$60 for all seven workshops in the series.

Sponsored by: Sullivan County Master Gardener and The Fells Estate and Gardens. For more information:

Contact Louise at The Fells Estate and Gardens at 603-763-4789 ext. 3 or visit their website at <http://thefells.org/2013-master-gardener-series/> (Thursday 06/20/2013 - 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM)

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Emerald Ash Borer

(Thursday 05/30/2013 - 07:30 PM - 08:30 PM)

Emerald ash borer (EAB), found March 2013 in Concord, is called the most destructive, invasive insect in North America. EAB attacks ash trees, and is responsible for the death of millions of ash trees in the Midwest. It kills untreated trees in 3 to 5 years. It is a federally regulated pest and the State of New Hampshire placed quarantine on Merrimack County for ash nursery stock, all hardwood firewood, and certain ash forest products. Help us slow the spread by learning the signs and symptoms.

Join Steve Roberge, Cheshire County Extension Forester, UNH Cooperative Extension, for a discussion on identifying and learning the signs and symptoms.

This talk is free to the public and all are welcome to attend. Location: Gay-Kimball Library - 10 South St., Troy NH 03465 View Map. Fee: Free. Sponsored by: Troy

Conservation Commission, Cheshire County UNH Cooperative Extension. For more information and questions, call 352-4550.

Guided Farm Tours of Walpole Valley Farms

6/1/2013 (10:00AM)

Event Fee: The cost of the tour is \$5.00 per adult with children 12 and under free. Reservations encouraged.

WALPOLE: Come see how a sustainable, pasture-based farm works. Get a 1 1/2 hour personally guided tour, with ample time for questions. We will visit, depending upon the season, baby chicks, egg-layer chickens, sheep, rare-breed heritage pigs, grass-fed cattle and calves, pastured chickens, pastured turkeys, cashmere goats and more. Walking in fields is part of the tour, so proper footwear is required. Farm tours are a great way to get to know your local farmers and learn about where your food

comes from! 663 Wentworth Road, Walpole, NH. Phone: 603-756-2805. Website: www.walpolevalleyfarms.com

Identification of NH Trees and Shrubs

(Friday 06/14/2013 - 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM)

This intensive, hands-on workshop will focus on dendrology and field identification of common shrub species in New Hampshire. You'll learn keys and characteristics of identification-leaves, fruits, twigs, bark and habitat-to apply in professional fieldwork, such as surveying, mapping, and wetland delineation. A hand lens is recommended for this workshop. Also recommended is the text, "A Field Guide to Trees and Shrubs" (Peterson Field Guides Series), by G.A. Petrides. Please dress for outdoors. (WD)

Location: UNH Professional Development & Training - Pease Tradeport, 73 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth NH 03801 View Map, Fee: \$175 (lunch included). For more information: To register call: (603) 862-7380.

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An Educational Series for New Hampshire Tree Farmers and people interested in learning more about woodlot care and management. Join us for a series of programs focusing on the cornerstone themes of sustainable Tree Farm management: wood, water, wildlife, and recreation. Join Tree Farmer and Plymouth State University Ecology Professor Len Reitsma for some close encounters with birds. Len and graduate student, Meagan Bassett will mist net birds and discuss the different habitats they frequent. Len has created openings and clearings throughout his 112-acre Tree Farm to evaluate how different bird

species respond to and utilize the different opening sizes. Len and Meagan will also demonstrate bird banding. This workshop is a great opportunity to see birds up close and learn about their preferred habitats, as well as to bring home ideas about how you can enhance bird habitat on your property.

Reitsma Tree Farm - 266 Prospect Hill Rd., Canaan NH 03741 View Map. Fee: \$5. Sponsored by: NH Tree Farm Program, Society for the Protection of NH Forests, New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, Granite State Division of Society of American Foresters, UNH Cooperative Extension

Questions? Contact:

- Wendy Scribner, UNH Cooperative Extension, Carroll County Forester (603) 447-3834 wendy.scribner@unh.edu
- Rita Carroll, NH Tree Farm Administrator, (603) 224-9945 x 331. rcarroll@forestsociety.org

Farm Day at Dimond Farm

(Sunday 06/02/2013 - 12:00 PM - 04:00 PM)

A fundraiser for NH Farm to School program through the UNH Sustainability Institute. This day will feature the Merrimack Valley Bee Club, Conservation District Soil Booth, Master Gardeners will talk about chickens and turkeys, and will man the Ask a Master Gardener booth and answer all of your gardening questions. The NH Llama Association and NH Ag in the Classroom will also be on hand. Learn about carding and spinning - eat locally made ice cream and soup from the Soup Guy Catering while you enjoy music by Don Watson. A family fun farm day for all!

Location: Dimond Hill Farm - 314 Hopkinton Road, Concord NH 03301 View Map

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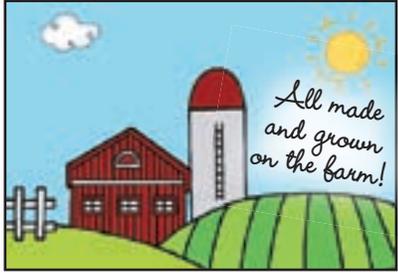
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Tickets purchased in advance are \$15 and may also be purchased online at: www.Pontine.Org. On the day of the event, tickets may be purchased for \$20 at the coast guard station in the parking area off route 1b, new castle.

The new castle village walk will take place rain or shine. All proceeds benefit pontine theatre's cultural and educational programs. This event is underwritten by piscataqua landscaping.

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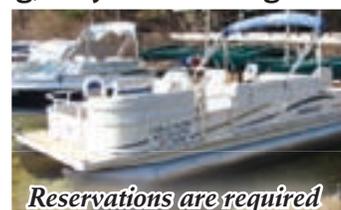
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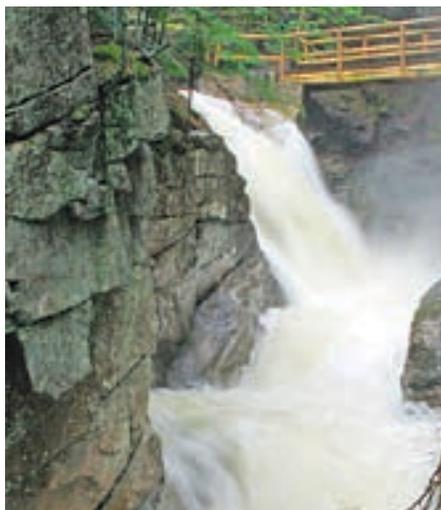
Opening days ahead for White Mountains Attractions

North Woodstock, N.H. – The sixteen major attractions located throughout New Hampshire's White Mountains Region are getting ready to open their doors. In addition to the usual preparations for the upcoming tourism season, many of these family-friendly attractions are introducing new rides, outdoor adventures and improvements for 2013.

"The interest in summer activities has already started, so it's great to see the attractions starting to open their doors," said Jayne O'Connor, President of the White Mountains Attractions Association. "There's a lot of pent-up demand for getting out in the mountains once the weather turns warm."

Several of the parks are open already, including The Conway Scenic Railroad in North Conway, which is running train rides daily now, and looking forward to two July visits from Thomas the Tank Engine. The Flume Gorge in Franconia Notch is also now open daily, with a mix of wildflowers and winter ice along the walk. In North Woodstock, Lost River Gorge & Boulder Caves opens for the season daily on May 10th, with an expanded schedule of evening Lantern Tours through the caves starting Memorial Day weekend.

Other new features include a newly opened cave on the tour at Polar Caves Park on Route 25 in Rumney, now open daily; and at the Mount Washington Cog Railway, the crew is building its final environ-



mentally-friendly bio-diesel locomotive. The Cog is open weekends for now and will run a daily schedule starting May 25. Also on Mount Washington, the Auto Road in Pinkham Notch is open daily for guided tours aboard the Auto Road's "Stages" (passenger vans). The tours have been extended this year, giving visitors a full hour to explore the top of the Northeast's highest peak.

For thrill-seeking water fun, there's a new slide

at Whale's Tale Water Park in Lincoln, called Poseidon's Voyage, which will feature a 54 ft. drop from the top and a "super loop" midway. Whale's Tale opens daily starting June 5. Santa's Village in Jefferson will also be adding three new waterslides to its water park area, and renovating some of the public areas. Glen's famous Story Land will open weekends May 25-June 9, then daily, with a magic show added to their entertainment line-up.

The opening schedule for other attractions in the White Mountains include the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway (daily starting May 24); Clark's Trading Post (weekends May 25-June 16, then daily); Attitash Mountain Resort (weekends May 25-June 9, then daily); Hobo Railroad (weekends May 25-June 9, then daily); Loon Mountain (weekends May 25-June 16, then daily); Six Gun City & Fort Splash (weekends May 25-June 16, then daily); and Wildcat Mountain (weekends May 25-June 9, then daily).

For updated operation dates, visit the WMAA website at www.VisitWhiteMountains.com. The White Mountains Attractions Association was founded in 1958 as a co-operative marketing association for the region. In 1983, it was also designated the State's official Regional Association for the White Mountains of New Hampshire, able to assist the press and visitors with information about the region.

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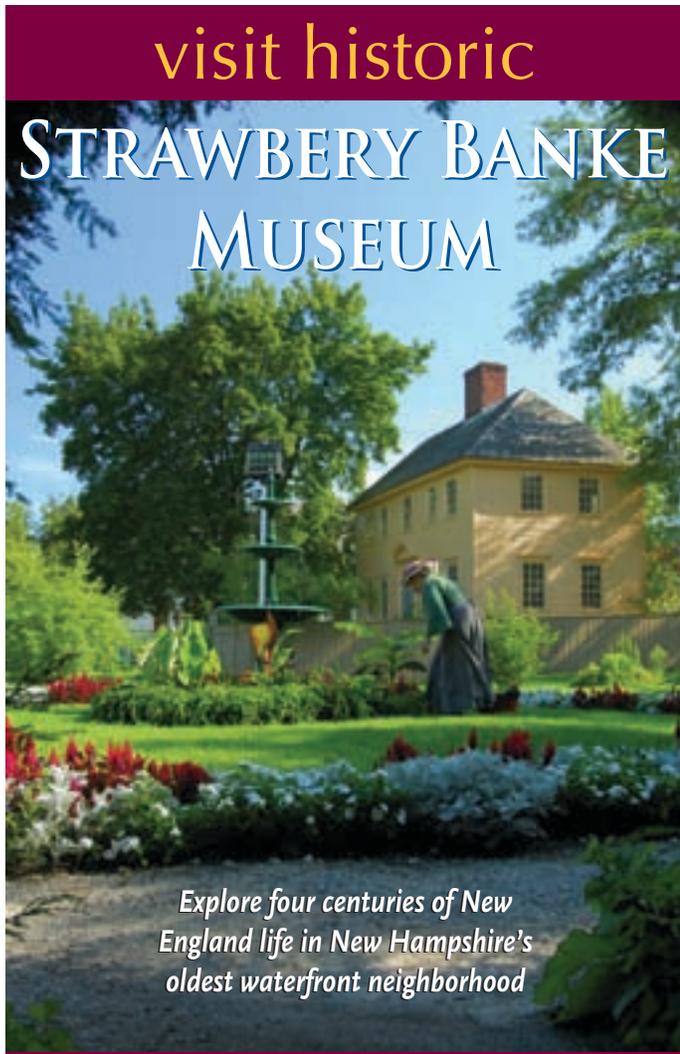


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New England Brewfest set for June 29 with 30 breweries, 3 live bands, and over 100 Beers on tap

In its 9th year, the New England Brewfest has become the signature summer event in the Western White Mountains of New Hampshire. Held on Saturday, June 29 and presented by Loon Mountain Resort, the event features 30 breweries from around the Northeast, live music, a homebrewing demonstration, great food, and beer-related vendors. Organizers are expecting a sell out crowd, with 4,000 festival goers enjoying the tastes and sounds of this year's event.

Attendees will have the chance to sample over 100 different lagers, stouts, and ales all served up by the thirty participating breweries. Local favorites like the Woodstock Brewery and Tuckerman's Brewing Company will join other New England-based breweries including Peak Organic, Baxter Brewing, Magic Hat, and Wachusett Brewing Company. Really into beer? Go for the VIP Ticket, it gets you into the festival one hour earlier than General Admission ticket holders, which means less crowds and more access to the breweries and exclusive beers only served during the VIP hour (along with other great perks).



Three live performances will provide the perfect music to taste to. The White Mountains own Mo' Blues Band will open the event, combining Motown, Top 40, Rock, Swing and Blues to create soulful vocals and a rockin' playlist. Playing for crowds all over New England, Air Traffic Controller will get the crowd on its feet with a refreshing, modern day, indie rock sound. Capping off the night is Rustic Overtones with their definitive sound that combines elements of radio rock and funk; they are one of the most powerful live bands that you will see, ever.

Great food will also be available for purchase once inside the festival along with access to other festival vendors offering beer-related products and even a homebrewing demonstration. Ever heard of jelly made with beer? What about beer soaps? It will all be at this year's New England Brewfest!



Festival organizers are expecting a sell out crowd and highly encourage purchasing tickets in advance on their website, nebrewfest.com. Only 250 VIP Tickets will be sold and include admission into the festival at 3pm, an official tasting glass, all tasting samples during the event, an event t-shirt, and preferred parking. General Admission purchasers can enter the festival at 4pm, and also receive an official tasting glass, all tasting samples during the event, and free parking. For all ticket holders the event ends at 8pm. The New England Brewfest is a 21+ event and is held rain or shine at the Village Shops, on Main Street in Lincoln, New Hampshire. For more information visit NEBrewfest.com or call 603-745-6621.

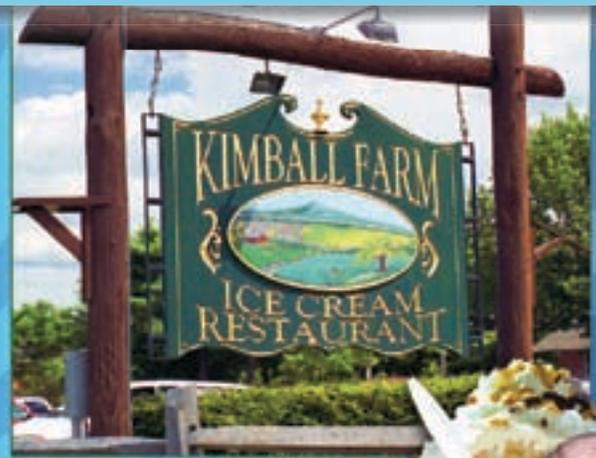
Lost River Gorge & Boulder Caves Opens for its 161st Season

Known for its natural beauty and hidden mysteries, the Lost River Gorge & Boulder Caves on Rte. 112 began another season of family-friendly adventure on Saturday, May 11, 2013. The Lost River runs high in early May, thanks to the melting snowpack from the surrounding slopes of Kinsman Notch. It affords visitors a thrilling experience as the roar of cascading waterfalls echo through the towering granite walls and glacial caves that make up Lost River Gorge. This ancient wonder was formed some 25,000 years ago during the time when receding glaciers revealed what we know today as New Hampshire's White Mountains. "It's like taking a trip through a geological time tunnel," said Lost River General Manager, Kate Wetherell. "Our visitors can see up close how forces of nature worked, and are still working together to create this unique place. Caves, a river, waterfalls, beautiful scenery...it's got all that and more."

Lost River Gorge was discovered by brothers, Royal and Lyman Jackman, in 1852. While on a fishing expedition, Lyman suddenly fell through a moss-covered hole, into a cave (later to be named "Shadow Cave") landing waist-deep in a pool of cold, clear water. The Jackman brothers continued their exploration finding many more caves. This mid-nineteenth century discovery makes Lost River Gorge one of New Hampshire's oldest attractions and in 2012, the attraction celebrated 100 years of ownership by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Since 1967, the White Mountains Attractions Association has been operating and managing the popular tourist site.

The Lost River Gorge & Boulder Caves will be open daily from May 11th through October 20th (weather permitting) for self-guided tours. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th, every Mom receives a gift of a free admission with the purchase of a child's ticket and Dads get the same special treatment on Father's Day, June 16th. Guided "Lantern Tours" start Memorial Day Weekend, then are available weekend evenings from mid-June through early September when 11 caves are lit by glowing lanterns and boardwalks are illuminated by head lamps worn by nocturnal explorers who will enjoy s'mores around the campfire at the conclusion of the tour. Sluice Mining, where everyone is guaranteed to find treasures to put into their gem mining bags, and the Ecology Trail and Nature Garden are popular "must-do's" for adults and kids. Daytime Tours with Interpretive Programs are available to groups, as well as the evening Lantern Tours. Visit www.lostrivergorge.com for detailed information and a complete schedule.

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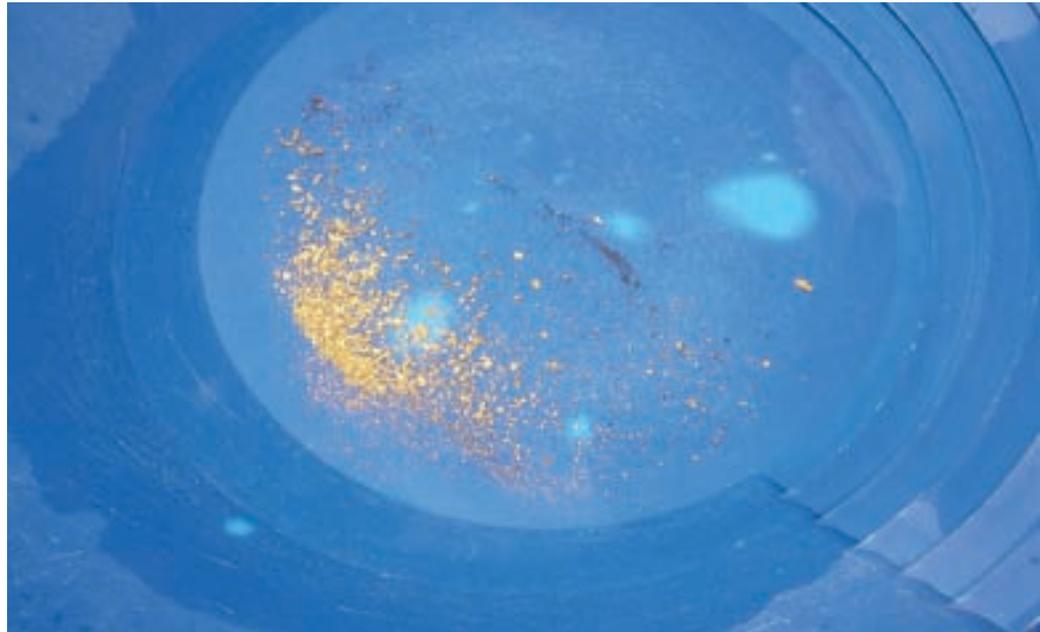


Gold Rush ... in New Hampshire?

New Hampshire is a great state for many activities. However, today we are talking about Gold Panning. Gold has been found in many of the northern and western New Hampshire streams over the years. One of the best areas, once referred to as the "Ammonoosuc Mining District" is an area that consists of a few small northwestern towns of New Hampshire. One of the most popular rivers for panning is the Wild Ammonoosuc River. The Wild Ammonoosuc River begins in the White Mountain National Forest and runs along Route 112 West of Lincoln, NH to Bath, NH.

This area is well known to many for gold panning. If you search for "Gold in NH" online you will most likely bring up information pertaining to this area. There are many clubs and groups that come each year to the Wild Ammonoosuc River in search of finding a few specks of gold.

According to the NHDES Website, Gold was discovered in this area in the 1800's and the Ammonoosuc Mining District was formed. Gold was discovered in Lyman, NH in 1864, which sparked a minor gold rush. Small mines soon opened in the surrounding towns including Bath, NH. The "Rush" only lasted about 15 years before the mines closed operations in 1878. Over the years that the mines were in operation, about \$50,000 worth of gold (at period



value) was found and shipped to the Philadelphia National Mint.

If you are looking at getting out and trying your hand at "Panning" for your little piece of New Hamp-

shire Gold, then get out your maps or set your GPS to Bath, NH. Twin River Campground and Cottages, located right at the end of Rte. 112 in Bath, has a store full of all the pans, sluices, books, and vials that you

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need to start your adventure. Twin River Campground also has river access on the Wild Ammonoosuc River. According to the book "Gold... GOLD? In New Hampshire" written by Jeff Orchard, tells that a 1/2oz nugget was found in the area.

Gold is 19 times heavier than water and will drop to the bottom of the river bed. So don't expect that you will be able to go out and pick it up off the top of the river bed. With that said Gold does settle into the bottom of the river and according to the State of NH: The water in a New Hampshire stream, brook, or river is considered to be "waters of the state," however, the stream or river bed is privately owned by the individual(s) owning the land along the banks. Obtaining permission from the landowners is necessary to prospect on their land. If headed to Bath, NH, stop in at Twin River Campground and you can get passes to access the river on their privately owned area on the Wild Ammonoosuc River.

There are many folks that have the "gold fever",

as some would say, and you can usually find a lot of information online about upcoming events and outings that various groups are organizing. According to Twin River Campground, they get many prospectors throughout the summer and they come from VT, ME, MA, CT, NY, and some new ones that are from PA and NJ this year. So whether you are looking for a day trip

or a weekend campout, Twin River Campground has sites and cabins right along the Wild Ammonoosuc River and as history tells it, this is a good river to start to look for your New Hampshire Gold.

What are you waiting for, get outside and enjoy another adventure that the Great State of New Hampshire has to offer and who knows it might pay off.

Christmas in June in Jackson

Join the local businesses of Jackson, Bartlett, Glen & Intervale as they open their doors to share their northern hospitality and holiday fun with you in June. Come experience holiday fun in warmer weather. Instead of skating, skiing and snowshoeing you can hike, bike, kayak or take a swim. If you weren't able to come and share the magic of the holidays with us in December now is your chance to see what it was like... a Holiday Cookie Tasting at the Inn at Ellis River or a Holiday Beverage Tasting at the Inn at Thorn Hill (events will be priced accordingly).

Many local businesses will be hosting lots of fun and exciting things to do. "Christmas In June" celebration continues for three weekends in a row starting June 1st through the 16th. Friday June 1st kicks off this community celebration with Open House Invitations and Gift Give away events. Santa will be on vacation in the Jackson Area of New Hampshire during this celebration and Santa has agreed to meet

with his favorite people... the children on Saturday June 2nd, 9th and 17th to say hello and hear all about the children's summer plans. Make your reservations today for a Jingle Bell Chocolate Tour.

This Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride through the Village of Jackson is so popular that we have brought it to a new season. You won't have to wrap yourself up snugly in a winter blanket but you will get your jingle bell and be whisked off singing all the way. You'll start at the Nestlenook Estate located on Dinsmore Road in Jackson Village, then its off to the Inn at Jackson and on to The Wentworth, An Elegant Country Inn, J-Town Deli & Country Store, the Snowflake Inn, Flossie's General Store and then returning to the Nestlenook Estate.

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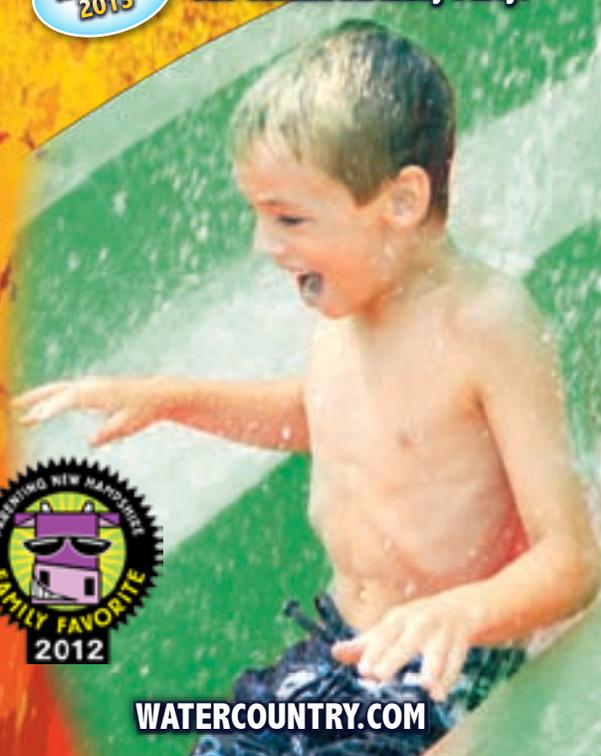
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Fine Art Fundraising Auction at Museum of Art, UNH

DURHAM, NH – Original drawings, prints and paintings by selected well-known northern New England artists will be up for bid and outright sale at Rose Moon, a fundraiser for the Museum of Art, University of New Hampshire. The event takes place Saturday, June 8, 2013, from 5-7 p.m., at the museum in the Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham, NH.

This multi-faceted event entails: 1) the sale of the limited edition Rose Moon print portfolio, 2) a wine tasting, 3) a tribute to an outstanding patron of the museum, and 4) an auction of works by widely exhibited regional artists. The print portfolio, commissioned



by the museum especially for this event, consists of six prints, one each by Department of Art and Art History, UNH faculty members Brian Chu, Jennifer Moses, and Scott Schnepf and UNH art alumni Aaron Drew, John Jacobsmeyer, and Leigh Niland. Three complete portfolios will be offered for sale as well as the six individual prints from a fourth portfolio.

Among the many artists whose works will be auctioned are: Arthur DiMambro, Don Lent, Peter Milton, Lennie Mullaney, and Wen Redmond. Guest auctioneer for this fundraising event is Devin Moisan of Devin Moisan Auctioneers, Inc. Dover, NH.



During the wine tasting, attendees may sample four white wines from four countries: Argentina, Spain, New Zealand, and the United States, along with hors d'oeuvres chosen to complement the wines. These wines will also be available by the glass at a cash bar.

Prints in the portfolio and artworks to be auctioned may be viewed online at www.unh.edu/moa/. Advance reservations are recommended: \$50 for Museum of Art members, \$60 non-members, \$65 at the door. Reservations may be made by phone 603/862-3713 or online at www.unh.edu/moa/.

Independence Day Celebration with Fireworks in Jackson

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Jackson Village & the surrounding communities come together to celebrate Independence Day... join us as we light up the sky with a spectacular fireworks display Friday June 28th, 2013 at approximately 9:00 PM. The Fireworks will be going off from the greens of the Wentworth Golf Course making easy viewing throughout Jackson Village but we do recommend that you come early to get a good spot. There will be ice cream, popcorn, glow necklaces, balloons and other fun stuff available. For more information please contact the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce at (603)383-9356 or visit the website www.jacksonnh.com. Event Fee: Free Popcorn, Glow Necklaces etc. sold separately Wentworth Golf Course, Rt. 16A, Jackson, NH 03846 Phone: 603-383-9356, Email: kathleen@jacksonnh.com, Website: www.jacksonnh.com

Ed Gerhard returns for 17th Annual Benefit Concert



GRAMMY Award-winning Guitarist Ed Gerhard, will appear on Saturday, June 8 at The Bow Lake Grange Hall, Strafford, NH for his 17th Annual Benefit Concert for the Grange. Showtime is 8pm. A portion of proceeds goes directly to the upkeep of the Grange. Call (603) 664-7200 for tickets and info. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and are available at Sheilah's (603) 664-5551 and online at www.edgerhard.com.

From Tokyo to Rome and venues across the US, Ed Gerhard's music has touched concert audiences all over the world. Gerhard captivates audiences with a combination of virtuosity, generosity and humor.

Known for his gorgeous tone and compositional depth, Gerhard can move a listener with a single note. Gerhard returns to the the Bow Lake Grange Hall celebrating the highly anticipated release of his new CD "There and Gone," a collection of original compositions and covers including a stunning arrangement of "Imagine/Across the Universe," "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" and a concert favorite on Weissenborn, "Killing the Blues." "There and Gone" has received high praise. "...beautifully articulated ...some of the richest steel-string sounds you've ever heard." - Andy Ellis, Premier Guitar Magazine

"There and Gone" quietly assumes its place among the best of Gerhard's offerings. ...crystalline

brilliance ...flat-out gorgeous." - C. Keating, Minor 7th Gerhard will share an evening of exquisite guitar music- performing material from his new CD as well as concert favorites.

Performing on 6-string, slide guitar and Hawaiian lap steel, Gerhard combines rare compositional depth with inspired virtuosity. Fans of guitar music won't want to miss this opportunity to see and hear one of the country's finest players.

His CD "Luna" is featured in Acoustic Guitar Magazine's 20th Anniversary list of the "240 Essential Albums." "This soulful album of original compositions rich in melody, chordal complexity and stylistic variety proves why Gerhard is considered to have the most exquisite acoustic guitar tone on the planet." - Acoustic Guitar Magazine His music is featured in the Ken Burns documentary "Mark Twain" and "The National Parks: America's Best Idea."

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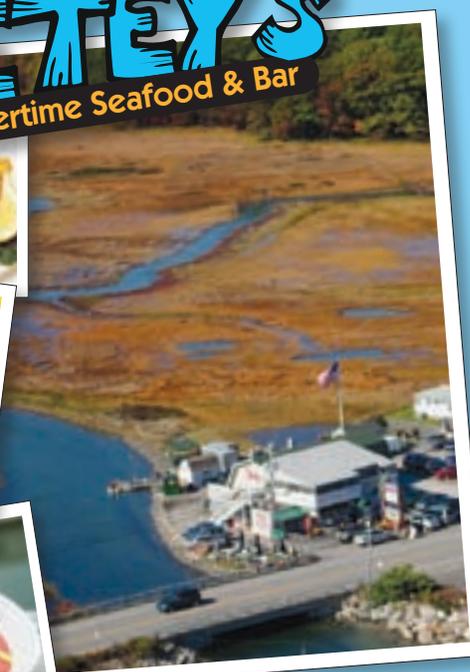
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Six quirky prepubescent teens played by Seraphina Caligiure, Katelyn Parker, Todd Ferland, Adam MacDougall, Marcy Park and Nick Moulton are competing for the spelling bee championship of a lifetime. Their three wild and wacky grown-up supervisors, who have barely escaped childhood themselves, are played by Anthony Ejarque, Heidi Gagne and Rebecca Hios.

Powerhouse singer Heidi Gagne, who plays the role of Comfort Counselor Marge Mahoney, wowed audiences in *Shout!* and as Natalie in *All Shook Up*.



L to R: Adam MacDougall (as Leaf Coneybear), Todd Fernald (William Barfee), Katelyn Parker (as Olive Ostrovski), Seraphina Caligiure (as Logainne Schwartzandgrubeniere)

She says, I think the audience will be blown away by the amount of talent this cast packs." With the atmosphere of a real spelling bee and audience members on stage with the cast, Gagne simply describes the experience, "Too fun! And don't forget the band... Kathy Fink is a true goddess of the ivory keys!"

Reserve tickets online at RochesterOperaHouse.com or call/stop by the box office (603) 335-1992, M/W/F from 10-5 and two hours before the show. So that tables can be arranged to seat you and your party, please call ahead to the box office to reserve



L to R Front: Katelyn Parker (as Olive Ostrovski), Adam MacDougall (as Leaf Coneybear), Audience Participant, Todd Fernald (William Barfee), Seraphina Caligiure (as Logainne Schwartzandgrubeniere) L to R Back: Rebecca Hios (as Rona Lisa Peretti), Anthony Ejarque (as Douglas Panch)

your table. Cash bar and light supper (not included in ticket price). Handicap access is available in the balcony only. Patrons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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New Hampshire Boat Museum open to public for 2013 season

Wolfeboro, NH: The New Hampshire Boat Museum in Wolfeboro will open for the 2013 season over Memorial Day Weekend. To celebrate, the Board and staff invite the public to a special Opening Reception on Friday, May 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. The evening will include food, a cash bar, entertainment and a preview of new exhibits. Tickets are \$25 per person for not-yet-members and \$22 for museum members. Tickets can be purchased on the Museum's website, HYPERLINK "http://www.NHBM.org" www.NHBM.org, via phone at 569-4554, or at the door.

The evening will include a light buffet dinner and ice cream sundaes. Entertainment will be provided by Ron Drolet who is a frequent performer at the Wolfeboro Inn. Attendees will get a chance to preview the new exhibit for 2013. This exhibit on the history of race boating on Lake Winnepesaukee features race boats of all kinds dating from the 1920s up to the 1960s. Among the race boats on display will be the famed Scotty. This 1929 28' Gold Cup hydroplane was built by the famous naval architect John Hacker in Michigan for Sam Dunsford of Tuftonboro Neck. Scotty ran in several racing events on Lake Winnepesaukee. When Dunsford, a leading racer of the time, felt the boat's performance was unsatisfactory he stored Scotty in his garage until his death in 1958. Now restored to its original configuration, Scotty has run in several vintage race boat regattas including Wolfeboro's. The



boat is on loan from Mark Howard.

Also on display will be Roman Candle, a 1961 hydroplane which is fully restored to its original condition. Roman Candle has an extensive racing history including the 2009 and 2011 Wolfeboro Vintage Race Boat Regatta. The boat is on loan from its owner, race boat driver Gerry Davidson. Roman Candle will be removed from display the week of the September Wolfeboro Regatta to run in that prestigious event.

The race boat exhibit also will feature posters, photos, videos, and objects that chronicle the history of race boating on Lake Winnepesaukee through the 20th century, including its resurgence here in Wolfeboro in 2000 with the Wolfeboro Vintage Race Boat Regatta. Now in its 13th year, the Wolfeboro Vintage Race Boat Regatta, organized by the NH Boat Museum, will be held September 13-14. "This season's

new exhibit on the history of race boating celebrates this important sport on Lake Winnepesaukee. The New Hampshire Boat Museum is pleased to be continuing that long tradition with September's Regatta." said Board Chair Rick Kourian.

In addition to the race boat exhibit, the Museum features an introductory video and displays on vintage canoes, steamboats, Goodhue & Hawkins Naval Yard, a vintage wooden boat repair shop, and boat models.

If you have young kids in your family, you should visit the Family Activity Center. There youngsters can keep busy with the "Build a Canoe" computer game, make their dream boats with Legos, color, or try their hand at a Scavenger Hunt. Throughout the Museum, hands-on interactive games also provide a fun way to learn about lake history, boating terms, and nautical issues.

The New Hampshire Boat Museum will be open to the public for the 2013 season on Saturday, May 25 and remain open through Monday, October 14, 10am-4pm Monday through Saturday, and Sundays 12noon-4pm. The Museum is a not-for-profit focusing on New Hampshire's boating and fresh water heritage. It is located at 399 Center Street, Wolfeboro Falls, 2 miles from downtown Wolfeboro in the former Allen "A" Resort dance hall/theater building. For further information contact the Museum at 603-569-4554, mailto: museum@nhbm.org or via Facebook.

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Leave young animals alone - keep wildlife wild

CONCORD, N.H. -- With the arrival of spring, many species of wildlife are giving birth to their young. Finding young wildlife can be exciting, but in most cases, even if it appears abandoned, its mother is not far off. If you encounter young wildlife – even young animals that appear to need help – the kindest and safest thing to do is to leave them alone and let nature take its course.

Reports have already begun coming in to Fish and Game and local wildlife rehabilitators from people who have picked up young animals, often mistakenly thinking they are orphans. "Picking up fawns, baby raccoons or young animals is an error in judgment," says N.H. Fish and Game Wildlife Programs Supervisor Kent Gustafson.

"People think they're doing a good deed, but they are often removing the animal from the care of its parents and potentially exposing themselves to the risk of disease. In particular, your actions may result in the animal having to be euthanized for rabies testing."

Young wild animals (including mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians) typically have their best chance of surviving when they are in their own natural environment, says Gustafson. What should you do if you find a young animal? "Give wildlife plenty of space and leave them alone and in the wild, where they belong," he said. If in doubt, report the location



of the animal to N.H. Fish and Game by emailing wildlife@wildlife.nh.gov or calling 603-271-2461.

Gustafson explains that seeing a deer fawn alone, for example, does NOT mean that it is orphaned or that it needs your help; it is normal for a doe to leave her fawn alone while she goes off to feed, and in many cases, the doe will not return until nightfall. Leaving the fawn undisturbed, and where it is, gives it the best chance of being reunited with its mother.

"Fawns are not defenseless creatures. Their cryptic coloration, tendency to stay perfectly still and lack of scent are all adaptations that help them survive," Gustafson said. Does are easy for predators to detect because of their size and scent, so they keep a distance from their fawns, except during brief nursing sessions, so that predators don't key in on them. If

sympathetic people handle or repeatedly visit a fawn, it only serves to draw the attention of predators and discourage its mother from returning.

"This hands-off and keep-your-distance policy also applies to bear cubs and moose calves," Gustafson continued. "It's also worth noting that sows and cows can and do actively protect their young. In any case, if you're lucky enough to see a deer fawn, bear cub, moose calf or other wild animal, count your blessings and leave the area."

Only qualified people with special rehabilitator permits, issued through N.H. Fish and Game, may take in and care for injured or orphaned wildlife. Improper care of injured or orphaned wildlife often leads to their sickness or death. For example, under NO circumstances should anyone feed a fawn. Improper foods such as cow's milk invariably lead to severe diarrhea (scours), which is usually fatal. Unless you have rehabilitator credentials, it is illegal to have in your possession or take New Hampshire wildlife from the wild and keep it in captivity.

For a list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators, go to http://www.wildnh.com/Wildlife/wildlife_rehabbers.htm. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit <http://www.wildnh.com>.

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Strawbery Banke exhibit commemorates 300th Anniversary of 1713 Treaty of Portsmouth

This summer, Portsmouth commemorates the 300th anniversary of the 1713 Treaty of Portsmouth between the English and the Native Americans of the Maine and New Hampshire coast. Two special exhibits, "First Nations Diplomacy Opens the Portsmouth Door," mark the anniversary, May 1 through October 31, 2013 at the Portsmouth Historical Society's John Paul Jones House Museum and at Strawberry Banke Museum. The exhibits feature historical artifacts from the era and replicas of the original Treaty from the Library of Congress and the British Archives, signed by New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Native American dignitaries. A series of talks and other programs are scheduled at the two museums and at Portsmouth Historic Houses Association properties (including Warner House and Historic New England who own houses dating to the period), the Portsmouth Public Library and the Piscataqua Pioneers. The 300th anniversary of the 1713 Treaty of Portsmouth provides an opportunity to understand the history of the era, the nuanced diplomacy of the delegates (English and Native American) and its relevance to contemporary Rights of Indigenous Peoples issues, and the nature of life on the frontier in Portsmouth before and after the Treaty. For more information, visit www.1713TreatyofPortsmouth.org



Seacoast, the brewers are creating three collaborative beers: A Colonial-style ale, brewed at Earth Eagle, made from turnips, a splash of molasses and spruce tips; an Industrial-era porter will be made at the Portsmouth Brewery with Strawberry Banke ginger and molasses; a "super

hoppy" IPA, Stride Wide Ale, at Redhook. Strawberry Banke Museum's featured exhibit, "Tapping Portsmouth: How the Brewing Industry Shaped the City," offers a pub crawl through 300 years of history as brewers and tavern keepers kept "something brewing" in Portsmouth, then and now. The exhibit is open daily, May 1 – October 31, 2013, seven days a week, 10 am to 5 pm through October 31st. For information, call 603-433-1100 or visit www.strawberybanke.org

New Hampshire's Strawberry Banke Museum 2013 Exhibit "Tapping Portsmouth" Taps Local Brewers

Portsmouth, New Hampshire (April 10, 2013) – Four Portsmouth breweries – The Portsmouth Brewery, Redhook Brewery, Smuttynose Brewing Co., and Earth Eagle Brewings -- are working together with Strawberry Banke Museum to present this year's special exhibit, "Tapping Portsmouth: How the Brewing Industry Shaped the City," opening May 1, with additional sponsorship from Kennebunk Savings Bank. To celebrate both the extensive history of brewing in Portsmouth and the extraordinary conjunction of major breweries, brew pubs and home brewing styles and ingredients (including heritage plants, herbs and hops from Strawberry Banke) on the

Celebrate Spring with Annual Shelter Plant Sale

Manchester, NH - The 7th Annual Manchester Animal Shelter Plant Sale is the perfect place to get inspired for the spring season - and to pick up new items for your garden! This year's sale takes place on Saturday, June 1 from 9 am to 1 pm on the grounds of the Manchester Animal Shelter.

Garden lovers will find a variety of perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables, houseplants and even small shrubs for sale. In addition to the diverse selection of plants, the Plant Sale features a popular

raffle for attendees. Past items featured tiered herb gardens, hanging petunia baskets, glass sculptures, framed photography, oil paintings, stained glass, and more. Garden and raffle items are generously donated by local garden clubs, businesses and animal-loving community members. The Friends of the Manchester Animal Shelter is still accepting donations through May 19. Please contact the shelter at plantsale@manchesteranimalshelter.org if you are interested in donating plants, empty planting pots (5 to 8"), plastic trays or raffle items. The shelter is also looking for volunteers to help before or during the event.

The 7th Annual Plant Sale supports the mission of the Manchester Animal Shelter, which provides food, shelter and medical care to the stray and abandoned animals of Manchester.

The steady rain date for this event is Sunday, June 2. For more information, please visit manchesteranimalshelter.org. Serving over 1,500 abused, abandoned and homeless animals in the city of Manchester every year, FMAS is a non-profit, NO KILL shelter. FMAS provides medical care and spay/neuter services to every animal that enters the shelter and works daily to ensure that the animals leave the shelter for loving homes. Over the past 17 years FMAS has provided care and found loving homes for over 20,000 animals. Contact: Journey Ewell at 603-540-7660 or plantsale@manchesteranimalshelter.org

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6/1/2013 (5:30PM)
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\$125pp, includes tax & gratuities.

Family Programs at the Enfield Shaker Museum

6/8/2013 (10:00AM)
 Join us for these family oriented educational workshops. Your whole family will share the experience of the Shaker pastimes and learn about the history and heritage of the Shakers. Event Fee: Free with the purchase of adult admission ticket(s). 447 NH Route 4A, Enfield, NH. Phone: 603-632-4346 Email: events@shakermuseum.org Website: www.shakermuseum.org

Pats Peak Mountain Bike Festival

6/8/2013 (8:00AM)
 HENNIKER: 12th Annual Pats Peak Mountain Bike Festival - 3 Events, 1 Weekend - June 8 & 9, 2013! There are lots of options to choose from including 24.12.6 Hours, Cross Country and Downhill (with many categories). Bicycle riders from all over come to PATS PEAK to participate in this exhilarating

bike weekend. All the information is online at <http://www.patspeak.com/summer/bike.html>. 686 Flanders Road, Henniker, NH. Phone: 603-428-3245 Website: <http://www.patspeak.com/summer/bike.html>

Adult Adventure Camp

Hiking in Crawford Notch & Zealand Valley 6/18/2013 (9:00AM)
 BRETTON WOODS: Sun., Jun. 16-21. Adult Adventure Camp: Hiking in Crawford Notch & Zealand Valley, Highland Center. These weeklong adventures are designed for active adult hikers and feature daily easy to moderately strenuous guided hikes, nature walks, and outdoor skills programs. There will also be featured evening programs throughout the week, daily social hours with hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and daily stretching or yoga programs. For more info, contact Reservations (603-466-2727 9am - 5pm, Monday - Saturday, amclodging@outdoors.org). Highland Center at Crawford Notch Rt. 302, Bretton Woods, NH. Phone: 603-278-4453. Email: amclodging@outdoors.org. Website: www.outdoors.org/summerguide

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6/15/2013 (9:00PM)
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Lancaster Craft Fairs

6/22/2013 (9:00AM)
Lancaster Craft Fairs presents a two-day vendor fair. Participating will be craft vendors, flea market vendors, farmer's market vendors, and local businesses. 100 - 200 vendors expect-

ed. The fair will be located on the large parking lot across from the fairgrounds proper in Lancaster, NH. Come and see what New Hampshire vendors have to offer. A limited number of children's activities will be available. All types of vendors are needed. Food vendors should apply. North Main Street, Lancaster, NH. Phone: 603-631-5978 Email: jholmes8@nycap.rr.com

Guest Appreciation

6/1/2013 (9:30AM)
JEFFERSON: Experience the Magic of Christmas and all the activities at Santa's Village. Bring your bathing suit and try out our new water feature, Ho Ho H-2-O! Guests receive \$5.00 of the regular admission price of \$28.00 on these dates. Children 3 and under are still Free. 528 Presidential Highway Jefferson, NH. Phone: 603-586-4445 Email: santa@santasvillage.com Website: www.santasvillage.com

New Hampshire Dairy Day

6/22/2013 (10:00AM)

MILTON: Learn all about cows and dairy goats and taste the best of New Hampshire's dairy products. Help churn the cream into butter and learn to make a soft cheese. Take barn and farmhouse tours, and help with the hay harvest. Free ice cream served from 12 noon until it runs out! Ice Cream donated by our favorite place - Lone Oak Ice Cream Rte. 125 Rochester NH. Event Fee: \$7 adult, \$4 child 4-17 yrs, museum members free. White Mountain Hwy/Route 125, Milton, NH Phone: 603-652-7840 Email: info@farmmuseum.org Website: http://farmmuseum.org



Hampton Beach State Park Olde Tyme Fair

6/6/2013 (4:00PM)
The New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation is holding the 1st

Annual Hampton Beach State Park Olde Tyme Fair June 6-9, 2013. This family fair by the seas will feature carnival rides, games, local food vendors and fair concessions, arts & crafts, entertainment including concerts and local acts, a petting zoo, fireworks, interactive arts and crafts and traditional old New Hampshire exhibits and demonstrations. Event Fee: Adult Admission \$5.00 Youth (Ages 6-11) \$3.00 Children under 5 are Free

Piscataqua Waterfront Festival

6/1/2013 (1:00PM)
Celebrate Portsmouth Harbor and Great Bay at the third annual Piscataqua Waterfront Festival, a free family event. The festival features music, traditional maritime artisan demonstrations, free museum tours, hands-on children's activities, boats, booths, displays by area businesses and non-profit organizations, and a sale of heirloom plants from the Moffatt-Ladd garden. The festival is designed to heighten awareness of our maritime history, contemporary water quality issues, boat building heritage and opportuni-



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6/20/2013 (9:00AM)
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Wildflower Day at The Rocks Estate

6/1/2013 (10:00AM)
BETHLEHEM: The Festival will include guided walks along the Mile Path, which meanders through the historic Rocks Estate property, where the Glessner family, original owners of the Estate, collected and planted a plethora of flowers. "This trail is off-limits to guests apart from guided tours, as per the wishes of the donors of the property John Lee and Martha Batchelder," said Clare Brown, Chair of the Bethlehem Heritage Society and a Forest Society staff member.

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"The guided walks offer a chance for visitors to see the trail, a hidden historic jewel, bringing together the natural world and the heritage of The Rocks Estate." Interpreters will highlight the rich history of the Glessner family, who summered here beginning in the late 1880s, while explaining the natural world they loved so much. The Mile Path walks are limited to 20 people per tour and fill quickly, so reservations are strongly advised. George Mitchell of GM Photography and framing will hold a short seminar on flower photography and accompany guests on the photography flower tour at 2 p.m. Wildflower expert Tanya Tellman will teach participants to identify flowers using a key, a skill which both beginners and experts will find helpful in the field. In the "Floral Edibles" workshop, Rocks' volunteer Janet Hill and staffers Clare Brown and Carlene Quinn will share a variety of ways to use a range of plants to spice up meals at home. The program includes identification of the plants used and where to find them. "Learning what you can pick and prepare yourself is getting to be a lost art," says Hill, a gardening and cooking enthusiast. "We want to reintroduce people to what they can find in the wild or grow naturally." The cost for the day-long Wildflower Festival is \$15 and includes lunch and all programs. A \$5 discount is given with each lupine festival book presented. The Rocks Estate, 4 Christmas Lane, Bethlehem, NH. Phone: 603-444-6228 Email: info@therocks.org Website: therocks.org

Taste of Milford

6/7/2013 (6:00PM)

The Milford Oval is the place to be for great food at the Taste of Milford on Friday, June 7 from 6-8 pm. Sample specialties from 23 Milford restaurants including while strolling through Milford's unique downtown shops. View a preview of the Milford Keyes Art Show on June 8 & 9; and enter to win local art for your home. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased online at www.milfordimprovement-team.org. Proceeds benefit community revitalization programs of the Milford Improvement Team. The Taste of Milford is sponsored by Hansen Print-

ing & Design, Milford. Event Fee: \$25. 39 Nashua Street, Milford, NH. Phone: 603-249-0676. Email: director@milfordimprovementteam.org Website: <http://www.milfordimprovementteam.org>



Loon Mountain Resort to host Monster Mud Run on July 13

Lincoln, NH (April 29) – The 3rd Annual Monster Mud Run will take place at Loon Mountain Resort on July 13 - bigger, badder, and muddier than ever before. Unlike other mud runs that stretch on for a dozen or more miles, the Monster Mud Run is a fast and filthy 5k course up hills, across ski trails, and over numerous manmade challenges. This year's course promises to have more amplitude and attitude than we ever thought possible. While classic features like the Snowmaking Boot Camp will remain in place, Loon's crack team of mudologists spent the winter dreaming up a fiendish set of new challenges, including:

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While the Monster Mud Run course is designed to make racers sweaty and dirty, it's also meant to foster a spirit of friendly competition and teamwork. Participants may run as individuals or as teams of two or four, and are encouraged to wear their craziest costumes. A party will follow the race, with prizes awarded to the top

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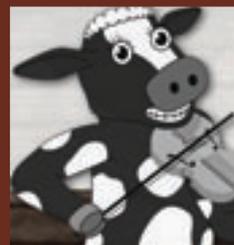
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male and female finishers, top duo, and top team of four. Prizes will also be awarded to racers with the best costume and best team name. Participants who register for the Monster Mud Run by May 27 will pay just \$55 per person, \$110 for a team of two, or \$220 for a team of four. Each Monster Mudder will receive a Monster Mud Run tech t-shirt and water bottle. Although racers must be at least 14 years old on race day, there will be plenty of activities for the entire family, including a "Mini Monsters" race for kids under 14, and a Life is good® Village filled with activities and games. To register for the Monster Mud run, visit www.loonmtn.com/monster-mudrun or call 1-800-229-LOON. Day of registration will run from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Governor Adams Lodge. Race heats begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 11:45 a.m.

Crabtree & Evelyn has opened at Settlers' Green Outlet Village

North Conway, NH – Settlers' Green Outlet Village announces another new tenant for Spring 2013, with Crabtree & Evelyn expected to open in mid-May at the North Conway-based outlet mall. A pioneer in botanical formulations for 40 years, Crabtree & Evelyn is a brand that blends the very best of nature and science, tradition and innovation, and luxury and comfort to create benefit-rich bath, body, and home care. Settlers' Green is expected to be at 99% capacity, with its recently opened Crocs and New Balance Factory stores, as well as one additional tenant soon to be released. "Settlers' Green is very happy to bring Crabtree & Evelyn to our mix of high-end accessory and apparel retailers," says Settlers' Green General Manager Dot Seybold. "Nestled in with the new Crocs store, across from April Cornell and near our market carts area, the 800 square foot store will be a great addition." For more information on Settlers' Green Outlet Village, its new stores and upcoming events, visit

settlersgreen.com.

New Castle Village Walk & Garden Tour

6/23/2013 (1:00PM)
Event Fee: \$20 at-door / \$15 Advance
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Sunrise drives on Mt. Washington

6/30/2013 (3:30AM)
View the sunrise from the top of New England! The Mt. Washington Auto Road will open early three times this summer, for you to drive yourself to the summit. 3:30 am June 30 4:00 am July 28 4:30 am August 25. Event Fee: Car and Driver: \$26 Each additional adult: \$8 Motorcycle and Operator: \$16 Passenger: \$8. 1 Mount Washington Auto Road, Gorham, NH. Phone: 603-466-3988. Email: kim@mt-washington.com
Website: <http://mtwashingtonautoroad.com>

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Celia Thaxter's Historic Garden-Isles of Shoals

6/29/2013 (8:30AM)
Event Fee: \$100.00 all inclusive
All inclusive day trip/garden tour. Includes parking in New Castle, RT boat transportation, full day of guided tours, and a luncheon at Shoals Marine Laboratory. This walking tour on Appledore Island includes a visit to Celia Thaxter's Garden, the Thaxter-Laughton Family Graveyard, glorious cove vistas and many more historic sites. Over 18 only and for the physically fit. Travel aboard our partnered vessel, R/V Gulf Challenger to Appledore Island. This trip is for participants in good physical condition and age 18 and over only. This all-inclusive package includes parking, round trip boat transportation, buffet luncheon, and your full day of guided tours. This is typically a sell-out event, please plan and book your trips early! Reservations by advanced registration only. Tour departs from: 29 Wentworth Road, New Castle, NH. Phone: 603-430-5220, Email: pmb79@cornell.edu
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This show explores the continued presence of Boston Expressionism in contemporary works by artists known for their distinctive blend of visionary painting that includes dark humor, religious mysticism, and social commentary. It showcases the historical roots of the Expressionism movement from the 1930s through the 1960s from Danforth Art Museum's Permanent Collection.

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Pontine Theatre invited to International Toy Theatre Festival

Pontine Theatre has been invited to perform at St. Ann's Warehouse in Brooklyn NY as part of Great Small Work's International Toy Theatre Festival. The company will perform A Memorable Murder, a scene about the murders on Smuttynose, drawn from Pontine's original production, The Isles of Shoals: Eternal Sound of the Sea. Performances will take place 15 and 16 June.

Toy Theater (also called Paper Theater) was the rage in parlors across Europe and the Americas in the 19th century, a popular means of staging dramatic spectacles at home. But just as revolutions in print technology had brought Toy Theater into 19th-century homes, 20th-century advances in electronic media and mass culture led to the virtual extinction of this popular family entertainment.

Currently, Pontine is performing its newest work, The Common Heart: A Transcendental Revue, at its West End Studio Theatre, located at 959 Islington Street in Portsmouth NH. The Common Heart runs Fridays at 8, Saturdays at 4, and Sundays at 2, through 12 May. Tickets are available online -- www.pontine.org

Currently Pontine is performing its newest work, The Common Heart: A Transcendental Revue, through 12 May at their West End Studio Theatre in Portsmouth NH. Photo by Andrew Edgar



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9:00am - Dwight Smith presentation on Montpelier & Wells River RR

Theme ride #1 - History: Local Railroads (reenactors) Southbound 9:00AM, Northbound from Bradford 10:30AM

11:45am - Jay Barrett presentation, part 1 - History of Railroad Park

Theme ride #2 - Music: live performance Southbound 12:00 noon, Northbound from Bradford 1:30PM

2:45pm - Jay Barrett presentation, part 2 - History of Railroad Park

Theme ride #3 -Wine and Beer Tasting, souvenir glasses, round-trip 3:00—4:30PM

3:30pm - Dwight Smith repeat of presentation on M & WR RR - Railroad Park

5:45pm - Jay Barrett presentation, part 3 - History of Railroad Park

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