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BABY ANIMALS

Heritage Breeds at the Banke

Meet a dozen heritage breeds of baby animals (and their moms), under a tent on museum grounds. A family-friendly opportunity to learn more about typical domestic livestock on New Hampshire farms from the 1600s to today.

April 21-29, 2018 -- DAILY 10 am - 5 pm

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MEET THE ANIMALS PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Mon April 24 - Thurs April 27, 9-10 am

Recommended for children aged 4 to 8.
(All ages accepted, maximum 12 children per day.)

Program:

- Led by a farmer and educator
- Meet the baby lambs, kids, & chicks
 - Learn about milking
 - Feed the animals
- Create a fiber craft take-home gift

Ticket includes breakfast snack and all-day admission to Baby Animals event: \$25 per child (must be accompanied by a responsible adult, at no additional cost.) Tickets: StrawberyBanke.org

Strawbery Banke presents BABY ANIMALS: Heritage Breeds at the Banke

Strawbery Banke welcomes visitors to Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke from 10 am to 5 pm daily, April 21 through 29. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 5-17; and free to children under 5 and active duty military and their families. MEMBERS HALF PRICE. Group visits are encouraged. Rain or shine! (Event takes place in a heated tent.) Tickets always available at the door and online.

Portsmouth, New Hampshire (March 14, 2018) -- Strawbery Banke welcomes Spring with the 3rd annual Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke, showcasing a variety of more than a dozen heirloom breeds of Barnyard Baby Animals (and their moms) that would have been familiar to earlier generations. The event, which takes place under a tent on museum grounds, April 21st through April 29th is a family-friendly opportunity to learn more about domestic livestock typical on coastal northern New England farms from the 17th century to present day. Peter Cook, who assists with the coordination of animals for the museum's NH Fall Festival, is curating the event, securing breeders from NH, Maine and MA farms who are expert in heritage animals including lambs, kids, calves, piglets, bunnies, chicks and ducklings. The participants answer visitors' questions, explaining the developmental needs of the babies, the various aspects of husbandry that are required to raise them and why they have chosen to preserve these sometimes-endangered domestic animals for future generations. Many farms are family projects enthusiastically supported by multiple generations of caretakers. The emphasis is on educational and interpretive information but there will also be opportunities to interact with some of the animals who are accustomed to being ►

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The Baby Animals event showcase heritage breeds of livestock that became popular during different centuries as settlers from the UK, Ireland, Europe, Africa and South America contributed to local agrarian cultural heritage. Among the 15 or more types of animals participating are:

- Newly-hatched baby chicks, turkeys and ducklings in specially-constructed viewing brooders.
- Gloucestershire Old Spot pigs that arrived in New England in the 1900s and are often referred to as “orchard pigs” for their delight in foraging in fall groves. Piglets from Hampshire College Farm Center in Amherst MA -- for piglet video, click here.
- Mulefoot pigs from Dogpatch Farm in Washington ME
- Gulf Coast Native sheep from Heart Stone Farm in Milton NH.
- Soay sheep, one of the oldest domesticated animals known to man and now quite rare. Native to the St. Kilda group of islands west of the Outer Hebrides. From Hermit Thrush Hill in Fonda NY.
- Clun Forest sheep, an old breed from Shropshire in Northern Wales, introduced to the US with migrants from Nova Scotia. From Riverbank Farm in Salisbury NH.



- Jacob sheep, identified in the Book of Genesis and prized in New England for their soft dark fleeces that are ideal for many weaving projects. From Marsh Mallo Farm in Fort Plain NY. [https://marshmallofarm.com/]
- Nigerian Dwarf goats, introduced to the US in the early 1900s and very popular in New England as they are easily-trained large milk producers that are easy to keep in small areas. From Tiny Hill Farm, Milton Mills NH
- San Clemente goats from Berwick ME
- Silver Fox and English Angora rabbits from Kerfluffe Fiber Farm in Lebanon ME
- Belted Galloway calf from Diamond B Farm

in New Durham NH. [http://www.bickfordsdiamondfarm.com/index.html]

In addition to the animals, visitors can participate in family activities in some of the historic houses and the TYCO Visitors Center where hands-on weaving programs will take place. Figtree Kitchen Café is open daily, throughout the event. Strawberry Banke is also hosting a special program in conjunction with the event:

Children’s Breakfast with the Animals -- a special program for kids is offered Sunday April 22 through Sunday, April 29 from 9 to 10 am.

Led by a heritage animal breeder and educator this program, presented for an hour before the animal tent opens to the public each day, is designed to give children age 4 to 8 (all ages admitted) an opportunity to meet the baby lambs, kids, chicks and other animals, up close. Participants will learn about milking, feed the animals and create a fiber craft gift to take home. Ticket includes a breakfast snack and all-day admission to the Baby Animals event. Tickets are \$35 per child (must be accompanied by a responsible adult, at no additional cost. Snack is for children only.). Program is limited to 12 children per day. This program is offered with support from Exeter Hospital.



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Celebrate Ice-Out with the New Hampshire Boat Museum

The New Hampshire Boat Museum invites anyone who is "Waiting for Summer" to help us kick off the 2018 season at our annual Ice-Out celebration. This fundraising event, graciously sponsored by Maxfield Real Estate, will take place on Friday, April 13th at The Barn at Inn on Main in Wolfeboro. Reserve your tickets (\$60 for Museum members/\$63 for not-yet-members) on-line at www.nhbm.org.

Festivities begin at 6pm. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar while perusing our silent auction offerings. Old favorites and noteworthy new items will be on hand, including vintage boat rides, themed gift baskets, one-of-a-kind pieces by local artisans, and gift certificates from area shops and restaurants.

After a delicious buffet dinner at 7pm, try to outbid your fellow boating enthusiasts on an array of exciting items and experiences in our live auction. Guest auctioneer Jaime Laurent will lead spirited bidding on items such as a private airplane ride over Lake Winnepesaukee, a limited edition Peter Ferber print, and getaways to Proctor's Lakehouse Cottages, Mills Falls at the Lake, and Goose Rocks Beach in Kennebunkport. The Museum will open for the season on Saturday, May 26th. The Museum is a not-for-profit institution focusing on New Hampshire's boating and fresh water heritage. It is located at 399 Center Street,



Peter Ferber print Waiting for Summer

Wolfeboro Falls, 2 miles from downtown Wolfeboro in the former Allen "A" Resort dance hall. Contact the Museum at 603-569-4554, museum@nhbm.org, www.nhbm.org or via Facebook.

April 6 - May 6

603.668.5588

June 1 - 23

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2018 NH Renaissance Faire starts on May 12

On May 12th-13th and 19th-20th the 2018 New Hampshire Renaissance Faire will celebrate 14 years with a new, beautiful, expanded site. Only 15 minutes from our old Three Maples Farm site the faire is now at the gorgeous Brookvale Pines Farm, 80 Martin Rd., Fremont, NH.

NHRF has been noted as the best Medieval Faire in New Hampshire. It is a family friendly, educational, visual, theatrical and fantastical event held in southern NH only half an hour from the MA/NH state line and 15 minutes south of Rt. 101 in Epping NH. Take a short drive to find the best renaissance faire that has something fun for everyone.

NHRF is a 501c3 corporation dedicated to raising money for charity. Even with a rainy day wash-out in 2017, NHRF gave \$43,494 to local charities. Our charities this year are NH Food Bank, Rockingham Meals on Wheels and three local charities. These charities provide food and support for our friends and neighbors in need.

Every year the faire is improved with new-different-better events. There are knights battling, belly dancers dancing. There are thieves thieving and jousters jousting. There are great comedy acts and fabulous music.. There's a children's area with face painting, crafts, games and a story teller to expand the children's imagination. A family tent lets



families and wee ones have a quiet spot. Browse over 70 merchants and craftsmen making and selling anything you can imagine.. Watch demonstrators show how things are made. Go to the Queen's Stage and hear how the Shire Queen and her court get entangled in complicated plots. Young ladies can have tea with the Queen. Young pages can be knighted by one of the Queen's Knights. 13 food vendors provide diverse and yummy food. Over 20

acres of woods and meadows make a perfect setting for relaxation, fun and entertainment. On May 12th there will be a Beltain Celebration after hours. (Beltain celebrants need to buy a Faire ticket)

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MWV Chamber of Commerce presents 15th Annual Chili Cookoff

Just as the temps warm in the Valley in early April, taste buds will be hot-hot-hot as the 15th Annual Chili Cookoff and the 2nd Annual Feelin' Good 5K will be held on Saturday April 7, 2018 in North Conway, NH. Sponsored by the Mt Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce, the friendly chili cookoff competition will be held at the North Conway Community Center. Once again this year, the Feelin' Good 5K – will kick-off the festivities. And new this year, Hourglass Adventures will add to the 15th Annual Chili Cookoff festivities, offering attendees an opportunity to participate in an escape game designed specifically for the event. Be one of the first to check it out.

All professional chef chili entries will be judged by members from the American Culinary Federation White Mountain Chapter, headed by Bryant Alden, Chef from the Wildcat Tavern in Jackson. Judged awards are given for Best Chili with first, second and third places acknowledged. Non-profit and home chefs will be awarded People's Choice Award for Best Chili, selected by all tasters who attend the Chili Cookoff. Both categories will also vie for the Best Cornbread and Best Display prizes too.

The cookoff will be accompanied by a stroll through North Conway village where participating

village businesses will be offering a variety of value-added promotions for those enjoying the tour along the "Red Hot Stops" Route. Be sure to pick up your map! The chili cookoff kicks-off the spring foodie events that highlight the Spring season in Mt Washington Valley, NH.

The accompanying Feelin' Good 5K is organized by the White Mountain Milers and will kick off the Chili Cookoff event at 9:00am when the walkers division gets underway.

This family-friendly 5K race or walk is set to run through the North Conway Village finishing in Schouler Park. Registration and more information about the 2nd Annual Feelin' Good 5k can be found at here. Registration fees start at \$15 for youth/students and \$25 for adults and include discounted entry into the chili cookoff for the participating runner/walker.

Tickets to attend the Chili Cookoff are on sale now through the Mt Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce at www.northconwaychilicookoff.com or at the door the day of the event. Tickets are \$15.00.

Contact the Mt Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce at 603-356-5701 to buy your chili tickets. Tickets purchased must be traded at the event for a wristband, allowing entry to the chili tables for sampling and promotions throughout the village.

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■ APRIL 15

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■ APRIL 14

Slushpool Party

Free. 60 Loon Mountain Road, Lincoln, NH 03251
Phone: 603-745-8111

A spring tradition here at Loon, the Slushpool Party is a magical event in which skiers and riders try (and most often fail) to skim across a pond of ice-cold water. SPY Optic will be handing out prizes for Best Tidal Wave and Wildest Costume! Sponsored by: Under Armour, BMW, Coca-Cola REGISTRATION: 9:30am-11:30am @ Paul Bunyan Room (ages 12+ | limited to 75 participants) EVENT START: 12:30pm AWARDS: 1:45pm Spectators If you're not crazy enough to enter the either event, you'll love watching it. Since the pool is conveniently located at the base of Seven Brothers trail mere feet from the Octagon Lodge, you'll have a ringside seat to all the mayhem.

■ APRIL 21

3rd Annual Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds on the Banke

Adult \$10. 5-17 \$5. Under 5 free. 14 Hancock Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Phone: 603-433-1100

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■ APRIL 21

Rescue Run for Marine Mammals

\$6 - \$25. 570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, NH 03870

Phone: 603-436-8043

Rescue Run: Race for Marine Mammals features a 5k chip-timed trail race and un-timed walk through Odiorne Point State Park to benefit Seacoast Science Center's Marine Mammal Rescue Program. This

popular race follows the 5k cross-country trail route created by Jennifer Shultis, captain of Team Eastern Mountain Sports, 2006 US Adventure Racing National Champions. You'll run through the forest, by the rocky shore, across a sandy beach, and alongside historic military fortifications. There are also Fun Run races for kids under age 12. The first 175 registrants for the 5k receive a free official wick-wear race t-shirt. Prizes are awarded in age and gender categories from 6 to 60+, as well as overall fastest male and female for the 5k (must run in the <8 min. pace/mile to qualify for overall winner). The Kids Fun Run starting at 9:40 am features a 300-yard dash and a half-mile run for children ages 12 and under. Every child that participates in the Fun Run wins a prize. Following the race, there will be a light runner's breakfast, music, fun ocean-themed activities, and even a mock seal rescue for the kids! After the race, stay to join the Blue Ocean Society for a beach clean-up at 11:00am. Participants will comb the shore of Odiorne Point to collect and record data on trash that's picked up to help keep our ocean healthier. Strollers are not permitted on the 5k trail. Children, age 12 and under, must be accompanied by an adult on the 5k. 5K Trail Run Participant Fees: ages 13+ - \$22 before 4/16, \$25 thereafter; ages 6-12 - \$14 before 4/16, \$17 thereafter; ages 5 and under - free. Kids Fun Run Fees: 300-yard dash for kids under age 5 - \$6; 300-yard dash for kids ages 5-12 - \$6; half-mile run for kids ages 12 and under - \$6.

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