

# Region

## 2010 Deerfield Fair, Opening September 30



Pig scramblin' for little kids is always a favorite event at "New England's Oldest Family Fair".

DEERFIELD – “New England’s Oldest Family Fair” – the 134th Deerfield Fair – opens September 30. Four full days of events, both old and new, take place at the Deerfield Fairgrounds in Deerfield, New Hampshire. “You can’t help having a good time at the Deerfield Fair! This is a good old country fair, a family fair,” says Deerfield Fair Association president Sheryl Bolduc. “Everybody is watching their budgets these days. And this fair packs in a lot of entertainment for one low admission price. Two adults with three kids age 12 or under pay just \$20 for the whole family, including all exhibits and shows, and parking is free. It’s a great deal for a full day of family fun.”

Following opening ceremonies at 9am on Thursday, September 30, the fair kicks off with the first of several all-breed horse and dairy shows, and sheep judging. Throughout the day, fairgoers can enjoy everything from horse pulling to a woodman’s contest, plus magic and other stage shows, and live music such as country music singer Lee Lewis and the Doo-Wop Allstars, performing at 6pm. According to well-known fair personality “Junior” Gardner, “You can go down to the barn, we have pig scramblin’ there. You wanna see them little kids get after them pigs, oh my, that’s somthin’ to see!” Many events are repeated every day of the fair, such as strolling performers Professor Paddy Whack and The Hurdy Gurdy Man.

Friday offers cattle pulling, The Flying Wallendas Family Circus, and the Miss Deerfield Fair pag-

eant. Saturday features a number of 4-H shows and various musical performances, including the Ancient Order of Hibernians Pipe and Drum Band as well as the third annual fiddle contest. Fiddlers from throughout the region will take the stage to see who will win top honors. Performing on Sunday, the Granite State Cloggers are always a crowd favorite. And later that day is the fair’s grand finale: the competition and crashes of the fifth annual Demolition Derby, as specially prepared klunkers and junkers drive to survive for fun and prize money. “Also returning for a third year is our banjo contest,” adds Bolduc. “Pickers and strummers get together to give some great musical performances and enjoy a friendly competition.”

For all four days of the fair, a midway offers exciting amusement park rides and games; on Friday and Sunday, all rides are just \$20 from 9am-5pm. For those who wait all year just to sample the terrific and varied fair food will find everything from sausage subs to old-fashioned cotton candy to funnel cake. The Deerfield Fair runs September 30 through October 3 and is accessible via Route 101 exit 3, then north on Route 43 to the fairgrounds at 34 Stage Road. Fair hours are Thursday-Saturday 8am-10pm and Sunday 8am-7pm. There is free parking, and overnight camping is available. More information, directions, and a complete events listing are available at [deerfieldfair.com](http://deerfieldfair.com). Fairgoers can also visit [facebook.com/DeerfieldFair](http://facebook.com/DeerfieldFair).

## “Ham & Bean Suppah” Sponsored by Milford Historical Society

MILFORD – The Milford Historical Society will sponsor a “Ham & Bean Suppah” on Thursday, September 16th in Milford’s Town Hall Banquet Room. The dinner begins at 6pm followed by guest speaker Edie Clark who will present a program entitled “Baked Beans & Clams: How Food Defines a Region.”

Ms. Clark is perhaps best known for “Mary’s Farm,” her monthly column in Yankee Magazine. She has also authored several books; been a fellow at the MacDowell Colony; and a writer in residence at the University of Northern Michigan. Her writing has appeared in the Boston Globe Sunday Magazine, the Christian Science Monitor and Reader’s Digest and for several years running in the annual Best American Essays. She is currently a contributing editor for Yankee Magazine.

The main dish and beverages will be provided. While this event is free and open to all, attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

The Milford Town Hall is located at 1 Union Square in downtown Milford, NH. Please enter via the door by the ambulance bay on the side of the building.

## Rotary Senior Citizens BBQ

MILFORD – The 32nd Annual Milford Rotary Senior Citizens BBQ will be held at the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club, 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford on Wednesday, October 6th, at 12:00 noon. The Milford Rotary Club extends an invitation to seniors from surrounding communities to be their guest at this event. The club will be serving their world famous BBQ chicken with all the usual trimmings. This is an event that you do not want to miss. There are no reservations required, just an appetite. Best of all, it’s FREE!

## Hike-a-thon at Mt. Major for Easter Seals

ALTON – Looking for a day of family fun? On Sunday, October 3, families from around the state will lace up their hiking boots to help raise money to support Easter Seals The Family Place Programs for children with special needs in Rockingham and Strafford Counties. Mt. Major, with beautiful trails in Alton overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee, will be the location for this event which kicks off at 9 a.m. and will run to 3 p.m. Our staff will be available to help families with children with special challenges!

The registration cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. A small gift of appreciation will be given to every person who raises more than \$25.00. For those who raise over \$100, there will be a raffle for some wonderful prizes donated by local merchants. 100% of all Hike-a-thon proceeds will support scholarships and services for the many specialty programs & opportunities Easter Seals The Family Place offers.

To learn more about this fun, family event & to obtain a registration/pledge sheet, contact Easter Seals The Family Place at the Raymond office 895-1522 or the Dover office: 740-3534. Visit our website at [www.eastersealsnh.org](http://www.eastersealsnh.org)

## Tickets On Sale for 10th Annual Boys & Girls Club Auction

MILFORD - The 10th Annual Auction Fundraiser will be held at the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley at 56 Mont Vernon Street in Milford on Saturday, October 2 at starting at 5:30 p.m. The evening begins with appetizers, cocktails, a live jazz trio and a silent auction featuring items such as massages and facials, a pie or pizza a month for a year, hand-painted glassware, assorted gift baskets, a hand-tailored man’s shirt, luggage, area gift certificates and an antique tea pot.

A catered dinner will follow, as Steve Desmarais, auctioneer, starts the bidding on a veritable treasure trove of items including a timeshare in Florida, a summer getaway to Lake Nubanusic in Hancock, several privately hosted fine dining experiences, and an idyllic 7-night stay for 8-10 in Anguilla at a private home, the Grand Outlook Castle.

Guests will also have the opportunity to “Fund a Need” by sponsoring specific expenditures that the Club will make in the coming year. These

include Kids Club scholarships, a Nintendo Wii game system, board games, a flat screen TV for the Teen Room, assorted sports equipment and more.

Proceeds from this event directly impact the kids in our community, supporting programs and services that promote and enhance youth development. The Boys & Girls Club makes a promise to the families in our communities that no child is turned away because of inability to pay, and the need for scholarship help has increased dramatically in these tough economic times. The support of individuals and local businesses is more important than ever in helping kids be great today and develop into caring, responsible citizens tomorrow.

Tickets for the event are \$75 per person, and can be purchased at the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley or online at [www.svbgc.org](http://www.svbgc.org). Questions? Email [auction@svbgc.org](mailto:auction@svbgc.org) or call Susan Taylor at 672-1002 x15.

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### Quilters Guild Offers Fall Raffle

The Souhegan Valley Quilters’ Guild is offering a Fall Raffle this year. Our members have made two beautiful quilts for you to take a chance on winning. Both quilts will be on display at the following events: the 250th Amherst Celebration, September 25, 2010 on the Common in Amherst and at the Milford Pumpkin Festival to be held this year from October 8 -10. The price of the tickets will be 1 for \$1 or 10 for \$5. Color photos of both quilts and information about our Guild are on our website [www.nhquilts.org](http://www.nhquilts.org) and you can contact Jeanine Rigney at [cobra791@comcast.net](mailto:cobra791@comcast.net) for tickets. Proceeds from this raffle will support SVQG’s many projects, including our “Comfort Quilts” Program, through which we gift quilts to comfort those going through life-changing events.



## The Only Punkin Chunkin Air Cannon in New England, Appears at the Milford Great Pumpkin Festival on Sunday, October 10



American Chunker features a 100 foot cannon.

MILFORD - It’s called Punkin Chunkin – part sport, part science, and part engineering. And although the World Championship Punkin Chunkin Competition that occurs the first weekend of November in Delaware, sponsored by the Discovery Channel, has categories for trebuchets and catapults, a new technology represents our more modern times – air cannons.

This year, New Hampshire will be represented at the World Championship Punkin Chunkin Competition by Team American Chunker, led by Nashua native Brian Labrie. Labrie and his team of like-minded enthusiasts.

Prior to traveling to Delaware for the competition, American Chunker will do a day long demonstration at the Milford Great Pumpkin Festival in Milford, New Hampshire, on Sunday, October 10 from 10 am to 4 pm. This will be the only appearance of American Chunker in New Hampshire or Massachusetts. Festival coordinator, Tracy Bardsley, is thrilled to have American Chunker as part of this year’s festival. “I watched the Punkin Chunkin show myself on the Discovery Channel last year, and thought how terrific it would be to find someone with air cannon for the Pumpkin Festival,” said Bardsley. “I did some research on the internet but couldn’t find anyone near New Hampshire. Then, out of the blue, Brian Labrie contacted my office in early December and asked if he could be involved in the festival.

Although American Chunker will be a new feature at the Milford Pumpkin Festival, punkin chunkin is not new for the festival, now in its 21st year. “We have had a catapult as one of our featured events for many years,” said Bardsley. “In

fact, our catapult was originally designed several years ago by a local high school student for a class, Jay Goodell of Amherst, who also won 10th place in the adult catapult category at the 2009 World Punkin Chunkin Competition. So we are pleased to support two local teams in their efforts.”

In addition to the American Chunker demonstration, the Milford Pumpkin Festival will feature several returning favorite activities such as the Great Pumpkin Weigh In, the Pumpkin Catapult, scarecrow making and face painting all on the Oval and the Community House Lawn. The Arts & Crafts Fair has been expanded this year to include both the Town Hall Auditorium and Banquet Hall.

Music on two stages is the highlight of the weekend. Over 30 local bands and singers will take the stages over the weekend, performing everything from award-winning country, bluegrass, symphony, folk and rock ‘n’roll. On Saturday evening, Boston area band sensation Destroy Babylon will play their unique combination of dub, reggae and funk during the Street Party on Elm with the Chili Rounding-Up Contest, food and beer tasting.

The next potential singing or dancing sensation make their debuts at The Milford Great Pumpkin Festival Talent Show on Saturday, October 10, 8 PM at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts in Milford. Come support your friends and neighbors as they compete for the top prize.

For more information on the Festival, telephone 672-4567, email [director@milfordmainstreet.org](mailto:director@milfordmainstreet.org) or visit the website: [www.milford-pumpkinfestival.org](http://www.milford-pumpkinfestival.org).



### Sunday, September 19th

## 5K Run/Walk for Anne-Marie House

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## 1st Annual Wine Tasting for Pulmonary Fibrosis

**Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010**  
**4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
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