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Deerfield Fair Features Four Days of Music Plus Fiddle, Banjo Contests



Michelle Canning of North Andover, Massachusetts, took the blue ribbon in the Deerfield Fair’s 2010 banjo competition, Junior Division.

DEERFIELD - Fiddlers and banjo pickers will return to compete at this year’s Deerfield Fair. On the third day of the fair, Saturday, October 1, at 1pm, get ready to hear some of the region’s finest fiddlers

compete for cash prizes and the right to be named fiddling champion. On Sunday at 1pm, it’s the banjo players’ turn to take the stage at Relaxation Grove.

Contestants will compete for a total of \$900 in cash and a first, second, or third place ranking. The Junior Division includes fiddlers and banjo players aged 17 and under. The Adult Division is for musicians between 18 and 59, while the Senior Division involves those 60 and older. “We’re gearing up for some more great music and friendly competition,” says fair association president Sheryl Bolduc. The registration deadline for both contests is Sunday, September 25, at 5pm. For details and forms, visit deerfield-fair.com, click on “2011 Premium Book (whole book)”, and see pages 108-109.

The Relaxation Grove Stage is just one of several venues for music of all kinds, such as the jazz fusion/funk Kenny Brother Trio and the “unrepentant rock n’ roll” of One Hand Free, throughout the four

days of the fair. Performers on the Show Stage include country singer Kiley Evans and southern rock band Southern Breeze. Appearing on the Bandstand are children’s recording artist Wayne from Maine, the classic rock Bert Scott Band, and Lee Lewis and the Doo-Wop Allstars. Other acts include the Vic and Sticks Recycled Rhythm Band, 13-year-old singer Emma Gelinas, and Dan Grady’s Marvelous Mari-onette Medley.

The Deerfield Fair runs September 29 through October 2 and is accessible via Route 101 exit 3, then north on Route 43 to the fairgrounds at 34 Stage Road. There is free parking and overnight camping is available. Through September 21, discounted advance tickets, good for any day of the fair, are available online at deerfieldfair.com; after September 21, tickets are available online for 10 dollars. More information, directions, and a complete events listing are at deerfield-fair.com. Also visit facebook.com/DeerfieldFair.



Jim Rappa of Deerfield, NH.

The Milford Pumpkin Festival Will Kick Off With Fireworks!

October 7-9

MILFORD – The Milford Great Pumpkin Festival is pleased to announce that fireworks will kick off the festival on Friday, October 7 courtesy of Atlas Pyrotechnics of Jaffrey.

The Milford Great Pumpkin Festival celebrates its 22nd year on October 7-9 in downtown Milford. The festival opens on Friday Night at 5 pm with music on the Oval and the Pumpkin Runner making his way to the Oval to for the Lighting of the Pumpkins in the Milford Town Hall. The Milford Historical Society will also announce the Milford Citizen of the Year. Those who dare can talk a walk along the Haunted Trail.

Food, music and lots of family fun fill both Saturday and Sunday. There are several returning favorites 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 little ones will enjoy a Hallow-

een Storybook Trail where children may meet various characters from nursery rhymes and a train ride from Emerson Park to several activities taking place at the Boys and Girls Club.

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, adults are invited to attend the Elm Street Block Party featuring the Chili Round-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 8, 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.

Come Sing with Us!

AMHERST--The New Hampshire Chamber Choir’s first rehearsal for the 2011-2012 season will be Sunday, September 18, 1:30-3 PM, at St. Luke’s Church, 3 Limbo Lane, Amherst. All are welcome to come sing with us at this rehearsal and see if this is a group that you’d like join. There are no fees.

The choir focuses on the music of J.S. Bach and other baroque composers. A Bach cantata is performed

at each concert with soloists chosen from within the group. Vocalists, soloists, and instrumentalists are all volunteers, and the choir is looking for a few more singers on each part who particularly enjoy the music of this period. Instrumentalists are also welcome. Visit our website: <http://nhchamberchoir.wetpaint.com/> or e-mail jillslocum@gmail.com.

Invitation to Join....

MERRIMACK - Merrimack Concert Association extends an invitation to join either or both the Merrimack Chorus or Concert Band when rehearsals resume in preparation for the new season. High school students as well as amateur and professional adult musicians are welcome. Membership is open to all as well as residents of Merrimack. Come and share the music with us. Auditions are not required. The first three weeks’ rehearsals are open to give prospective new members an introduction and feel for the ensemble.

Rehearsals resume for the Merrimack Chorus on September 18th under the direction of Jamie Saucier. The group meets Sunday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the John O’Leary Adult Community Center. Contact Choral Director Jamie Saucier at 828-6739 for more details.

Band rehearsals commence on October 4th, conducted by Lelia

Dutton. The Merrimack Concert Band meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Merrimack Middle School band room. For further details, call Band Director Lelia Dutton at 429-8328

If you love to sing or play a band instrument then Merrimack Concert Association offers you a great opportunity to sharpen your skills and have fun as well. Membership in either the band and/or chorus will introduce you to a group of dedicated musicians who enjoy the artistic, recreational, and educational experience of performing a wide variety of instrumental and vocal music for their family, friends, and community. Vacancies exist for all instruments and vocal parts.

For further information, call Executive Director Laurie Ludvigsen at 424-0558, email at info@merrimackconcert.org, or visit www.merrimackconcert.org.

Enjoy a Great Meal and Raise Funds for Historical Society

The Historical Society of Amherst is very happy to help our membership celebrate spring with a great meal and a great deal courtesy of our friends at Longhorn Steakhouse. Saturday, September 24th, is Historical Society of Amherst day at Longhorn Steakhouse on Route 101A in Amherst. When members, families, or guests dine in or take out between 11 am and 9 pm on September 24th **ten percent of the bill we be donated directly to the Historical Society of Am-**

herst. Vouchers are available at the door—participants need only show up with an appetite for food and fun and mention the Historical Society of Amherst voucher. Reservations are not necessary and walk-ins are welcome, but anyone planning in advance can email Marie Grella (mgf1225@aol.com) to help the restaurant establish a headcount.

Thursday, September 22 will be Team Earley Melanoma Foundation dining for Dollars Day.

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Expansion Plans

“Dessert and Details” at RiverMead Open House

PETERBOROUGH – RiverMead Retirement Community, Peterborough, NH has announced its plans for expansion. RiverMead is hosting an open house event “Dessert and Details” on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 pm and Tuesday, Sep-

tember 27th at 6:30 pm to describe all the exciting details about the Village at RiverMead over dessert and coffee. Seating is limited, reservations are required. Please call the RiverMead’s Marketing Office at 603-924-8611 to reserve your spot.

Nashua Symphony and Bellavance Beverage Find New Ways To Educate Community

NASHUA – The Nashua Symphony Association is always proud to bring educational opportunities to the community, and with the support of Bellavance Beverage Company, they are reaching out to adults in a new way at Okt-Overture on September 23rd. At this special Oktoberfest-themed event, guests will sample and learn about specialty beers from around the world and then be treated to music selections from each region.

Nashua Symphony Music Director Jonathan McPhee has never led an event quite like Okt-Overture. He is well-known for his vast knowledge of music history and the educational component he brings to the concert stage. Now, he says, “It is my turn to learn a little and share a little. It has been fun to educate myself a bit, and it was an interesting challenge to choose the music pairings.”

Okt-Overture will take place at the Janice B. Streeter Theater on Court Street and includes beer tast-

ing, seasonal appetizers, and the instrumental mini-concert. A dessert reception will follow, hosted by Indian Head Plaza. Guests must be at least 21 years old.

WHEN: Friday, September 23rd, at 7:00 pm

WHAT: Okt-Overture Concert and Tasting
Jonathan McPhee, Music Director & Principal Conductor
Beer Tasting
Led by Bellavance Beverage Company

Seasonal Fare
Celebrations & Eli’s BBQ
Süss Sweets
Crosby’s Bakery

WHERE: Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court Street, Nashua NH. Free parking onsite.

Ticket Information
Tickets are \$35, must be at least 21 year of age. Available online at www.NashuaSymphony.org, by calling 603.595.9156, or through the Nashua Symphony Box Office, 6 Church St.


Got Talent? Milford Pumpkin Festival Wants You!

MILFORD – The 5th Annual Milford Pumpkin Festival Talent Show needs singers, dancers, amateur comedians, jugglers, tumblers and those withan unusual talent. Auditions for Talent Show 2011 will take place September 30 & October 1 at the Milford Town Hall Auditorium. Top prize is \$500,runner up receives \$200 and the pick for audience choice receives \$100. Interested performers can sign up now at www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org.

There is a minimum age of 12 for entrants.

Those making the first rounds will have the chance to compete for cash prizes with first, second, and audience choice awards, on Saturday, October 8, 8 PM at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 – book online at www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org, or \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 to the event at the door.

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