

Summer Fun

Events in the Region

June 28 - July 1
America's Cup Race

NEWPORT, RI – As you’ve probably heard by now the America’s Cup World Series regatta will dock at Fort Adams State Park in Newport, RI starting this Saturday. The event is scheduled to run from June 23 through July 1, 2012 of which the last four days (June 28th through July 1st) will be dedicated to racing.

The America’s Cup Village will be the shoreside hub of the event. Visitors will experience a unique view of the team bases – ‘pit row’ – where the 45-foot catamarans, with their 70-foot fixed wing-sails, will be launched each day. The AC Village will offer a fantastic vantage point for spectators, with racing unfolding just yards offshore in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.

General admission tickets during race days (June 28 - July 1) are \$10 per person per day, with children 12 and under free.

Following the America’s Cup race, Newport’s downtown waterfront will then be hosting July 6-9, 2012 the Ocean State Tall Ships Festival which will boast a dozen essels including one featured in the movie “Mutiny on the Bounty.” This year is of special significance because the festival will also mark the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

June 30 - July 1
Private Gardens in Monadnock Region on Garden Conservatory Tour

Visit eight private gardens in the Monadnock, New Hampshire and Upper Valley, Vermont regions on June 30 & July 1, through the Garden Conservancy’s Open Days program. Saturday, June 30 features five gardens in Dublin, Nelson, Peterborough, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 1 features two gardens in Alstead Center and Walpole, New Hampshire, and one garden in Wilmington, Vermont, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to each private garden is \$5, Open Days are rain or shine, and no reservations are required. Call 1-888-842-2442, or visit www.opendaysprogram.org for complete garden descriptions and driving directions.

Included on the tour on June 30 is the Garden of Rebecca Henderson & Harry Huchra (580 Nelson Road, Nelson), which combines the parkland qualities of English estates with the formality and gaiety of Italian design, featuring a formal kitchen garden, orchards, nut trees, and a contrasting woodland. At the Fry Garden (69 Pine Street, Peterborough), more than forty garden areas are connected by staircases or pebbled grass walkways, spread over a twelve-acre site. Garden highlights include sycamore and crabapple allées, as well as numerous pools and ponds. The garden of Michael & Betsy Gordon (14 High Street, Peterborough) is situated on a hill with terracing on three levels. Two upper levels are formal in nature with yew and boxwood hedges, while the third lower level is an informal woodland garden. At The Malt Family Garden (340 Carley Road Peterborough), the sixty-acre, ridge-top property features dramatic views of Mount Monadnock with spaces designed to enhance the natural topography. Highlights include a Japanese-style gate leading to a pool enclosure perennial garden, a front lawn that has been replaced with a field of grasses, perennials, and low shrubs, an outdoor fireplace and grape arbor, to name a few. Directions to the fifth garden of Marilyn B. Bean (Dublin) are available at each additional location. A portion of the proceeds from this Open Day are to be shared with the River Center in Peterborough.

The Sunday, July 1 tour features the Distant Hill Gardens of Michael & Kathy Nerrie (507 March Hill Road, Walpole, NH), where a former hayfield has been transformed into a four-season sculpture garden, and the forms, textures, and shapes of the plants and stone are at least as important as the numerous flowers and their colors. The gardens at The North Forte (71 Top of Hill Road, Wilmington, VT), features Vermont bluestone walls, architectural elements, two waterfalls and koi ponds, and a knot garden. Directions to the third garden of Bill & Judy Moran (Alstead Center, NH) are available at each additional location.

Visit www.opendaysprogram.org or call the Garden Conservancy toll-free at 1-888-842-2442 to order with a Visa, MasterCard or American Express, or send a check or money order to: the Garden Conservancy, P.O. Box 219, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Discount admission tickets are available as well through advanced mail order.

July 3
Join the Music!

Independence Day Eve Concert, July 3

Merrimack Concert Association invites all adult and high school musicians to join the Merrimack Concert Band and/or the Merrimack Chorus in the annual Independence Day Eve Concert, Tuesday, July 3rd, at 7 p.m. on the bandstand in Abbie Griffin Park.

All participants are required to attend rehearsals and band members must provide their own band instrument. Choral rehearsals are held on Sunday, 7 p.m., June 10th and 24th, at the John O’Leary Adult Community Center. Band rehearsals will start at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: Tuesday, June 12th, at Merrimack Middle School Band Room; Tuesday, June 26th at Wasserman Park Function Hall; and Monday, July 2nd, at the John O’Leary Adult Community Center.

Kicking-off Merrimack’s Fourth of July celebration, this old-fashioned entertainment features a wide range of popular tunes and pays tribute to our armed forces with a rousing performance of favorite marches and patriotic selections under the direction of Lelia Dutton. Members of the Merrimack Chorus, led by Choral Director Jamie Saucier, will add to the performance.

As part of Merrimack Parks and Recreation Department’s Summer Concert Series, this performance draws hundreds of Merrimack residents as well as those from surrounding towns. Admission is FREE.

Besides offering an evening of great music under the stars, those famous root beer floats will be available again this year. During the evening a 50/50 raffle will be held and MCA 20th anniversary cookbooks will be for sale.

Bring a picnic, favorite chair or blanket, and family, neighbors, and friends to this traditional holiday performance. Funding for this concert comes from Merrimack Parks & Recreation Department, Rivets Funeral Home & Crematorium, Frederick Smyth Institute of Music, the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and Ann De Nicola Trust. In case of rain, the performance will be at Merrimack High School. For information, call Executive Director Laurie Ludvigsen at 424-0558, email info@merrimackconcert.org, or visit www.merrimackconcert.org.

July 7 & 8
The Craftworkers’ Guild First-Ever “Garden Tour” Summer Craft Shop

BEDFORD - The Craftworkers’ Guild will be holding its first-ever summer craft shop on Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8 at the historic Kendall House behind the Bedford Public Library. For this event, the Craftworkers’ Guild will be joining forces with the Bedford Womens’ Club and Bedford Garden Club in support of their Follow the Blooms Garden Tour on Saturday July 7th.

Garden enthusiasts and all others are invited to visit the shop and discover the latest locally made handcrafted items from our many talented artisans and crafters. The shop includes seasonal items, home and personal accessories, jewelry, glass, wood work, fiber and fabric arts, folk arts, children’s goods, painting, photography, paper arts and cards, gourmet foods and much, much more. Many items in this show will feature garden and floral themes.

For this special event, the Craftworkers’ Guild will be offering crafting demonstrations for visitors, and will also provide tables and outdoor seating for those who would like a spot to enjoy a picnic lunch or a “take-out” meal from one of Bedford’s casual restaurants.

Shop hours are from 10 AM to 4 PM on both Saturday and Sunday, and admission is free. All are welcome and it is not necessary to purchase a Garden Tour ticket to visit the Craftworkers’ Guild Shop. The Follow the Blooms Garden Tour will be held on Saturday only, from 10 AM to 3 PM, rain or shine, and tickets will be available that day for \$20 each from the Tour Registration Tent at Peter Woodbury School, 180 County Road in Bedford as well as at the Craftworkers’ Guild Shop.

Final Drawing July 11
Great New Hampshire Getaways Raffle Supports NH Historical Society

CONCORD -- The New Hampshire Historical Society’s 17th annual Great New Hampshire Getaways Raffle tickets are currently on sale. An early-bird drawing will take place on June 8 for two tickets to a Red Sox game at historic Fenway Park. The tickets are for the Red Sox game against the Minnesota Twins on August 5.

The final winners will be drawn on July 11. The raffle offers donors a chance to win a one- or two-night hotel stay, some paired with tickets to local attractions. Prizes are listed on the Getaways Raffle banner at nhhistory.org

Tickets may be purchased for a donation of \$50 for six tickets or \$10 each. They are available on-site from either the museum at 6 Eagle Sq., or the library at 30 Park St., in Concord. They may also be purchased online by clicking the Getaways Raffle banner at nhhistory.org.

July 14
“Fire & Ice” Fireman’s Muster at Old Sturbridge Village

STURBRIDGE, MA – Firefighters get half-price admission to Old Sturbridge Village on Saturday, July 14 for an old-fashioned fireman’s muster, “Fire & Ice Day” at the museum. Antique fire trucks will be on display, including vintage hand pumpers. Visitors can join in bucket brigades and pumping contests and watch old-fashioned ice cream-making using 19th century recipes. They can also taste local restaurant entries in the third annual Best Chili in History Contest and vote for the winner. For more information, call 800-SEE-1830 or visit www.osv.org.

Antique motorized fire trucks will be featured, along with older “hand-tubs,” which were pulled by the firefighters themselves, who then pumped the long handles on each side, drawing water from the machine’s tub and spraying it onto the fire. Such machines required many volunteers to work the pump. First developed in the 1700s, these handtubs were a huge improvement over the bucket brigade method of firefighting and were used for nearly 100 years.

At the OSV Fire & Ice Day, visitors can take part in water bucket brigade contests, which are especially popular with children, and they can also try their hands at working these vintage hand-tubs, by pumping the wooden side handles, which are called “brakes.” The phrase “take a brake” comes from the call for fresh volunteers to take a turn pumping (to “take a brake”) in order to give tired pumpers a rest.

Old Sturbridge Village food historians will demonstrate 18th- and 19th-century ice cream-making methods using popular “receipts” or recipes of those periods. These recipes include some unusual flavors that were favorites in early America – ginger, asparagus, and Parmesan-flavored ice cream, which tasted a bit like cheesecake.

The third annual Best Chili in History Contest is back by popular demand, and visitors can sample the entries from local restaurants and vote for the winner.

Old Sturbridge Village celebrates New England life in the 1830s and is one of the largest living history museums in the country. For times and details of all OSV activities visit: www.osv.org or call 1-800-SEE-1830.



Amherst resident Emma Sirois tries on a fire fighter’s hat at Old Sturbridge Village’s Fire & Ice Day. Children get a close-up view of an antique fire truck. This year’s event is set for July 14, and firefighters get half-price admission to the Village.



Can you Canoe? class; “Picture This” Photography class

Explore the Outdoors at Beaver Brook Summer Camp

HOLLIS – Have you ever made a fort in the woods? Caught a frog or a toad? Stayed up late to stargaze? Cooked a meal on hot coals in a fire? At Beaver Brook Nature Center in Hollis there will be 34 classes offered this summer for students from pre-school through 10th grade. Each class gets students outside enjoying nature and learning through inquiry and exploration. Leadership Adventure is offered for students entering 8th-10th grade and will include a backcountry overnight campout as well as wilderness challenges that help develop leadership qualities. In Forest Forts, students learn about natural building materials, creating authentic survival shelters and fun forts while learning wilderness skills as well. Rocky Ridge Explorers will learn about the fascinating rocks the earth is made of and hike fun trails to find porcupine dens. To further an interest in farming or gardening, there are classes Farmyard Fun, Buds to Berries, or Earth Sprouts. If art or theater is more your style, try Acting Outside, Picture This Photography or Nature’s Palette. Learn about New Hampshire’s Native Woodland People in Abenaki Footsteps. If you’re wondering what to do this summer and looking forward to having fun with friends, being out in nature, and maybe even learning something new, then why not come Beaver Brook Summer Camp? Come explore with us! Call 465-7787 or check out www.beaverbrook.org for more information.

Arts & Entertainment

June 20 - July 1
Peterborough Players Opens Theater Season with World Premiere

Gordon Clapp Stars in Auld Lang Syne

PETERBOROUGH – The Peterborough Players professional theatre season opens on June 20th with Auld Lang Syne, a world premiere comedy/drama by Jack Neary. NYPD Blue Emmy award-winning actor Gordon Clapp stars with local Peterborough favorite, Kathy Manfre. The play runs through Sunday, July 1st. Tickets are \$37 except Saturday, \$39.

A two-bit gangster with unsavory intentions has an unlikely New Year’s Eve “business” encounter with a good Irish housewife in South Boston. You will laugh, you will laugh, you will laugh! And you may even shed a few tears. Rated PG -13. Strong Language

Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd., Peterborough
Rated PG-13 Strong Language
Box Office: 924-7585 or Online: www.PeterboroughPlayers.org

The Peterborough Players theatre is air-conditioned, handicapped accessible, and is equipped with a hearing assistance system.

June 21st –October 18th
15th Annual Outdoor Invitational Sculpture Exhibit

CONCORD – Thirty-six sculptors representing New England and New York are participating in the Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden’s extraordinary 15th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit, June 21st –October 18th.

Bob Shannahan (creator of the Woolly Mammoth, and other pre-historic animals) is returning with a new wild creature from the past. Several well-known regional and international sculptors are exhibiting, including John Weidman, Rob Lorensen, Murray Dewart, Michael Alfano and Chris Williams (creator of the life size moose at the Manchester Airport.)

Bronze and marble, steel and sticks... from realistic to abstract to non-objective... All are here! The grounds are alive with objects to surprise, delight and satisfy every visitor. Walk among the gardens, enjoy the countryside, and allow yourself to appreciate outstanding sculpture beautifully situated in an idyllic environment. Children are especially welcome to participate in an incredible cultural display “Where Art and Nature Meet.” Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord.

Phone 226-2046 www.themillbrookgallery.com

June 28 - July 4
Jaffrey Civic Center exhibit:

A Series of Series

Over twenty five area artists are exhibiting art which was created as part of a series.

Styles vary from realistic through abstract through clay, and artists span the gap from professional through emerging, and even include a few serious beginners.

