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The **2011 York Beach Concert Series** ends with three performances on Labor Day weekend, under the gazebo at Ellis Park in York Beach, Maine. The Deep Fry'd Blues Band will perform on Friday, Sept. 2; Four Fathers of Rock perform on Saturday, Sept. 3, and the Fred Manzi Trio performs on Sunday, Sept. 4. Shows begin at 6:30 p.m.



The **Continentials** perform at Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage on Sunday, Sept. 4, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free and fireworks will be set off on the beach across from C Street around 9:30 p.m.



The **Portland Sea Dogs**, an affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, play at Hadlock Field, 271 Park Ave. in Portland, Maine, 207-879-9500,

www.seadogs.com. Regular-season games run through Sept. 5. Upcoming home games include Sept. 2-5 against the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, an affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays.



Monday, Sept. 5

The 15th annual St. Charles Children's Home 5K road race starts at 9 a.m. at Martins' Point Healthcare at Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth, N.H. Same-day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The fee to enter the race is \$20 per runner (\$10 age 12 and younger). A free children's fun run follows the race. There will be a raffle, plus grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and other goodies for sale. See www.runningnuns.com for directions and other information.



Thursday, Sept. 1

The public is invited to an artist's reception honoring local artist Suzanne Butler Richardson from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at The Provident Bank, 21 Daniel St., Portsmouth, near Market Square. The bank's Lobby for the Arts is showcasing works by Richardson in an exhibit titled "Through my Window" through the end of October.



Saturday, Sept. 3

Head to Long Sands Beach in York, Maine, between 5:30 and 10 p.m. for live music from The Morlocks, plus food and fun, all to benefit the York Food Pantry. Bring non-perishable food donations.



Saturday, Sept. 3

Join the Newburyport "Labor Day Festival Blues Cruise" on the Merrimack River. This sunset cruise departs at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$32 in advance, \$36 on the day of the event and are available online at www.NewburyportBluesCruise.com.



Monday, Sept. 5

Starting today and running through Saturday, Sept. 17, in Ogunquit, Maine, Capriccio is a town-wide festival of art, music, poetry, ballet, live theater, concerts and design at various venues and architectural tours. Call 207-646-2261 or see www.visitogunquit.org.

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Labor Day weekend activities abound



By Karen Plumley
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Labor Day weekend has been the symbolic end of summer for Americans since it was first observed as a federal holiday in 1894. It is a time to get out of the house and enjoy one last summer fling — gather with friends and family, enjoy a barbecue, visit the beach one last time, watch football on the flat screen and say farewell to summer for the year.

Since Labor Day is always on the first Monday of September, this year it will be celebrated on Sept. 5. However, there are plenty of things to do during the entire weekend of Labor Day in coastal Southern Maine towns. Need to get some last-minute school shopping done? Sales abound at the outlet stores and malls in Kittery. If heading out to the beach is more your speed, you may want to go to Long Sands in York for a spectacular annual bonfire. Love art? Then check out the 21st Annual Capriccio Art Festival taking place in the heart of Ogunquit throughout the week of Labor Day.

Craft shows, kites, musical performances and stage shows are all happening this weekend for those in search of Labor Day activities in York County. Here are a few of the end-of-summer highlights:

Kittery

The Kittery Outlets will be hosting their annual **Labor Day Sale Event** from Fri-

day, Sept. 2, through Monday, Sept. 5. More than 120 stores will be featuring the latest in fall fashion. The Kittery Trading Post will be holding its **35th Annual Septemberfest**, a weeklong event filled with sales rotating throughout its many departments, including free giveaways, T-shirts and special prizes. Be sure to visit the outlet coupon page online at www.thekitteryoutlets.com.

York

It is hard to imagine a better way of spending the last official days of summer than relaxing on the beach. Labor Day is a holiday for workers, and relaxing is definitely an important part of this three-day weekend. Why not head over to Long Sands Beach in York and enjoy some sun, surf and fun on Saturday, Sept. 3? Then, to perfectly cap off the day, the **9th Annual Bonfire** will be taking place starting at 5:30 p.m. and continuing through until 10 p.m. The bonfire will be located right in front of the bathhouse, where it simply cannot be missed by beachgoers. There will be live music by the Morlocks and plenty of delicious food supplied by the Meathouse, Anthony's and The Barn. Proceeds for this great Labor Day event will go directly to the York Food Pantry.

Ogunquit

One of the most popular of Maine festivals is **Capriccio in Ogunquit**, and this year the

21st Annual Capriccio will begin on Monday, Sept. 5. It is a two-week celebration of the arts, including film, music, poetry and theater, and is a highly anticipated end-of-summer tradition in the quaint coastal town. In the past, Capriccio has offered antique shows, classic film previews, poetry readings, live musical performances in many genres such as folk, jazz and classic rock, and open houses at many of Ogunquit's finest art galleries.

The Ogunquit Playhouse will be showing repeat performances of two of its most popular plays of the season on Labor Day weekend, *Pinkalicious* — a delight for children and young families — and *Legally Blonde*.

One of the biggest highlights of Capriccio is its Kite Festival, taking place this year at Ogunquit Beach on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Wells

Also on Saturday, Sept. 3, the **Annual Summer Concert** series in Wells will come to an end with the exciting sounds of the New Legacy Swing Band. Hope Hobbs Gazebo at Wells Harbor Park on Harbor Road will come to life with the swing sounds of the Big Band era at 6:30 p.m. The New Legacy Swing Band started in the early 1990s and has evolved into one of northern New England's most popular dance orchestras. With more than 600 songs in their repertoire, the band will be sure to please audiences of all ages and musical tastes.

Kennebunk

School's in! Those who want to get back into the swing of pencils and books, teachers and dirty looks, should check out the **exhibit at the Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk titled "Learning is an Ornament: History of Kennebunk Schools."** Admission to the museum is by suggested donation of \$5 per person. It's open Tuesdays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., closed on all national holidays. Based on the 2009 book by the Museum's archivist, Rosalind Magnuson, this exhibit explores the development of Kennebunk's schools from the earliest one-room facilities to the robust district of today. Highlights of the exhibit include numerous vintage photographs, a schoolgirl's sampler, the original 1855 sign that hung at the Lower Alewife schoolhouse, and a replica turn-of-the-century classroom. This exhibit, which has been available for viewing since October 2010, will come to an end on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Head on down to the Green at Kennebunkport on Saturday, Sept. 3, for the **36th Annual Craft Fair** hosted by The School Around Us, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This fair will feature 80 juried artists and artisans, live music and food. If it happens to rain that day, the fair will be held Sunday, Sept. 4. Admission is free.

Shoppers support local artisans

23rd Annual September Summer Solstice Craft Show in Wells

By Craig Robert Brown
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Darr Littlefield knows something about crafts. She has been involved with crafts for the last 45 years and started the Summer Solstice Craft Show in Wells, Maine, with a group of like minded friends 29 years ago. This year will mark the 23rd September craft show, held Saturday, Sept. 10, and Sunday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. The September show is the second of two Summer Solstice Craft Shows held each year. The first is held in July and celebrated its 29th year this summer.

The large number of visitors to the area each year helps to support the craft shows. Littlefield said crafting is an old form of creativity, but she is happy to see vacationers stopping by and returning each summer.

“Crafting is kind of a dinosaur and it’s great to see people come out to the shows. People plan vacations to the craft shows,” Littlefield said. She added that people will often drive from Massachusetts for the day to attend the event.

Vendors come from all over the New England region as well as from New York and as far away as Florida. Littlefield says most are just happy to be in Maine and near the ocean. For the vendors, the show is like a working vacation.

Littlefield is lucky, turning what some would consider a hobby into a life-long career.

“In a crafter it’s in the blood,” Littlefield said. “You’re just creative. You just want to create. You want to start with an idea and work it to a finish.”

She added that working as a crafter and vendor is a good way to make a living. When she

was a stay-at-home mother, she said, she made so many things she couldn’t give them away. That led to creating the craft show, which led to another, followed by another, and eventually it became a full-time job. Now Littlefield is an administrative assistant at the Wells Chamber of Commerce, organizing the Summer Solstice shows and the League of Maine Craft Shows. All are juried by fellow crafters. She said the position is somewhat of a dream job though it took her a year to transition into the schedule.

“It’s the perfect job for me where I am doing basically what I had been doing but, now, 40 hours a week,” Littlefield said.

During the economic downturn it was hard to be a crafter, or a craft vendor, and the job at the Chamber came at a perfect time for Littlefield. Despite the hurt felt by many small businesses and organizations, Littlefield remained optimistic in her plan to put on a successful craft show each summer drawing local and visiting shoppers.

“If you offer a quality show to crafters and the public, and you do your work as a promoter and an advertiser, you will see a good return in an economic downturn,” she said.

Throughout the economic decline, more annual craft show promoters began to fill their vendor booths with imported goods from outside the country. The promoters of those events were looking to sell for profit. That cannot be said for Littlefield’s craft show. All items are quality handmade crafts, never imported. And Littlefield takes it upon herself to absorb the blow of low attendance.

“If we don’t have a big turnout, or many vendors, we eat the cost,” she said. “We always thought long term and always will.”

The Summer Solstice Craft Show is free to the public with free parking, and vendors keep 100 percent of any profits earned. Food will be offered by Julie’s Ristorante and Provisto of Ogunquit. The spread will include clam chowder, veggie wraps, chicken wraps and deserts. The available crafts of the day will range in style and medium: handcrafted soap, lotion, jewelry, clothing and art and photography will be for sale.

“You want it to be a diversified show for the customers,” Littlefield said. “If one [vendor’s work] looks too much like the other, you wouldn’t bring those crafters in. We’re trying to make a nice experience.”

She added that shoppers often come with a set amount of money to spend, and she takes that into consideration.

With an increase of planning and scheduling added to her day-to-day activities, it’s hard to believe Littlefield has the time to work as a crafter. But the truth is she still feels the need to create. She recently started making jewelry, something she said she has always wanted to do.

Reflecting on what makes a crafter, Littlefield believes it is inherited and sees the same spark she had as a child in her grandchildren. She added that the desire to be creative is in her grandchildren’s generation even if “the mediums may have changed.”

Littlefield is ever the optimist about crafting. She sees it as a valuable art that can continue to be taught and encouraged in younger generations. She also appreciates being able to work in a community like Wells.

“I see Wells as — because we have the ocean — a big draw to people. It’s very family- and people-friendly. People just feel comfortable,”



Scenes from past Summer Solstice craft shows. Photos courtesy Darr Littlefield.

she said.

Littlefield is originally from New Jersey, but said she can trace the Littlefields to Maine over the last 344 years.

“I feel like a local,” she said. “I’ve come home again.”

Where: 276 Sanford Road, Wells, Maine

When: Saturday, Sept. 10, & Sunday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call: 207-646-5172

Information: www.summersolsticecrafts-hows.com

Directions: Interstate 95 (Maine Turnpike), Exit 19 ME-9/ME-109 toward Wells/Sanford, left onto ME-109 S/ME-9 E/Sanford Road, school on right.

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108 Summer St., Kennebunk, ME, 207-985-4250
• **Walsingham Gallery**
47 Merrimac St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-499-4411, www.thewalsinghamgallery.com
• **Worldly Goods**
37 Congress St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-9311, www.worldlygoodsnh.com
• **Valerie’s Gallery**
26 State St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-499-8444, www.valeriesgalleries.com
• **York Art Association**
U.S. 1 Alternate, York Harbor, Maine, 207-363-4049, www.yorkartassociation.com
• **York Public Library**
15 Long Sands Road, York, Maine, 207-363-2818, york.lib.me.us

Art events

• **PORTLAND FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK** free self-guided tours of local art galleries, art studios, museums and alternative art venues on the first Friday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2.
• **DRAWN TO MODERNISM**, featuring works by American Modernist artists, on display at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art from Thurs., Sept. 8, through Mon., Oct. 31.
• **LAUDHOLM NATURE CRAFTS FESTIVAL** on Sat., Sept. 10, and Sun., Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells, Maine, 207-646-4521. Festival has 100 of New England’s finest artists and craftspeople. Sculpture, jewelry, pottery, paintings, clothing, and photography are among the crafts selected by jury for this prestigious event. \$7 per person.
• **HISTORIC ART WALK** Co-sponsored by the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, the art walk is held in the summer and starts at the art museum. The walk proceeds to the cove telling the history of the world famous art colony. The walk ends at the Woodbury studio and art school for punch and cookies. Go to www.ogunquitheritagemuseum.org.

• **NEWBURYPORT ARTWALK** on Sat., Oct. 15, in Newburyport, Mass., featuring 18 galleries 3 to 7 p.m. See artwalknewburyport.blogspot.com.
• **BIDDEFORD LAST FRIDAY ART WALK** down Main Street and at the North Dam Mill. The walks are scheduled every other month. Starts at 5 p.m.

Openings & artists receptions

• **PARFITT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION** the 32rd annual open juried exhibit on display at the NH Art Association’s Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, through Fri., Sept. 30, with a reception Fri., Sept. 2, from 5 to 8 p.m.
• **ELAINE ASPLIND-RUSELL** a quill pen and ink artist, will be featured at the Bridge Gallery in Newburyport Thurs., Sept. 1, through Fri., Sept. 30. Call for time and date of reception.
• **FULL CIRCLE:** Dahlov Ipcar’s Circle Paintings with a Round of Marguerite and William Zorch, will be on exhibit at the Museum of Art at UNH-Durham Sat., Sept. 10, through Wed., Oct. 19. Call 862-3712 or visit www.unh.edu/moa. A reception will be held Fri., Sept. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.
• **PLEIN AIR & ABSTRACT GROUP SHOWS** featuring works by members of the Kittery Art Association at the association’s gallery Thurs., Sept. 15, through Sun., Oct. 9.
• **MADELEINE DE SINETY PHOTOGRAPHS** works that are the fourth in a series of exhibitions called “Circa” will be on display Sat., Sept. 24, through Sun., Dec. 18, at the Portland Museum of Art.
• **VIEWS OF THE WORLD TODAY THROUGH THE ARTIST’S EYE** a members exhibition with works in all media at the NH Art Association’s Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery Wed., Oct. 5, through Fri., Oct. 28, with a reception on Fri., Oct. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m.
• **GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS:** The Andrews Shaker Collection, an exhibition that tells the story of the first and most avid collectors of the Shaker art, Faith and Edward Deming Andrews, at the Portland Museum of Art Thurs., Oct. 27, through Feb. 5.
• **THE MAN SHOW** a group show at Three Graces Gallery in Portsmouth in November.

Gallery exhibits

• **A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN** Multi-artist exhibit through Oct. 15 at The Red Door Pottery Studio and Gallery Shop, 44 Government St., Kittery, Maine. Call 207-439-5671 or visit www.reddoorpottery.com.
• **ARONSON TO ARONSON:** The Lineage of Expressionism, on display at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art through Mon., Oct. 31.
• **BIRD & FISH WOOD CARVINGS** by York Harbor resident Bill Coite are on display in the display cases on the York Public Library’s main level.
• **BUILDING AN AMERICAN MODERNIST COLLECTION** featuring an exhibition of highlights from OMAA’s Permanent Collection and the best of the best from their world-class collection through Oct. 31 at the Ogunquit Museum of Art.
• **DENISE DUONG** works on display at Three Graces Gallery in Portsmouth in September.
• **DOROTHY & HERBERT VOGEL COLLECTION:** Fifty Works for Maine, will be on display in two parts at the Portland Museum of Art, through Jan. 29. Part I will be on display from Aug. 13 through Oct. 23 and will feature figurative and painterly works. Part II will be on display Nov. 4 through Jan. 29 and will feature architectural and minimalistic works.

• **THE DRAWING TRADITION** features drawings by Henry Strater through Oct. 31 at the Ogunquit Museum of Art.
• **FROM THE GARDEN TO THE KITCHEN**, an exhibition celebrating Stonewall Kitchen’s 20th anniversary at the flagship store (a companion to the exhibit at George Marshall Store Gallery) features works using plant materials and reproductions of works by regional artists.
• **FROM THE SOUTH** featuring the works of Meryl Truett, Polly Cook, John Dodge Meyer, Dorothy Netherland, Tobia Makover and Marilee Hill at artstream in Rochester through Mon., Sept. 5.
• **GARDEN SHOW** at Emporium Framing in South Berwick, Maine, throughout the summer.
• **HENRY STRATER:** The Drawing Tradition, works on display at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art through Mon., Oct. 31.
• **JACK LEVINE** works on display at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art through Mon., Oct. 31.
• **JOANNE CAMPBELL** watercolors on display at Powderhouse Gallery, 276 York St. in York, Maine, 207-351-2979.
• **JOHN MARIN:** Modernism at Midcentury, an exhibit of works by John Marin (1870-1953) focusing on his works from 1933 through 1953, at the Portland Museum of Art, through Mon., Oct. 10.
• **JUDITH HELLER CASSELL** works on display at NH Art Association’s Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery in Portsmouth through Fri., Sept. 30.
• **LAND, SEA AND IN-BETWEEN**, featuring works of Catherine Connor and James Mickelson, at Connor Summer Gallery in Newburyport.
• **MAINE MODERNS:** Art in Seguinland 1900-1940, an exhibit of American modernists you worked in Maine in the first half of the 20th century, is on display at the Portland Museum of Art through Sun., Sept. 11.
• **MARY HOP BRANDON, ANASTASIA, MARGAUX MAERTEN, TOM HIBSCHMAN, CLARE ROGERS** will exhibit works at the Kittery Art Association gallery through Sun., Sept. 11.
• **QUILLING**, a paper art by York resident Christine Adamson, will be on display at the York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road in York, Maine, during August and September.
• **SOMERBY’S LANDING SCULPTURE PARK** is hosting it’s year long exhibit featuring large, outdoor, sculptures by New England artists. Located at the West end of the boardwalk next to the Block Cow Tap & Grill, Newburyport, Mass., 978-768-3600, www.somerbyslandingsculpturepark.org.
• **STREET A.K.A. MUSEUM** Work of international street artists will be on display through Sept. 11 at the Portsmouth Museum of Art, 1 Harbour Place, Portsmouth. Admission is free. Outdoor tours cost \$5. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday until 8 p.m. Call 436-0332. Self-guided tours and tours guided by cell are also available.
• **TODD BONITA** works on display at the Kennedy Gallery in Portsmouth in August.
• **TRADITION AND EXCELLENCE** Highlights from the OMAA Permanent Collection, are display through Mon., Oct. 31, at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art.
• **TRUE COLORS** an exhibit of oil paintings by Norma Torti is on display at Provident Bank, 321 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH, through the end of August.
• **WALSINGHAM GALLERY** 47

Merrimac St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-499-4411, thewalsinghamgallery.com. Every Saturday, an artists will come and paint in the studio, giving guests an idea of how the creative process occurs.
• **WATER - BLUE GOLD:** Essential to All Life on Earth will be displayed through Sept. 4 at Gallery 6 at the Children’s Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St., Dover, NH. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. No admission fee is required to view the gallery only. Call 742-2002 or visit www.childrens-museum.org.

THEATER LISTINGS

• **Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater**
194 Main St. Amesbury, Mass., 978-388-9444
• **Booth Theater**
13 Beach St., Ogunquit, Maine, 207-646-8142, boothproductions.com
• **Firehouse Center for the Arts** Market Square, Newburyport, Mass., 978-46-7336, firehouse.org
• **Hackmatack Playhouse**
538 School St., Route 9, in Berwick, Maine, 207-698-1807, hackmatack.org
• **Leddy Center for the Performing Arts**
38C Ladd’s Lane, Epping, N.H., 603-679-2781
• **The Music Hall**
28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-2400, themusichall.org
• **NH Theatre Project**
959 Islington St, Portsmouth, N.H., 603-431-6644
• **Ogunquit Playhouse**
10 Main St., Ogunquit, Maine, 207-646-5511, ogunquitplayhouse.org
• **The Players’ Ring**
105 Marcy St. Portsmouth, N.H., playersring.org, 603-436-8123
• **Pontine Theatre**
959 Islington St., Portsmouth, N.H. 603-436-6660, www.pontine.org
• **Portland Stage**
25A Forest Ave., Portland, Maine, 207-774-0465, portlandstage.org
• **Prescott Park Arts Festival**
105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-2848, prescottpark.org
• **Rochester Opera House**
31 Wakefield St., Rochester, N.H., 335-1192, rochesteroperahouse.com
• **Seacoast Repertory Theatre**
125 Bow St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-433-4472, www.seacoastrep.org
• **THE 39 STEPS** The Alfred Hitchcock thriller is presented by the Hackmatack Playhouse Wednesdays through Saturdays, through Sept. 3, at 8 p.m. Matinees are Thurs., Sept. 1, at 2 p.m. To purchase tickets call 207-698-1807 or go to www.hackmatack.org.
• **I LEFT MY HEART, A SALUTE TO THE MUSIC OF TONY BENNETT** by the 2011 Three Young Tenors of the Arundel Barn Playhouse, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel, Maine, through Sept. 3. Ticket prices range from \$28 to \$39. For prepaid reservations, call 207-985-5552 or visit www.arundelbarnplayhouse.com. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. plus Wednesday matinees at 2 p.m., and additional shows Sun., Aug. 28, at 8 p.m. and Fri., Sept. 2, at 2 p.m.
• **LEGALLY BLONDE THE BROADWAY MUSICAL** at Ogunquit Playhouse through Sept. 17. Evening show times are Tuesday through Thursdays at 8 p.m.; Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday at 7 p.m. Matinees are Wednesday through Thursday at 2:30 p.m.; Saturday at 3:30 and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at [\[house.org\]\(http://house.org\) or by calling 800-982-2787.
• **ACTONE’S FESTIVAL 2011** shows will be performed at the West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth NH. Tickets cost \\$18 and \\$20. Visit \[www.actonenh.org\]\(http://www.actonenh.org\) or call 300-2986. Shows are *Macabaret* on Sat., Sept. 10, at 2 & 8 p.m. and Fri., Sept. 9, at 8 p.m.; *Cellobrew* on Sun., Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m.; *Boxed In* on Fr., Sept. 23, Sat., Sept. 24, Fri., Sept. 30, and Sat., Oct. 1, at 8 p.m. and Sat., Sept. 24, and Sat., Oct. 1, at 2 p.m.; and *World Tales* on Sun., Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m.
• **AT MY WINDOW** from Sept. 2 until Sept. 18 at The Players’ Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, NH, 603-436-8123 at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sun., Sept. 4 & 11, and 2 p.m. Sun., Sept. 18.
• **GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS** will perform on Sat., Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Creative Arts Center’s Johnson Theatre at UNH-Durham. Visit \[www.unh.edu/celebrity\]\(http://www.unh.edu/celebrity\) or call 862-2290.
• **MISS SAIGON** at Ogunquit Playhouse Sept. 21 through Oct. 23. Evening show times are Tuesdays through Thursdays at 8 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.; Sundays at 7 p.m. Matinees are Wednesdays & Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 3:30 and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at \[www.ogunquit-playhouse.org\]\(http://www.ogunquit-playhouse.org\) or by calling 800-982-2787.
• **INTERNATIONAL DANCE** on Fri., Sept. 30, at the City Theater, 205 Main St., Biddeford, Maine. Presented by the University of New England.
• **ORSON’S SHADOW** from Sept. 23 through Oct. 9 at The Players’ Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, NH, 603-436-8123. Shows at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 25 & Oct. 2, and 2 p.m. on Oct. 9.
• **SEACOAST FRINGE FESITVAL** will be held Sat., Oct. 8, Sun., Oct. 9 and Mon., Oct. 10, in downtown Portsmouth. Visit \[www.seacoastfringefestival.com\]\(http://www.seacoastfringefestival.com\) or call 749-3405.
• **CHOOSY SUZY’S CHARACTER SUCCESS SHOW** will be performed on Wed., Nov. 2, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. Call 433-3100 ext. 6013 or visit \[www.themusichall.org\]\(http://www.themusichall.org\).
• **FAITH HEALER** will be performed Nov. 11-Nov. 27 at the NH Theatre Project, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Tickets cost \\$24 \(\\$18 for seniors and students\). Call 431-6644 or e-mail \[info@nhtheatreproject.org\]\(mailto:info@nhtheatreproject.org\).
• **DOKTOR KABOOM!** will be performed on Tues., Nov. 15, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. Call 433-3100 ext. 6013 or visit \[www.themusichall.org\]\(http://www.themusichall.org\).
• **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** will be performed on Thurs., Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Creative Arts Center’s Johnson Theatre at UNH-Durham. Visit \[www.unh.edu/celebrity\]\(http://www.unh.edu/celebrity\) or call 862-2290.
• **GOODNIGHT MOON & THE RUNAWAY BUNNY** will be performed on Thurs., Dec. 1, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. Call 433-3100 ext. 6013 or visit \[www.themusichall.org\]\(http://www.themusichall.org\).
• **TWELFTH NIGHT** will be performed Jan. 6-Jan. 22, at the NH Theatre Project, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Tickets cost \\$24 \(\\$18 for seniors and students\). Call 431-6644 or e-mail \[info@nhtheatreproject.org\]\(mailto:info@nhtheatreproject.org\).
• **RIGOLETTO** will be performed on Mon., Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Creative Arts Center’s Johnson Theatre at UNH-Durham. Visit \[www.unh.edu/celebrity\]\(http://www.unh.edu/celebrity\) or call 862-2290.
• **THE MATH MANIAC SHOW WITH MAX MILLIONS** will be](http://www.ogunquitplay-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

performed on Tues., March 6, 2012, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. Call 433-3100 ext. 6013 or visit www.themusichall.org.
• **IMAGINOCEAN** will be performed on Wed., March 28, 2012, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. Call 433-3100 ext. 6013 or visit www.themusichall.org.
• **THE COLOR OF JUSTICE** will be performed on Tues., April 3, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. Call 433-3100 ext. 6013 or visit www.themusichall.org.
• **DREAMING AGAIN** will be performed April 13-April 15 at the NH Theatre Project, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Tickets cost \$24 (\$18 for seniors and students). Call 431-6644 or e-mail info@nhtheatreproject.org.
• **SKIPPYJON JONES** will be performed on Tues., May 1, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. Call 433-3100 ext. 6013 or visit www.themusichall.org.
• **ANTIGONE** will be performed May 18-May 27 at the NH Theatre Project, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Tickets cost \$24 (\$18 for seniors and students). Call 431-6644 or e-mail info@nhtheatreproject.org.

CLASSICAL LISTINGS

• **LIFE, DEATH, AND VIENNA** 1888-1889 Soprano Jenni Cook will perform accompanied by Arlene Kies on piano on Fri., Sept. 9, at 8 p.m. at the Johnson Theatre, UNH-Durham. The concert is free and open to the public. Visit www.unh.edu/music.
• **RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO** will perform on Sat., Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kingswood Arts Center, 21 McManus Road, Wolfeboro. Tickets cost \$25-\$75. Visit www.wfriendsofmusic.org.
• **FACULTY POTPOURI CONCERT** will be held on Fri., Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. at the Bratton Recital Hall at UNH-Durham. The concert is free and open to the public. Call 862-2404 or visit www.unh.edu/music.
• **ANNA BOLENA** the opera from the Met screens at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, NH, www.themusichall.org, Sun., Oct. 23, at 1 p.m.
• **DON GIOVANNI** the Mozart opera from the Met screens at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, NH, www.themusichall.org, Sat., Oct. 29, at 1 p.m.
• **PORTSMOUTH SYMPOHNY ORCHESTRA** at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, NH, www.themusichall.org, Sun., Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. performing Beethoven’s 5th, “Night on the Bare Mountain,” Saint-Saens’ “Dance macabre” and more for Halloween.
• **DMITRY KOUZOV** Cellist will perform on Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Creative Arts Center’s Johnson Theatre at UNH-Durham. Visit www.unh.edu/celebrity or call 862-2290.
• **CORDIS QUARTET** will be performed Fri., March 3, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Creative Arts Center’s Johnson Theatre at UNH-Durham. Visit www.unh.edu/celebrity or call 862-2290.
• **TAKACS QUARTET** will perform on Wed., April 11, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Creative Arts Center’s Johnson Theatre at UNH-Durham. Visit www.unh.edu/celebrity or call 862-2290.

Athleticism for the ages

Over-50s compete in Maine Senior Games

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This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Maine Senior Games, a program of the Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA). With a small full-time staff and more than 1,000 volunteers, the Agency's many programs have helped hundreds of older people residing in York and Cumberland counties to live healthy, independent and active lives.

According to Maine Senior Games Coordinator Jo Dill, the mission of this particular fitness program is to provide athletic opportunities and competition for people over the age of 50 to improve their health and overall fitness. A variety of competitive sporting events including candlepin bowling, archery, basketball, racquetball and distance running are offered.

"We currently have 19 events that take place in the months of July, August and mostly in September," Dill said. "The programs are 70-percent sponsored by community businesses and members, and 30-percent funded by athlete registration fees. And it isn't too late to register for some of the events taking place this month," she noted.

State competitions

Maine Senior Games offers statewide competitions to people over 50, and participants from all over the country are allowed to enter and take part. The competitions this year are running between Aug. 6 and Sept. 25 in various locations in southern Maine. Here is a sampling (for a full list of events, visit the website at www.smaaa.org):

- **10K Road Race** – Sunday, Sept. 18, a National Senior Games event with medals being awarded in each age category, Portland Trail.

- **Basketball** – Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 10-11, women's & men's 3-on-3 tournaments, Cape Elizabeth High School, 345 Ocean Ave., Cape Elizabeth.

- **Candlepin Bowling** – Thursday, Sept. 22, men's & women's singles and doubles competitions, The Big 20 Bowling Center, 382 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough.

- **10-pin Bowling** – Sunday, Sept. 25, men's & women's singles and doubles competitions, Yankee Lanes, 867 Riverside St., Portland.

- **Cycling** – Sunday, Sept. 18, 5K, 10K, 20K, 40K events, Kennebunkport Bicycle Company, 34 Arundel Road, Kennebunkport.

- **Hot Shot & Foul Shooting** – Saturday, Sept. 10, men's & women's, Cape Elizabeth High School, 345 Ocean Ave., Cape Elizabeth.

- **Racquetball** – Saturday, Sept. 24, men's & women's singles and doubles competitions, Racquet & Fitness Center, 2445 Congress St., Portland.

National competitions

Maine Senior Games is also a member of the U.S. National Senior Games Association. Coordinator Jo Dill noted that, in fact, there is a senior games group in every state of the country. National competitions occur every other year, and 2011 is a non-qualifying year. Last year's qualifying seniors competed with other seniors from across the country in Houston, Texas, this past June and July. Next year's qualifying seniors will be competing at the nationals in Cleveland, Ohio, in 2013. These



The opening ceremonies of the 2011 Maine Senior Games. Courtesy photo.

national competitions are the largest multi-sport events in the world for seniors.

Room for spectators

The Maine Senior Games organizers also welcome those who would like to cheer on their favorite athletes.

"We have people come and watch the exciting competitions all the time. Some are there to cheer on their families and friends," Dill said. She also noted that those who may not have had an opportunity to sign up for an event come and check it out to see if it is something they might want to try next year.

"We had one volunteer come and watch the

bowling tournament last year and she was the first person to sign up for the event this year," Dill said.

For many seniors, staying competitive and energetic is something to strive for. Thanks to the many dedicated volunteers and sponsors, Maine Senior Games offers a unique chance for active adults over 50 to participate and compete in a wide variety of sporting events. For more information, contact Jo Dill at 207-396-6519 or 800-427-7411, or e-mail her at jdill@smaaa.org. To register for any upcoming events, visit the SMAA website at www.smaaa.org.

CHILDREN & TEENS

• American Independence Museum

One Governors Lane, Exeter, N.H., 603-772-2622, www.independencemuseum.org

• The Children's Museum of NH

6 Washington St., Dover, N.H., 603-742-2002, childrens-museum.org

• Portsmouth Public Library

175 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-427-1540, www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/

• Sandy Point Discovery Center

89 Depot Rd., Stratham, N.H., 603-778-0015, www.greatbay.org

• Seacoast Science Center

570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, N.H., 603-436-8043, seacoastsciencecenter.org

• Water Country

2300 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, 603-427-1112, watercountry.com

• York's Wild Animal Kingdom

Rt. 1, York Beach, Maine, 207-363-4911, www.yorkzoo.com

- **ANNIVERSARY GALA** The American Independence Museum along with the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire will be celebrating the museum's founding in 1991 Sat., Sept. 17, 6 to 11 p.m. Call 603-772-2622 or go to www.independencemuseum.org.

- **FAIRY HOUSE**, a self-guided tour of fairy houses in Portsmouth's South End,

will be held Sat., Sept. 17, and Sun., Sept. 18, from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$15 on the day (\$4/\$5 for children). The event includes a chance to meet Tracy Kane (author of *The Fairy House Series*), performances by the Southern NH Youth Ballet and a new site in the woods beside Governor Langdon's Historic Mansion. See www.prescottpark.org.

- **BIOBLITZ!** The Seacoast Science Center will be having their annual BioBlitz on Sat., Sept. 24, from dawn to dusk. There will be programs and activities all throughout the day where you can learn about Odiorne State Park's 135 acres and its biodiversity. Call 603-436-8043 or go to www.seacoastsciencecenter.org.

- **ANNUAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** The Children's Museum of NH will celebrate its 27th birthday on Sun., Sept. 26, from noon to 5 p.m. The event will include ice cream and birthday cake and party games, and create your own party crown to bring home. Lesley Smith and the Theatre of Life Puppets will perform. Admission costs \$8. Call 603-742-2002 or go to www.childrens-museum.org.

- **CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AND THEATRE OF MAINE** Located in Portland, the museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The museum is geared toward children and families

and has exhibits and programs every-day. The general admission is \$9 per person. Call 207-828-1234 or go to www.kitetails.org.

MUSEUMS & TOURS

• American Independence Museum

One Governors Lane, Exeter, N.H., 603-772-2622, www.independencemuseum.org

• The Brick Store Museum

117 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine, 207-985-4802, www.brickstoremuseum.org

• Counting House Museum

Main and Liberty streets, South Berwick, Maine, 207-384-0000, www.obhs.net

• Cushing House Museum and Garden

98 High St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-462-2681, newburyhist.com

• Custom House Maritime Museum

25 Water St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-462-8681, www.thechmm.org

- **Discover Portsmouth Center** Corner of Middle & Islington streets, Portsmouth, 603-436-8420, www.portsmouthhistory.org

• Fuller Gardens

10 Willow Ave., North Hampton, 603-964-5414, fullergardens.org

• Gundalow Project

60 Marcy St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-433-9505, gundalow.org

• Hamilton House

40 Vaughan's Lane, South Berwick, Maine, 207-384-2454, www.historicnewengland.com

• Historic New England and Governor John Langdon House

143 Pleasant St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-3205, www.portsmouthhistory.org

• The History Center of Kennebunkport

125-135 North St., Kennebunkport, Maine, 207-967-2751, www.kporthistory.org

• Isles of Shoals Steamship Company Cruises

315 Market St., Portsmouth, N.H., 800-441-4620

• Jackson House

76 Northwest St., Portsmouth, N.H. 603-436-3205, www.portsmouthhistory.org

• John Paul Jones House

43 Middle St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-8420, www.portsmouthhistory.org

• Kittery Historical and Naval Museum

200 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine, 207-439-3080, www.kitterymuseum.com

• Moffatt-Ladd House & Gardens

154 Market St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-8821, moffatladd.org

• Museum of Lighthouse History

2190 Post Road, Wells, Maine, 207-646-0245

• Museums of Old York

York, Maine, 207-363-4974, www.oldyork.org

• Nott House

8 Main St., Kennebunkport, Maine.

• Ogunquit Heritage Museum

86 Obeds Lane, Ogunquit, Maine, 207-646-0296, www.ogunquitheritagemuseum.org

• Ogunquit Museum of Modern Art

183 Shore Road, Ogunquit, Maine, 207-646-4909

• Perkins Cove Lobster Tours

Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, Maine, 207-646-7413

• Prescott Park

Marcy St., Portsmouth, N.H., www.prescottpark.org

• Portsmouth Athenaeum

9 Market St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-431-2538, www.portsmouthathenaeum.org

• Portsmouth Harbour Trail

www.pbhtrail.org, 603-431-2768

• Portsmouth Historical Society

www.portsmouthhistory.org

• Portsmouth Public Library

175 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-427-1540, cityofportsmouth.com/library/

• Rundlet-May House

364 Middle St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-430-7531

• Saco Museum & the Dyer Library

371 Main St., Saco, Maine,

207-283-3861, www.dyerlibrarysacomuseum.org

• Sayward-Wheeler House

79 Barrell Lane, York, Maine, 603-436-3205

• Seacoast African American Cultural Center

135 Daniel St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-430-6027, saacc-nh.org

• Seacoast Trolley Museum

195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport, Maine, 207-967-2800, www.trolleymuseum.org

• Star Island Corp.

30 Middle St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-430-6372, www.starisland.org

• Strawberry Banke Museum

14 Hancock St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-433-1100, strawberrybanke.org

• USS Albacore

600 Market St. Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-3680, ussalbacore.org

• Warner House

43 Middle Road, Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-5909, warnerhouse.org

• Wells Auto Museum

Route 1, Wells, Maine, 207-646-9064

• Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion State Historic Site

375 Little Harbor Rd., Portsmouth, 603-436-6607, nhstateparks.org

• Wentworth-Gardner/Tobias Lear Houses

50 Mechanic St., Portsmouth, 603-436-4406, www.wentworthgardnerandlear.org

Kiddie Pool

Family events for this weekend

Outdoors

• Bring the family to the **9th Annual Bonfire** at Long Sands Beach, York, on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. The bonfire will be taking place in front of the bathhouse, and will include live music by the Morlocks and food supplied by Meat-house, Anthony's, and The Barn. Admission is free, but bring money for food. All proceeds will go to the York Food Pantry. Call 207-363-6085.

• The **Gateway Farmers Market** (at York Chamber of Commerce, 1 Stonewall Lane, York) is a place where families will find a huge selection of local fresh produce and much more. Sponsored by Stonewall Kitchen, the market boasts arts and crafts, homemade cupcakes, wood-works and even doggie treats. It's open on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free.

• The **Kennebunk Farmers Market** (Grove Street Parking Lot, Kennebunk) will be going strong on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check out the fresh local produce, maple syrup, soaps and herbs, potted plants and natural artwork. Visit www.kennebunkfarmersmarket.org.

See a show

• Learn what happens when a little girl eats too many pink cupcakes. Take the kids to an encore performance of ***Pinkalicious***, which will be taking place at the Ogunquit Playhouse (Route 1, Ogunquit) on Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 3 & 4, from 10 to 11 a.m. All tickets are \$10. Call the box office at 207-646-5511 or Ticketmaster at 800-982-2787. Visit www.ogunquitplayhouse.org.

Arts & crafts

• Check out the more than 80 crafters and artisans at the annual **Craft Show on the Green** in Kennebunkport, hosted by The School Around Us. It is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 4.

• Why stop at crafts when you can also head on over to Cape Elizabeth for the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department Engine One Co. **44th Annual Labor Day Art Show** at Fort Williams Park on Sunday, Sept. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date is Monday, Sept. 5)? See the park transformed into an all original art gallery with more than 150 artists' works on display. Cost is free.

• For even more art, bring the family to the **21st Annual**

Capriccio, which begins on Monday, Sept. 5, in various indoor and outdoor locations in Ogunquit. This event is a two-week-long celebration of the arts. A variety of events will feature myriad arts, from writing to film to painting, from performing arts to architecture to sculpture.

Visit the library

• Turn the TV off and engage in a **preschool story hour** at York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, on Friday, Sept. 2, at 10:30 a.m. Join library staff for stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 3 to 5.

School shopping

• School is right around the corner and now is the time to load up on supplies, clothing and accessories in the latest fall fashion. The Kittery Outlets (Route 1, Kittery) will be hosting their annual **Labor Day Sale Event** Friday, Sept. 2, through Monday, Sept. 5. Find extra savings on new fall arrivals at the many Kittery outlets and stores. More than 120 stores will be featuring the latest in fall fashion, boots and accessories. Also check out the coupons & offers page at www.thekitteryoutlets.com.

• **Woodman Institute Museum**
182 Central St., Dover,
603-742-1038,
woodmaninstitutemuseum.org

Events

• **CONSTITUTIONAL CONVERSATION** The American Independence Museum will be holding a discussion about the United States Constitution with Richard Hesse of Franklin Pierce College Wed., Sept. 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Folsom Tavern in Exeter. Admission is free. Call 603-772-2622 or go to www.independencemuseum.org.

• **PRINCE HALL LECTURE** The Seacoast African American Cultural Center will present a lecture on the abolitionist and most famous Afri-can-American in the Boston area during the American Revolution on Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. Call 603-430-6027 or go to saacc-nh.org.

Exhibits

• **CITY OF THE OPEN DOOR: HARRY S. HARLOW** The Discover Portsmouth Center will be hosting an exhibit of 52 panels featuring the doorways to significant Portsmouth properties. The exhibit is ongoing. Call 603-436-8420.

• **COUNTING HOUSE MUSEUM** in South Berwick, Maine, offers a perspective on life along the seacoast. It is open July through September, Satur-

In the spotlight



Drive-in night

Sub Rosa Drive-In, the future home of 3S Artspace (www.3sarts.org), at 13 Jewell St., Portsmouth, N.H. (twitter.com/subrosadrivein) will show ***Rock N Roll Nightmare*** (1978) on Friday, Sept. 2, at 9 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, though donations are accepted.

days and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Call 207-384-0000.

• **FIRE ON THE WATER:** Portsmouth's Kearsarge Sinks the Deadly Confederate Raider Alabama, is on display at the Portsmouth Athenaeum in Portsmouth through Sat., Sept. 17. Call 603-431-2538 or go to www.portsmouthathenaeum.org.

• **"FITZ JOHN PORTER:** Civil War Hero or Coward?," an exhibit about the Civil War soldier born in Portsmouth, is on display through Mon., Oct. 31, at the Strawberry Banke Museum in the Rolland Gallery. The exhibit includes a music and lecture series, a daily walking tour and more.

• **GOVERNOR JOHN LANGDON HOUSE** in Portsmouth, NH, is a national historic landmark featuring a Georgian mansion where John Langdon resided. Open Friday through

Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6. Call 603-436-3205.

• **HAMILTON HOUSE** in South Berwick, Maine, is a national historic landmark overlooking the Salmon Falls River. Open Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$8. Call 207-384-2454.

• **IMPRESSIONS OF A WORLD TRAVELER** The Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk is hosting an exhibit of work by Edith C. Barry. The exhibition will include photographs, souvenirs, costumes, and written word. Call 207-985-4802 or go to www.brickstoremuseum.org.

• **JACK LEVINE** exhibit at Ogunquit Museum of American Art through Oct. 31. Call 207-646-4909.

• **JACKSON HOUSE** in Portsmouth, NH, is the oldest surviving wood frame house in NH and Maine. Open June through October on the

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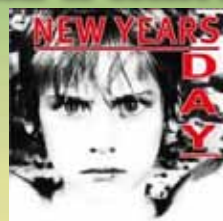
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NH honors citizen diplomacy with Peace Treaty Day

Portsmouth was site of 1905 signing

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Just in time for the start of school, visitors and residents will have a chance to familiarize themselves with a lesson in history as Portsmouth Peace Treaty Day is commemorated statewide on Monday, Sept. 5. The treaty that brought an end to the Russo-Japanese War was signed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on Sept. 5, 1905, between Japanese and Russian diplomats.

“We encourage everyone to celebrate the day of diplomacy in any way they can,” said Stephanie Seacord, director of public affairs for the Portsmouth Peace Treaty Forum.

In addition to recognizing Portsmouth as the location for negotiations, the day will honor the diplomacy of the citizens of Portsmouth and their role in the peace negotiations.

“The interesting part is that local people, according to research for the 2005 100th anniversary, made a difference because formal negotiations broke down. For those 10 days, the people of Portsmouth invited both sides to picnics, teas, church gatherings to keep them in talks,” Seacord said. “Now we understand how important that kind of atmosphere is to mediations and successful negotiations.” Today, New Hampshire is the only state in the union that recognizes how its own citizens became involved in the ending of this war. Roosevelt eventually won a Nobel Peace Prize for his role as the facilitator.

At the time the treaty was originally signed more than 100 years ago, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard issued a gun salute and area church bells rang for an entire hour in celebration. This year, the shipyard will perform a Navy salute and signal the bells of area church towers to clang with a whistle blow. Portsmouth High School hand bell ringers who participated in a Japan exchange program will also be in Market Square conducting a performance in front of the Piscataqua Savings

Bank building. Those who would like more information about joining the bell-ringing salute should call Suzanne Moulton at 603-436-4010. Mayor Tom Ferrini will be reading the governor’s proclamation that announces the day of celebration.

“It’s all about citizen diplomacy,” Seacord said. The Russo-Japanese war of 1904 and 1905 officially ended in Portsmouth. It might have become WWI had it not ended before more nations got involved. Overall there were 200,000 casualties.

Portsmouth was chosen as the location for the treaty discussions as a result of various circumstances. According to Seacord, neither side was willing to agree on a venue for talks. Secretary of State John Hay, who would normally facilitate the negotiations, was ill and eventually died at his home in Newbury, N.H. The folks at the Mt. Washington Hotel, which had just opened, appealed to Governor John McLane and official engraved invitations were issued. President Roosevelt, ever the diplomatic negotiator, was asked to assist in the matter as the United States was allied with both Japan and Russia at the time. Intrigued by the thought of New Hampshire as a possible location for the treaty negotiations with its cool summer climate, Roosevelt felt that the White Mountains were just a little too far from his vacation home on Long Island, where he was spending time. As former Secretary of the Navy, the president decided on Portsmouth for its proximity to Long Island, and for the Naval Shipyard, which could offer security in a location that was not overly populated.

The Wentworth Hotel in Rye, N.H., also played a role in the treaty negotiations, as it was a location for meetings and lodging for officials. A stagecoach, vehicle and boat would transport the officials between the two locations. Ironically, the shipyard subsequently went on to build submarines in defense of Japan in WWII, and again during the Cold War as the U.S. struggled with Russia.



As visitors celebrate this day with the ringing of bells, the Peace Treaty Trail is also available for exploration, and maps can be found at the Portsmouth Historical Society (43 Middle St.), which is open seven days a week. The locations along the trail were identified through 1905 newspapers, diaries and letters.

“The best way to present the story was to show where these events took place. The trail covers the iconic sites of the treaty summer including the Wentworth Hotel, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, private homes, and public events in and around the entire area,” Seacord said. Maps are available at the Discover Portsmouth Center and the Chamber of Commerce, and the John Paul Jones Museum. On Monday, Sept. 5, the historical society (John Paul Jones House, 43 Middle St.) will be offering free admission between 3 and 5 p.m. A copy of the treaty can be viewed there. Visit www.portsmouthpeacetreaty.org.

first Saturday of the month. Tours 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. Admission \$5. Call 603-436-3205.

• **JOHN PAUL JONES HOUSE** in Portsmouth, NH, features artifacts from the Portsmouth Peace Treaty of 1905 and from John Paul Jones, an American naval hero. Open 7 days a week 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$6. Call 603-436-8420.

• **KENNEBUNKPORT HISTORY CENTER** in Kennebunkport, Maine, comprises five buildings featuring artifacts, memorabilia and presentations of the events that shaped the town. Open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 207-967-2751.

• **KITTERY HISTORICAL AND NAVAL MUSEUM** in Kittery, Maine, features ship models, guns, shipyard and submarine memorabilia, and lighthouse artifacts. Open June to October 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 207-439-3080.

• **LEARNING IS AN ORNAMENT EXHIBIT** through Sept. 6 at the Brick Store Museum, 117 Main St. in Kennebunk, explores the development of Kennebunk’s schools from the earliest one-room facilities to the robust district they comprise today.

• **THE LINEAGE OF EXPRESSIONISM** The Ogunquit Museum of American Art will be having the “Aronson to Aronson: The Lineage of Expressionism” exhibit from Aug. 27 to Oct. 31. The exhibit features art from David Aronson and his son. Call 207-646-4909.

• **MOFFATT-LADD HOUSE & GARDENS** in Portsmouth, NH, is a national historic landmark. The house is furnished as it was in 1763. Tours go for an hour and are held Mon through Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. House and garden tours cost \$6. Call 603-436-8221 or go to www.moffattladd.org.

fattladd.org.

• **MUSEUM OF LIGHTHOUSE HISTORY** in Rockland, Maine, is the largest lighthouse museum in the U.S. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday through Sunday. Admission is \$5. Call 207-594-3301 or go to www.lighthousefoundation.org.

• **THE NOTT HOUSE** in Kennebunkport, Maine, is open for tours Thursday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Call 207-967-2751

• **RUNDLET-MAY HOUSE** in Portsmouth, NH, is open for tours on the first and third Saturdays through Oct. 15. The tours run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is \$6. Call 603-436-3205.

• **SAYWARD-WHEELER HOUSE** in York Harbor, Maine, is a historic house full of 18th-century relics. Visiting hours are the second and fourth Saturdays through Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. Call 207-384-2454.

• **STAR ISLAND CORP.** Star Island is the second-largest of the nine islands that make up the Isles of Shoals. Star Island Corp. provides individual and family retreats through September. Conferences are presented throughout the summer on subjects ranging from yoga to natural history. Call 603-430-6272 or go to starisland.org.

• **USS ALBACORE** in Portsmouth, NH, is a historical vessel worth visiting. The park is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Admission is \$5. Call 603-436-3680 or go to ussalbacore.org.

• **WARNER HOUSE** Located in Portsmouth, the Warner House is the earliest extant brick urban mansion

in New England. The museum hours are Wednesday through Monday from noon to 4 p.m. and the admissions price is \$5. Call 603-436-5909 or go to www.warnerhouse.org.

• **WELLS AUTO MUSEUM** in Wells, Maine, is a collection of more than 80 antique and classic cars. The museum is open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admissions is \$7 a person. Call 207-646-9064 or go to www.wellsautomuseum.com.

• **WENTWORTH-COOLIDGE MANSION** in Portsmouth, NH, includes an art gallery, historical interpretations, picnics, guided tours and scenic views. The mansion is open through Sept. 1 and the Arts Gallery is open through Sept. 28. Call 603-436-6607.

• **WENTWORTH-GARDNER AND TOBIA LEAR HOUSES** in Portsmouth’s historic South End are historical monuments full of architecture and art and are open through Oct. 16, Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. Call 603-436-4406 or go to www.wentworthgardnerandlear.org.

• **WOODMAN INSTITUTE MUSEUM** in Dover, NH, features natural, local, and art history, including a 10-ft. polar bear and dinosaur bones. The museum is open Wednesday to Sunday 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., April to November. Admission is \$6. Call 603-742-1038 or go to www.woodmaninstituteuseum.org.

• **WORLD WARS** The Museums of Old York has an exhibit of uniforms and equipment used by American forces in the two world wars on display in the downstairs display case of the York Public Library.

Tours

• **GHOST HUNT WITH THE NEW**

ENGLAND GHOST PROJECT Ron Kolek and others from the project will do an investigation of a Portsmouth lighthouse on Sat., Sept. 10. See portsmouthharborlighthouse.org.

• **DOVER WALKING TOUR** Take a guided stroll down Central Avenue with an experienced guide. Learn about the rise and fall of the textile industry in Dover and the origin of some of the city’s buildings and landmarks. \$5 per person or \$10 for families of three or more every Saturday through Sept. 25, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Register online at dovernh.org

• **ICE CREAM & SUNSET TROLLEY RIDE** The Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, Maine, will be having a sunset trolley ride with ice cream on Wednesdays and Thursdays in July and August at 7 p.m. \$5 per person. Call 207-967-2712 or go to www.trolleyuseum.org.

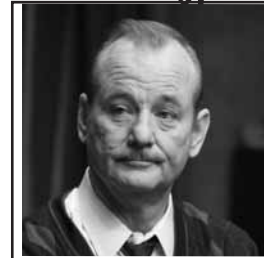
• **GHOSTLY WALK** During Ogunquitfest on Oct. 22, the Ogunquit Heritage Museum in Ogunquit, Maine, will hold a ghost walk led by costumed hosts and featuring stories about the ghosts of Ogunquit and surrounding area. The tour takes about an hour. Call 207-646-2939.

• **INTOWN TROLLEY CO., TOURS** 33 Wildes District, Road, Kennebunkport, Maine, 207-967-3686. Offers 45-minute daily sightseeing tours every hour beginning at 10 a.m. \$15 per adult, \$6 children 3-17.

• **KENNEBUNKPORT VILLAGE** Historic Village Walking Tours in Kennebunkport, Maine, begin in July and go through August. They are on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. And Saturdays at 11 a.m. From Labor Day until Columbus Day the tours only run on Saturdays. Call 207-967-2751.

• **MUSIC HALL TOURS** The recent-

In the spotlight



Get Low

See Bill Murray in the 2010 movie *Get Low* (PG-13) on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. at York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, York, Maine, 207-363-2818, www.york.lib.me.us. Free and open to the public.

ly renovated Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, NH, 603-436-2400, www.themusichall.org, will hold tours every other Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 per person.

• **OPEN HOUSE AT PORTSMOUTH HARBOR LIGHTHOUSE** every Sunday through Oct. 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 per person. No reservations needed.

• **PORTSMOUTH BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL** in Portsmouth, NH, is a self-guided walking tour through neighborhoods where Portsmouth’s black residents lived, worked, prayed and celebrated. Call 603-431-2768 or go to pbhtrail.org.

• **RISK & REWARD** The Custom House Maritime Museum is hosting an exhibition through Oct. 30 that includes a free downtown walking tour and covers the history of Newburyport. Call 978-462-8681 or go to www.customhousemaritimemuseum.org.

• **SARAH ORNE JEWETT WALKING TOUR** in South, Berwick, Maine, features 17 buildings on and new Main Street related to the life of novelist, poet and short-story writer Sarah Orne Jewett, who was born in 1840. See www.southberwickmaine.org.

• **SEGWAY TOURS** See the sights via Segway. Seacoast Segway Tours, Dis-

cover Portsmouth Center and the John Paul Jones Carriage House, 603-828-5280, www.seacoastsegwaytours.com, is offering tours of historic Portsmouth through October. Two different one-hour tours and two different three-hour tours are available. See website for pricing and information on booking tours.

• **SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF KENNEBUNKPORT VILLAGE** Guide books and area maps that offer in-depth descriptions and backgrounds of the historic buildings are available for \$4 at the Port of Call Gift Shop and the Pasco Exhibit Center or by calling 207-967-2751.

• **STAR ISLAND WALKABOUT** The Isles of Shoals Steamship Co. will be having the Star Island Walkabout Tour where guests have the option of a 30 minute guided walking tour of the island. Guests will also have 45 minutes of leisure to explore the island. Call 603-431-5500 or go to www.islesofshoals.com.

• **STAR ISLAND STOPOVER** The Isles of Shoals Steamship Co. will be offering the Star Island Stopover tour, which allows guests to explore the island for four hours. Call 603-431-5500 or go to www.islesofshoals.com.

• **TIPTOE THROUGH THE TOMBSTONES** tours of Oak Hill Cemetery

Alien landing

UFO Festival returns to Exeter

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In the immortal words of Fox Mulder: the truth is out there. And now people can find it in Exeter.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, the third annual Exeter UFO Festival will be held on New Hampshire's seacoast, which is only fitting as that was the home of Betty and Barney Hill, the first two people to claim (and have that claim widely publicized) they were abducted by extraterrestrials.

The alleged incident took place in the White

Mountains in 1961 and has been retold in both a book, *The Interrupted Journey*, and on television, in *The UFO Incident*. In fact, the site of the alleged abduction is marked by a state historical marker. It is the 50th anniversary of the alleged alien abduction.

It will be memorialized in the premiere of Jeff and Jess Finn's documentary, *Strange Septembers*, which includes interviews with locals from the time period. The documentary also focuses on the Exeter Encounter, which happened four years after the alleged Hill abduction and involved a high school graduate, Norman Muscarello, and two police officers, Eugene Bertrand and David Hunt, who allegedly witnessed a UFO. The documentary will be the centerpiece of the festival.

The Finns have always had an interest in the paranormal, according to Jess Finn, and have been particularly fascinated with the Hill abduction since Jeff watched *The UFO Incident*, starring James Earl Jones, who was interviewed for the documentary.

"Ufology is fascinating to the two of us because, if it's true, if there are truly aliens visiting us (and based on these two cases, I have no reason to believe they aren't), then it's really the most important story of our time," wrote Jess Finn via e-mail.

"In regard to Barney and Betty Hill, I think they were sincere, honest people who contributed much to the civil rights movement [they were an interracial couple in the 1960s]," wrote Dean Merchant, the event organizer, via e-mail. "I believe in their hearts they thought they were abducted. I have had the opportu-

nity to discuss the Hills with Col. Ben Swett, who was formerly at the Pentagon and an intimate of the couple.... Col. Swett believed the Hills were abducted and my mind remains open to that possibility."

The festival, which began in 2009, is both educational and entertaining, according to Merchant. The day will showcase world-renowned authors and speakers like Richard Dolan, a prominent UFO researcher, and Stanton Friedman, a classmate of Carl Sagan. Mutual UFO Network's New England director Steve Firmani will discuss the alleged alien abduction of two Laconia teenagers in 2010.

"We look for speakers who are interesting, credible, will draw a good audience and are affordable," wrote Merchant. "We've been fortunate that several big-name speakers have made themselves available to us for this charity event."

The event is free and has plenty to offer kids as well. There will be a UFO construction contest as well as animals dressed in alien attire.

The festival is held because people have a fascination with aliens. But what is it about extraterrestrials that people find so interesting?

"I think people are fascinated with the possibility of extraterrestrial life because it's one of the two great philosophical questions — 1. Does God exist? and 2. Is there other intelligent life in the universe?" Merchant wrote.

For Merchant and others in the scientific community the answer to the latter question seems to be yes.

"The greatest scientific minds of the last century, such as Carl Sagan and Stephen



Jess and Jeff Finn's documentary *Strange Septembers* will be premiered. Courtesy photo.

Hawking, purport that because of the billions of galaxies, each with billions of stars and planets surrounding them, there are indeed probably many goldilocks planets occupied by intelligent beings within the universe," Merchant wrote. "It's not a question of if there is intelligent life, but rather, how do they get here from there? If you look at our own technological history — that the first rocket was sent up about 80 years ago and flew less than 100 feet and now our own astronauts have left 'alien' footprints on the moon and are capable of reaching Mars, I think our imaginations should be open to many possibilities."

Those possibilities will be on full display at the festival. And, besides, riding in a UFO is a convenient way to avoid Labor Day beach traffic.

and the Old Hill Burying Ground in Newburyport, Mass., are offered by Glee Woodworth for free. To schedule a tour, e-mail TipToeThroughTheTombstones@yahoo.com.

NATURE & RECREATION

Amusement parks

- **AQUABOGGAN WATER PARK** 980 Portland Road, Saco, Maine, 207-282-3112. For all ages, including high-speed water slides, a wave pool and mini-golf.
- **CASINO CASCADE WATER SLIDE** D Street, Hampton Beach, NH, 603-926-4541. Speed slides, slaloms and splash pool, open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- **FUNTOWN SPLASHTOWN** U.S. Route 1, 774 Portland Road, Saco, Maine, 207-284-5139, www.funtownsplashtownusa.com, family-themed amusement and water park.
- **PALACE PLAYLAND** 1 Old Orchard St., Old Orchard Beach, Maine, 207-934-2001, www.palaceplayland.com, beach-front amusement park.
- **WATER COUNTRY** 2300 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH, 603-427-1111, www.watercountry.com. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 29 through Sept. 5.
- **YORK'S WILD KINGDOM** is a family-oriented zoo and amusement park in York, Maine, that has 75 animal exhibits, 18 rides and five food and ice cream stands. The animals vary from the African Lion to the Patas Monkey, and the site includes mini golf and a haunted house. Call 207-363-4911 or go to www.yorkzoo.com.

Bike races/events

- **MAINE LIGHTHOUSE RIDE** on Sat., Sept. 10, in South Portland, Maine. The only organized ride in the world where you can see up to nine historic lighthouses in a single day. The ride features 25-, 40-, 62- and 100-mile options. Call 207-284-9260 or go to www.eastertrail.org.
- **PORTSMOUTH CRITERIUM** on Sun., Sept. 18, in downtown Portsmouth, NH. LifeStyle Expo will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring cycling demonstrations, health & fitness exhibits, sports and recreational organizations, children's activities, bike safety and tunings, sponsor booths, and entertainment. Register online at portsmouthcrit.org.
- **HARBOR ADVENTURES** York Harbor, Maine, 207-363-8466, www.harboradventures.com, offers mountain bike and coastal bike tours.

Fairs & festivals

- **CAPRICCIO** Mon., Sept. 5, through Sat., Sept. 17, in Ogunquit, Maine. Capriccio is a town-wide festival of art, music, poetry, ballet, live theater, concerts, design at various venues and architectural tours and includes the Festival of Kites on Sat., Sept. 10.. Call 207-646-2261 or see www.visitogunquit.org.
- **HAMPTON BEACH SEAFOOD FESTIVAL & SIDEWALK SALE** on Fri., Sept. 9, in Hampton Beach, NH, is New England's largest seaside festival. More than 50 restaurants join together, offering an extensive menu of seafood delicacies. Admission is \$5 (bring money for food) and all pro-

ceeds go to the Hampton Rotary. Call 603-926-8717 or go to www.hamptonbeachseafoodfestival.com.

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In the spotlight



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- **RODNEY WATTERSON** will talk about his book *32 in '44: Building the Portsmouth Submarine Fleet in World War II* on Tues., Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore in Exeter.
- **LARS TRODSOEN** will read from his mystery novel *Eagles Fly Alone* on Wed., Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at RiverRun Bookstore in Portsmouth. Trodsen is a co-founder of the pop-culture blog at www.roundtablepictures.com.
- **WILLIAM SARGENT** will talk about his book *The Well from Hell*, a look at oil spills and the background of the BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico, on Mon., Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. at RiverRun Bookstore in Portsmouth. Sargent is a consultant for the Nova science series and has written eight books about science and the environment.

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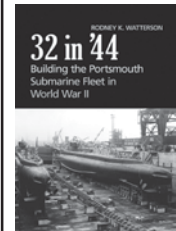
In the spotlight



Pirate legends

On Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at RiverRun Bookstore in Portsmouth, historian Jeremy D'Entremont will talk about the legend of Ocean-Born Mary. According to the legend, her birth saved a group of Scottish immigrants aboard a ship bound for New England in 1720. Shortly after its departure, pirates intercepted and captured the vessel. Upon hearing a baby cry, the pirate captain promised to spare the lives of all on board if the mother named her newborn Mary, possibly after his beloved mother. The ship arrived safely in Massachusetts, and Mary lived most of her long life in Londonderry, N.H. D'Entremont separates the facts from the fantastic legends around one of New England's most enduring folk tales, including the house in Henniker that Mary is said to haunt, and where a pirate purportedly stashed his treasure. This event is free and open to the public. D'Entremont is also an expert on New England's lighthouses and is the historian for the American Lighthouse Foundation. Photo from www.lighthouse.cc.

In the spotlight



Building submarines

Rodney Watterson, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, MIT, and UNH (Ph.D. in History), will talk about his book *32 in '44: Building the Portsmouth Submarine Fleet in World War II* on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore in Exeter (125 Water St., 778-9731, www.waterstreetbooks.com). See pictures and background at <http://32in44.wordpress.com>.

- **JULIA SPENCER-FLEMING and PAUL DOIRON** will talk about their mystery novels, *One Was a Soldier* and *Trespasser*, respectively, on Tues., Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at RiverRun Bookstore in Portsmouth.
- **MARY JOHNSON** will talk about her memoir, *An Unquenchable Thirst: Following Mother Teresa in Search of Love, Service, and an Authentic Life*, on Wed., Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore in Exeter.
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- **STEPHEN GREENBLATT** will talk about his nonfiction book, *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*, about the Renaissance, on Tues., Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. at The Music Hall Loft in Portsmouth. Tickets cost \$45 and include a reserved seat, book and bar beverage.
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- **GAIL CALDWELL** will talk about her book *Let's Take the Long Way Home: A Memoir of Friendship*, on Wed., Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore in Exeter.
- **TOBY BALL** will discuss *Scorch City*, a follow-up to his thriller *The Vaults*, on Tues., Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore in Exeter.
- **CHRIS BOHJALIAN** will talk about his latest novel on Thurs., Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at The Music Hall Loft in Portsmouth.
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- **ON FOLLY BEACH** by Karen White will be the focus of the Twilight Book Club's discussion on Tues., Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Lane Memorial Library in Hampton. The book club is open to all and copies of each month's selection are available at the main circulation desk. The club meets monthly on a Tuesday. Oct. 4: *Wolf Hall*, by Hilary Mantel.
- **ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE** presented by Dr. Rick Schubart of Phillips Exeter Academy on Sun., Sept. 25, at 2 p.m. at Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, in the Tyco Visitors Center. Free and open to the public. Tea and cookies served.

Other

- **PORTSMOUTH WALKING TOUR** with photographer Marianne Pernold Young, author of *Portsmouth Looking Up! A Unique Walking Tour of Our Historic Downtown*, on Wed., Sept. 7, at 5 p.m., hosted by RiverRun Bookstore. Space is limited. To participate, you must call the bookstore at 603-431-2100 to reserve a space, and attendees are asked to purchase a copy of the book from RiverRun.

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More than just seafood

The Guac-n-Roll Cantina brings new flavor to York Beach

By Craig Robert Brown
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Joe Lipton won't be going anywhere anytime soon. The Inn on the Blues owner said he has spent his entire living in the York area along with his wife, Michelle Friar, who had the idea to open a taco stand for years before she made Guac-n-Roll a reality. Both are here to stay, to support the local community and to ensure people eat well.

But the Guac-n-Roll Cantina is more than just a taco joint. It is a restaurant inspired by South American cuisine and culture, with each dish prepared by hand.

In an area like York, where seafood is king, it takes a lot of support from the patronage of summer visitors and local residents, as well as local markets, to keep a place like Guac-n-Roll going. According to Lipton it's easy if you give back.

"One of the things I learned a long time ago is instead of advertising we would hold fundraisers and donate to a lot of different organizations," Lipton said. "We hire local people and they tell friends and parents and the high rate of turnaround comes from word of mouth."

The restaurant also supports local artists Dug Deshjardin and Ty Williams, whose work was featured in Urban Outfitters stores. Both artists helped to design the interior of the restaurant and their art can be seen on the walls and menu.

Lipton said Guac-n-Roll uses local products as often as possible, going to farmers markets for produce. The meat (beef and chicken) is local and the guacamole and chili are made in-house. Lipton's wife is a vegetarian and makes sure that other vegetarians can eat just as well as carnivores.

And what can a newcomer to Guac-n-Roll expect from the menu?

To start, try Guac-n-Roll's Maine-inspired guacamole (with choice of Maine lobster, or shrimp, lightly breaded, \$12.95). Here is something different and light: try a lettuce wrap, with a choice of filling (braised beef, \$11.95 pork \$10.95, braised chicken, \$10.95 and roasted vegetable, \$9.95), with green rice and salsa verde.

People are attracted to the cantina for the exotic selection of tacos, burritos and a menu that is unique amongst other area restaurants, like the Fish-Fenominial taco (fried fish with shredded cabbage, fresh cilantro, fresh salsa and Baja sauce, \$3.95) or the

Bean-Ba-Da-Bing (smoky black beans, queso fresco, fresh salsa and lettuce, \$3.25), The Gump (grilled shrimp with shredded cabbage, fresh cilantro, fresh salsa and Baja sauce) and The Lu-Lu (roasted vegetables, queso fresco, fresh salsa and lettuce, \$3.50).

The burritos are boss, as in the Boss Burritos section of the menu. All come with a choice of wheat or white tortilla bread, a side of tortilla chips and salsa. The options are The Bean-O-Rama (smoky black beans, red rice, cheese, lettuce and Baja sauce, \$7.95), Meeshs-Rito (roasted vegetables, black beans, green rice, cheese, lettuce and a creamy avocado dressing, \$8.95), Chik-Rito (braised chicken, black beans, green rice, cheese, lettuce and Baja sauce, \$8.95) and the intimidating Joey Knuckles (braised beef, chicken and pork, refried beans, red rice, cheese and lettuce, \$11.95). For vegetarians, try The Tofu-rito (with homemade tofu chorizo, green rice, cheese, black beans and lettuce, \$8.95).

Guacamole can be added to any burrito for \$1.

Enchiladas are a favorite on the menu. All enchiladas are hand rolled and coated in red sauce and melted cheese packed with refried beans and red rice with a choice of filling (braised chicken, beef, pork or roasted vegetables, all \$15.95).

Quesadillas, or Quesadeeee-Yahs as the menu calls them, are flour tortillas grilled with cheese, mild green chiles, onions and a choice of filling (braised beef, \$9.50, braised chicken, \$8.50, Maine shrimp, \$10.95, or roasted vegetables, \$8.50) or just as it comes (\$7.50).

For lighter fare, try one of Guac-n-Roll's unique salads. There is the Sombrero (mixed greens, smoky black beans, red rice, roasted corn, tomato and queso blanco with a honey lime dressing and served in a tortilla bowl, \$9.95), Pepitas (mixed greens, crunchy jearna, cucumbers, tomato, jalapeno slices and toasted pumpkin seeds with a creamy avocado sauce, \$7.95) and the Cooooooo! salad (mixed greens, shredded cabbage, roasted corn, fresh cilantro, cucumbers, citrus pickled onions, avocado with a coconut lime dressing. Steak (\$4), chicken (\$3), fried fish (\$3) pork (\$3), Maine shrimp (\$7), roasted vegetables (\$3) and lobster (market price) can be added to any salad option.

Lipton is impressed by the turnout of locals who, he said, often try to avoid the beach area in the summer. He added that there is a rebuilding of community that York Beach has been lacking and he is excited to be part of that through Guac-n-Roll.

"We can build the beach back up. You can walk around and



Gauc-n-Roll Cantina in York. Craig Robert Brown photo.

see so many people doing some great things for the area," Lipton said. "We are trying to be community-driven." Lipton added that he would like to see the people of York to be proud of the beach.

Though the restaurant isn't always open in the off season, Lipton said that it will remain open this fall until Halloween and will host events to bring the community together.

"In October my wife and I are going to host an art walk in York," Lipton said.

The art walk will be in conjunction with Guac-n-Roll, The Inn on the Blues and local artists. The proceeds will be donated to charity and there will be free food. Lipton did mention he had big plans to further the growth of business and community next year, but he remained mum on what those plans are.

"Every two years we do something," Lipton said. "Stay tuned."

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Lots of local at Epoch in Exeter

Chef Beane serves modern American cuisine

By Angel Roy
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The Exeter Inn is set in a large old brick house on Front Street with two white pillars standing tall at its entrance. A red and white lamppost stands out front. Epoch is tucked on the Pine Street side of the Inn and has a stone walkway of its own leading diners down a lighted path to its doors. A gazebo sits in the corner of a lush lawn; a brick patio with tables sits under a white pergola next to the entrance of the restaurant.

The stairs leading up to the bar and lounge area glow red, as does the backlighting on the liquor shelves. Red leather high-backed stools line the bar and surround a handful of hi-top tables. In the dining room, sunlight beams through the long sheer swirl-embossed curtains. White-clothed tables sit on oriental rugs and the round booths are roomy enough to sit four guests comfortably.

Executive Chef Bobby Beane has held the reins in the Epoch (pronounced "epic," an Old English word meaning "new beginning") kitchen for a little more than a year. Before taking the position, Beane had worked at the Four Seasons

Hotel in Boston and Todd English restaurants in Boston and Las Vegas. He said he came to Exeter because it allowed for a better quality of life.

Beane, a Culinary Institute of America graduate, did not have much opportunity to make the menu his own when he began at Epoch but has since been able to make the necessary changes in kitchen staff to better realize his vision of modern American cuisine based on French technique.

The menu at Epoch is divided into small plates, soups, salads and main dishes, most created with local produce and meats when possible.

The restaurant counts Breezy Hill Farm in South Berwick, Maine, Tuckaway Farm in Lee, Carl's Meat Market in Kittery, Maine, Browne Trading in Portland, Maine, York Lobster & Seafood in York, Maine, Moor Farm in North Hampton, Katsirubas Brothers Produce in Boston and Provisions International in White River Junction, Vt., as its sources.

Moor Farm is currently raising a pig for Epoch. Beane said he and his sous chef have taken to visiting the farm frequently to feed the swine.

"I like to help raise it and see it all the way

through," he said, adding that it motivates him to be able to use 100 percent of the animal in his dishes.

All meats are cured in-house for the charcuterie, which is one of the most popular small plates on the menu, as are the jams and jellies that accompany it along with pickles and artisanal cheeses. The in-house-made gnocchi is also a popular starter course and is served with a parmesan reduction emulsified with butter in lieu of a red sauce.

Gazpacho is one of the newest menu additions and is served tableside at dinner. The gazpacho is brought out in a carafe and poured into a bowl already filled with a block of fresh crab meat, whipped sherry, finely diced cucumbers that had been compressed and marinated in an airtight bag with lemon oil and seeded tomatoes — the best Beane said he has seen all summer — from the Exeter Farmers Market. The clam chowder and corn soup (made with lobster and cilantro) are also served tableside.

"We were just pouring the soup in back and sending it out but it didn't match the style we do," Beane said of the improved presentation of

his soup offerings.

Beane said his two favorite salads at Epoch are the Arugula Frisee (topped with eggs from Moor Farm, cured pork cheeks, grilled red onions and a truffle vinaigrette) and the From the Garden (a mix of baby vegetables often including red and golden beets, baby carrots and white asparagus topped with raspberry vin cotto and lemon oil). The From the Garden is served atop an edible "dirt" made of almond flour, butter, cocoa powder, barley malt flour, licorice root powder and porcini powder.

"We basically bake it off like we would a shortbread and just crumble it," Beane said.

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Epoch at the Exeter Inn. Angel Roy photo.

and ground in-house, is one of the most popular dinners at Epoch and is topped with caramelized onions, bacon, Vermont cheddar and garlic aioli.

The Vegetable Ash Roasted Ribeye is also a favorite at the restaurant. For the steak dish, Beane gathers the scraps of vegetables used in other menu items, such as the root ends of garlic and carrots, tosses them in olive oil, wraps them in tinfoil and leaves them to sit for a day over hot coals to caramelize the vegetables and add a smoky flavor. He uses mainly hickory, mesquite and applewood for smoking the veggies.

As the ribeye is roasted at Epoch (Beane opts not to grill most of his meats as he called it a "harsh cooking technique" that toughens the meat), guests end up missing out on the grill flavor associated with steak. Beane paints the ribeye with the vegetable ash before it is put in the oven to allow for the meat to carry the smoky flavor without having been grilled.

Other entrees include Spaghetti, Pan Roasted Organic Salmon, Ritz Cracker Crusted Tuna, Seared Sea Scallops, Day Boat Cod and Steak

& Eggs (an eight-ounce grilled filet topped with a poached egg that has been breaded and fried).

Though Beane is not a pastry chef, he has developed a passion for creating new desserts. Lining the after-dinner menu at Epoch are such treats as Strawberry Fields (in-house-made pound cake topped with strawberries macerated in simple syrup, bergamot pastry crème and chocolate cookie crumbles to give the illusion of strawberries growing out of dirt alongside blades of vanilla grass), Fried Cheesecake (bite-size cheesecake spheres with a graham cracker breading, served with peach compote) and Fudge Brownies (three freshly made brownies covered in a cherry veil and served with root beer sauce, whipped root beer and sarsaparilla ice cream from Memories ice cream shop).

"Everything is made in-house," Beane said. "It's a little bit of work but it's not really work if you care about what you do."

FOOD

This shop is popping

Michele's Gourmet Popcorn opens store in Epsom

By Angel Roy
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A new store has popped up on Dover Road in Epsom, a store that owner Michele Holbrook hopes will become a landmark in the community and in the Granite State, a place where many generations will come to watch plain, snow-white popcorn be transformed into one of more than 20 flavors.

"I want to become a household name, I want people to say, 'Let's go to Michele's,'" Holbrook said. "That has always been the goal since we started the business four years ago."

The popper that started it all sits in the corner the retail space of Michele's Totally Awesome Gourmet Popcorn, Holbrook's storefront that opened this week. The antiquated popper will continue to make eight ounces of popcorn at a time for customers to snack on while they walk through the space and peek through the viewing windows at the goings-on in the production room, where a 36-ounce popper has taken its place. If the need arises, Holbrook is ready to move up to a 60-ounce popper.

Holbrook is now using a caramel cooker that produces enough for 21 bags in only 20 minutes, a far cry from her standing over the stove watching caramel cook for 20 minutes to learn it would only yield enough for three bags. She also went from using one tumbler to three. Bagging and labeling is still done by hand, but Holbrook said if business continues to increase she may look into an automated bagging system.

The bright yellow walls of the retail space are painted with images of large popped kernels of popcorn and the room features an upright wide wooden board cut and painted to look like a box of popcorn, with a face-sized hole in it for photo opportunities.

"I know as a family we stick our heads in every one of those we find," Holbrook said. The popcorn box was designed to resemble a similar Halloween costume she had made for her son when he was in the fourth grade.

The center of the retail space is filled with short black metal towers, each with a handful of candy-filled metal mesh baskets hanging from them.

"Obviously it's not a penny anymore," Holbrook said of the bags of lollipops, jaw breakers and licorice ropes waiting to be poured into the baskets.

Other non-popcorn items, including chocolate-dipped pretzel sticks, Twinkies, double-stuffed Oreo cookies and marshmallow pops, will line the glass cases in the retail space. As an oven has been built into the production space, Holbrook said she has not ruled out baking and selling cookies at the shop.

"Our focus is popcorn but we have the ability, now that we're here, to help draw people in that are not popcorn people, so why not do it?" Holbrook said.

Epsom had not even been considered as a possible spot for their shop initially but the "for lease" sign caught their eye on trips to visit Holbrook's in-laws in Exeter.

"It was an empty shell; we fell in love with it," Holbrook said of the 1,600-square-foot space. "I laid [the business] out in my head that night."

When Holbrook signed the lease on May 4, the space, a former childcare center, was a blank canvas. Since then, a wall has been built to separate retail from the production area, the floors have been redone and sinks and exhaust hoods have been installed.

"It's been a process to get the place together but we're almost there," Holbrook said two weeks before the shop's opening. "I can't wait for people to see it."

Michele's Totally Awesome Gourmet Popcorn was born out of entrepreneurial spirit and from the visible devastation of a Girl Scout troop volunteer when she learned that Holbrook, a troop leader, opted not to bring her white chocolate popcorn to a potluck dinner both women attended in 2006.

"She said, 'I only came here to get your popcorn, I can't go home without your popcorn,'" Holbrook said. Holbrook and her husband had been researching opening a food business at the time but had set their eyes on making and selling whoopie pies. The Girl Scout volunteer's disappointment inspired the pair to enter the gourmet popcorn business instead.

Knowing she would need to make and sell more than just her white chocolate popcorn to



Michele Holbrook, owner of Michele's Totally Awesome Popcorn store in Epsom. Angel Roy photo.

maintain a viable business, Holbrook has developed more than 20 deluxe, caramel-based, savory and sweet varieties of popcorn.

"Some flavors are standard and some are unique to us," Holbrook said.

Buffalo Supreme, a spicy variety that Holbrook said has a "good taste, good bite," is the biggest seller. Caramel and chocolate-caramel are also popular choices, as is the white chocolate popcorn that started it all. Pizza-flavored popcorn is a favorite among young snackers, and the dark chocolate mint popcorn is a nod to the Thin Mint cookies sold by the Girl Scouts.

For the fall, Holbrook created "chocolate apple harvest" popcorn, a play on the taste of gourmet chocolate-covered apples sold at fairs and local candy shops, made with caramel popcorn coated in apple flavoring, milk chocolate and crushed peanuts, drizzled with more chocolate.

"The proof is in the popcorn," Holbrook said.

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Until now, Holbrook, with assistance from her husband and children, had been making small batches of popcorn to-order in a kitchen built in the basement of their Loudon home. The popcorn at the shop will still be made fresh to-order, Holbrook said. Michele's Totally Awesome Gourmet Popcorn is also sold at a handful of Granite State farmers markets and 37 stores in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and is available to order from her website.

Holbrook is the face of the business and wears the most hats; her husband helps out with shows and takes his turn at the popper at night, and her three children lend a hand when needed. Her oldest son, Jesse LaMontagne, will likely come

on as a full-time employee at the shop later this year. LaMontagne, who holds an associate's degree in culinary arts, has already taken on a major role in the business, creating many of the seasoned flavors, Holbrook said.

"We all want to succeed," she said. "We are not looking to be millionaires at this; we just want a viable family business."

"Eventually we would like to retire and have the kids take over the business and have it be around for 50 years," she said, adding that LaMontagne will likely take over the business when the time comes. "[Jesse] sees the potential."

INGREDIENTS

Apples

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Apple picking season is almost here! There are 2,500 varieties of apples grown in the United States; Red Delicious is the favorite of our nation. Other popular varieties are McIntosh, Cortland, Golden Delicious and Granny Smith.

Apples contain no fat, sodium or cholesterol. One apple contains five grams of fiber and about 80 calories.

The apple has been an icon in our culture for centuries. In Greek and Roman mythology the apple symbolized love and beauty. Nowadays we generally associate apples with autumn and maybe even the scent of Grandma's beloved apple pie.

When choosing your apples, look for a deep rich color — whether it's golden yellow or deep red, you want the color to be vibrant; this indicates full flavor.

Apples can be used in a multitude of dishes. My personal favorite apple dish is apple crisp, but apple pie comes in a close second. Apples can also be used to complement sausage or to add a fresh tang to a salad. Call your local farmer or visit your farmers market and pick your own bushel of apples. In the meantime, try out this recipe.



Cheese & Apple Hash Browns

Shared by Willow Pond Community Farm

2 large apples, peeled, cored and finely chopped, about 1 pound
2 large russet potatoes, about 1 pound, peeled and cut into 1/4 inch cubes
1 medium-size onion, chopped
1 medium-size red bell pepper, seeded and diced
1 Tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese, regular or reduced-fat
2 teaspoons butter or margarine
salt & pepper
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
In bowl, mix apples and lemon juice. Set aside. Melt butter in wide nonstick frying pan or wok over medium heat. Add potatoes, onion, and bell pepper. Stir-fry until potatoes are slightly brown and tender when pierced, about 15 minutes. Add water, 1 tablespoon at a time, if pan appears to be dry. Stir in apples and cumin seeds; stir-fry until apples are tender to bite (about 4 minutes). Remove from heat and stir in parsley. Put mixture into serving bowl. Sprinkle with cheese. Season to taste with salt & pepper.

FOOD LISTINGS

Farmers markets

- **BARRINGTON** on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Route 9 in Barrington, NH. Call 603-749-0377.
- **BIDDEFORD** on Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. through Oct. 6 at 100 Main St., Biddeford, ME, 207-615-5754.
- **DEERFIELD** on Fridays, 3 to 7 p.m., through Sept. 23, Arts & Crafts Building at the Deerfield, NH, fairgrounds on Cotton Road. See www.farmersmarket.deerfieldnh.us.
- **DOVER** on Wednesdays, 2:15 to 6 p.m., through Oct. 12, at the Dover, NH, Chamber of Commerce at the corner of Central and Sixth streets. See www.seacoastgrowers.org.
- **DURHAM** on Mondays, 2:15 to 5:30 p.m., through Oct. 3, at the Mill Road Plaza. See www.seacoastgrowers.org.
- **EXETER** Thursdays, 2:15 to 5:30 p.m., through Oct. 27, at Swasey Parkway off Water Street in Exeter, NH. See www.seacoastgrowers.org.

- **GATEWAY FARMERS MARKET** on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., through Oct. 8, at the lot behind Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce on Route 1, 1 Stonewall Lane, York, Maine. See www.gatewaytomaine.org.
- **HAMPTON** Tuesdays, 3 to 6 p.m. through Oct. 13, in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot on Route 1, Hampton, NH. See www.seacoastgrowers.org.
- **KENNEBUNK**, Maine, Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., through late Nov., in the Grove Street parking lot next to Village Pharmacy. See www.kennebunkfarmersmarket.org.
- **LEE**, NH, on Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m., at the Old Fire Station on Route 155. Call 603-659-9329.
- **NEWMARKET** on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 9, at The Stone Church, 5 Granite St. in Newmarket, NH. Call 603-659-3391.
- **NEWBURYPORT**, Mass., Sun-

days, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through December, at Tannery Marketplace, 50 Water St. See thenewburyportfarmersmarket.org.

- **PORTLAND**, Maine, on Saturdays, 7 a.m. to noon, in Deering Oaks Park in Portland, Maine, and Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Monument Square through November.
- **PORTSMOUTH** Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Nov. 5, at City Hall parking lot, 1 Junkins Ave., Portsmouth, NH. See www.seacoastgrowers.org.
- **ROCHESTER — DOWNTOWN** on Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. to noon, through Oct. 29, at the Fosters Daily Democrat parking lot, 90 N. Main St., Rochester, NH. Call 507-273-8232.
- **ROCHESTER — FOUR CORNERS** on Fridays, 3 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, through September at the Four Corners antique store nearly the intersection of Route 202A, Estes Road and Meaderboro Road, Rochester, NH.

DRINK

Red, white and green A lot of wine, a little cash

This week, we continue our rosé exploration with two European wines.

First we tried the **2010 Masciarelli Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Rosé** (\$9.99) from Italy. It more on the dark rosé spectrum and has a nose of green plum. The red grape used here is the Montepulciano and is from the Abruzzo region of Italy, which is on the back side of the boot on the Adriatic Sea. Many times rosés are created when the full red version of the grape didn't have a great harvest; perhaps it rained a lot and the grapes weren't full enough for their use as a red varietal. Regardless of why rosés are created, they are a summer treat. The Masciarelli is no different. As a dry rosé it's an easy drinking wine with citrus and green stone fruit with a nice short slightly sweet finish. One of our tasters even got a hint of



smokiness at the end. Wild fires that year?

Next we chose the **2010 Bodegas Borsao Rosé** (\$7.99) from Spain. It was more dusty in color for a rosé — almost the color of watermelon — and comes

from the red varietal Garnacha, which is to Spain what Cabernet Sauvignon is to California. The Borsao had a citrus nose and a long finish that, like the previous wine, was a bit sweet, almost strawberry in flavor. This is lovely afternoon drinking wine with silky smooth flavors.

Each week in "Red, White & Green," two wine-lovers look at red and white wines, none over \$20 (and most under \$15), in an attempt to find some great bottles for good prices. All prices are according to the state liquor store (nh.liquor.state.nh.us) unless otherwise stated.

Call 603-859-6979.

• **RYE** on Wednesdays, 2 to 5:30 p.m., through Oct. 6 at 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH. Call 603-379-2007.

• **SACO**, Maine, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to noon, at the Saco Valley Shopping Center on Spring Street. See www.sacofarmersmarket.com.

• **SANFORD** at Gowen Park in Saco, Maine, Saturdays, 8 a.m. through noon, through Columbus Day.

• **WELLS**, Maine, on Wednesdays, 1:30 to 5 p.m., through mid-October, in the parking lot of Wells Town Hall on Sanford Road. See www.wellsfarmersmarket.org.

• **WENTWORTH GREENHOUSES MARKET** Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., through Oct. 30, at 141 Rollins Road in Rollinsford, NH. See www.wentworthgreenhouses.com.

• **SEACOAST MARKETS** (603-659-5322, info@seacoastgrowers.org, www.seacoastgrowers.org) See www.SeacoastEatLocal.org.

• **FOOD MAPS** The New Hampshire Chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association offers maps (available in print from NOFA-NH at 603-224-5022 or info@nofanh.org or in an interactive version at www.nofanh.org) showing locations of organically produced foods across the state. Online, click "Organic Farms and Land Care." The site lists farms by region and can narrow down the search by type of food.

Festivals/cook-offs/expos/parties/book events

• **JACKSON HILL CIDER DAY** is Sat., Sept. 10, noon-4 p.m. at Jackson House, 76 Northwest St., Portsmouth, 436-3205. This all-ages event includes crafts, music, spinning and cider-pressing demonstrations, and crafts and refreshments for sale. The house is open for tours. Cost of admission ranges up to \$6. See historicnewengland.org.

• **HAMPTON BEACH SEAFOOD FESTIVAL & SIDEWALK SALE** on Friday, Sept. 9. Sample the flavors of the Seacoast at New England's largest seaside festival. More than 50 restaurants join together, offering an extensive menu of seafood delicacies.

Admission is \$5 and all proceeds go to the Hampton Rotary. Call 926-8717 or go to www.hamptonbeach-seafoodfestival.com.

• **NH FISH & LOBSTER FESTIVAL** celebrates 400 years of local seafood with games, music, seafood-tastings and more on Sat., Sept. 24, at Prescott Park in Portsmouth. Admission is free. See prescottpark.org.

• **GREAT NH PIE FESTIVAL** on Sun., Sept. 25, noon to 4 p.m. at the NH Farm Museum, Route 125 on White Mountain Hwy, Milton, 603-652-7840, www.farmmuseum.org.

Help with the harvest, press apples to make cider, visit the blacksmith, take a horse-drawn wagon ride to meet the farm animals, paint a gourd and make a cornhusk doll. Admission costs \$7 per adult, \$4 per child. Call 603-652-7840 or go to www.farmmuseum.org.

• **APPLE HARVEST DAY** on Sat., Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Dover. The day will feature an apple pie baking contest as well as other food vendors, live entertainment on three stages, crafts, games, rides, a 5K road race and more. See www.dovernh.org.

DRINK LISTINGS

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• **THE PORTSMOUTH BREWERY** 56 Market St., Portsmouth, NH, www.portsmouthbrewery.com, 603-431-1115. Free tours Thurs., Fri., at Sat., at 3 p.m.

• **TUCKERMAN BREWING COMPANY** 64 Hobbs St. in Conway, NH, 603-447-5400, www.tuckermanbrewing.com, offers free tours every Saturday at 3 p.m.

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The Dance Hall in Kittery invites town to listen

Former Grange Hall is site for music, dance and community

By Craig Robert Brown
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Drika Overton marvels at the space around her. She keeps her small black poodle, Tucker, by her side and points out the various renovations that have led to The Dance Hall's completion — water damage repaired there, a new wall put up here, things brought up to current fire code.

The former Grange Hall, located in the heart of downtown Kittery, Maine, has taken time to come into its own. And there is still work to be done. The space is wide with maple flooring, a deep stage and retracting seats. The floor can be opened for Overton's various dance classes, or filled to capacity for live concerts, or host world music nights featuring live bands performing Latin music or jazz and dance.

Downtown Kittery, like many small towns in Maine, is going through a rebirth or resurgence in its approach to the music and art community. The Dance Hall is riding that wave of creativity, too.

Overton moved to the area 25 years ago and fell in love with the building when it was still just the town Grange Hall, a space for local performances but also a place of business and government. In 1996 the building went up for sale. Overton said that when she saw it on the market, she wanted to buy it and turn into something special.

"I had a whole thing in my head about community trying to create a space for music and dance that doesn't really exist other than in dance schools. And a place where people can experience it and see performers," Overton said.

Coming from San Francisco, Overton drew on the types of small performance spaces she saw throughout that city. But financial restrictions prevented her from making the purchase in the mid-1990s. Overton occasionally would rent the hall to stage a few shows. She felt the place was home, even staging a show she called Home on the Grange. But the Seacoast Repertory Theater took over the space for the next 15 years. Through the SRT, Overton "rented space for various things." As venue space for live music and dance began to disappear in Portsmouth, Overton moved her operations to Kittery full time.

Now open to the public, The Dance Hall invites people to come and see live bands, take classes in dance and drumming and experience the music of other cultures.

"I've always liked cultural and traditional dance and music. I like to promote that; I think it's really important for people to understand they are similar. It's part of our human nature to put music in dance. And in cultures worldwide its part of daily life," Overton said. "To me they're one thing."

On Friday, Sept. 9, The Dance Hall will welcome once again the Latin music of Boston's Combo Sabroso. The night promises dancing with a Salsa lesson at 7 p.m. and the band taking the stage at 8 p.m. The cost is \$15 and all are welcome.

Later in the month The Dance Hall will present the New Legacy Swing Band. The band performs classics from the Big Band Era. Tickets for that show will also be priced at \$15.

Tickets can be purchased online for both events from Brown Paper Tickets.

Overton opened The Dance Hall to a younger generation of musicians, many who have yet to perform in the area, and hopes to bring the community a diverse new music scene. The goal, Overton said, was not to have younger people move out of the area but to have them instead come in with their ideas and talents to reestablish Kittery as a music and artistic location.

Last week the popular free MP3 website Daytrotter — essentially a recording studio that offers live tracks of reworked or unreleased songs from Death Cab for Cutie, The National and Clem Snide to name a few — launched its fifth Barnstormer tour featuring White Rabbits, Deer Tick, We Are Augustines, Guards and Doug Paisley. The tour was scheduled to make a stop in North Hampton, N.H., but due to what the Daytrotter website termed "unforeseen circumstances," the venue had to change at the last minute. Overton stepped up, offering The Dance Hall's stage to the performers.

It wasn't the venue's first step into the alternative independent music scene. The Dance Hall was also host to Vermont's Mountain Man, a trio of female folk musicians who performed at this summer's Newport Folk Festival and have toured with The Decemberists. Overton was enthusiastic to have the trio perform and said she hopes to bring more acts like them to The Dance Hall and to Kittery.

For many years, Overton thought that the SRT would operate the space indefinitely. Over the next decade she watched as the building fell into disrepair.

"What a waste," Overton recalled.

Eventually Overton had to move on. She worked primarily in Boston, often traveling by train. A year ago, Overton was riding her bike through town and saw a "for sale" sign on the building.

"I saw the 'for sale' sign and thought, 'OK, this has to happen. It's an opportunity and I can't miss it,'" she said.

Overton said it was a struggle to get the financing to open the space in the way she intended for it to be used. She turned to Portland's Women's Business Plan for help. But with the economic downturn money was hard to come by. Because she tried, she said it was easier to let the idea go.

A longtime friend encouraged Overton to open the space as



Combo Sabroso. Photo courtesy of Drika Overton.

a non-profit and even assisted in the purchase of the building. The Dance Hall now operates as a 501(c)3. Currently Overton operates the building on her own with the help of volunteers, and she encourages more to come and volunteer at the space. The Dance Hall opened this spring.

"It's hard because I still have to work to earn a living," Overton said. "I think it [The Dance Hall] has incredible potential, and the response from the community has been really good. It just takes time to build this kind of thing."

Overton said she is trying to add The Dance Hall building to the National Register of Historic Places. She said people who have grown up and spent a majority of their lives in Kittery come into the space and are awed by the work that has been done to make the space a lively spot for the community once again.

"This building does have a life. You can feel it and when there's live performance in here it's like this is what it was built for. This is what it was meant for," she said.

The Dance Hall

Where: 7 Walker St., Kittery, Maine

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Tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com

Information: www.thedancehallkittery.org

Directions: Interstate 95 north, Exit 1 to Navy Yard/ME-103, left on Dennett Road, left on Government Street, slight left on Walker Street, venue on right.

I-95 south, Exit 2 to ME-236 S toward US-1/Kittery, at traffic circle, take the second exit to State Road, turn left on Walker Street, venue on right.

See the Outlaws at high tide

They're a little bit Southern rock, a little bit SoCal

By Michael Witthaus
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When the Outlaws burst on the national scene with the epic "Green Grass and High Tides" in 1975, they seemed a quintessential Southern rock band. Lynyrd Skynyrd lead singer Ronnie Van Zant certainly thought so; after seeing them for the first time, he called his manager, saying, "We found a band that wants to whip our ass, and they got 'em a 'Free Bird'!"

Their triple lead "guitar army" caught the ears of record executive Clive Davis, and the band was the first act signed to his Arista label. The band's eponymous first album also yielded the Top 40 hit "There Goes Another Love

Song."

But though the Allman Brothers, Marshall Tucker, Skynyrd and other bands influenced the Outlaws, their rich harmonies and tuneful melodies came from another place: the laid-back L.A. music scene.

"Popular culture was pervasive," says guitarist Henry Paul. "There was this underground cabaret, cosmic hippie, organic sort of movement musically — which I was a disciple of."

Paul, who brings the current edition of the Outlaws to Salisbury Beach on Friday, Sept. 2, cites Southern California groups as critical to the band's sound — Buffalo Springfield, Flying Burrito Brothers, and the Eagles.

"The *Desperado* record was hugely influen-

tial on us; we were quite honestly in awe of the polished musical character of that group," he says. "But we didn't blueprint bands like the Eagles ... not that we could have. We had more like the Allman Brothers guitars with the Eagles vocal style."

In fact, when Paul first jammed with singer/songwriter/guitarist Hughie Thomasson, "we sat down with acoustic guitars and played bluegrass," he says. "It was one of the cornerstones of the group musically — then there was the rock 'n' roll."

After three albums with the Outlaws, Paul left the band in the late '70s to test other musical waters. His first solo album included "Grey Ghost," a tribute to his Skynyrd friends Van Zant and Steve Gaines after their deaths in a

1977 plane crash. He followed the Henry Paul Band with Blackhawk, a new country group that had a string of 1990s hits. "Yeah, I sort of set out early on to make it my life's work to help introduce the spirit and soul of country music to popular music," he says, "so as life work goes, I was pretty successful."

One sad legacy The Outlaws share with other Southern rock bands is a history of tragedy. Original members Frank O'Keefe and

The Outlaws

Friday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. at Blue Ocean Music Hall, 4 Oceanfront North in Salisbury, Mass.

Tickets: \$35 (general admission) at www.casinoballroom.com



Outlaw. Courtesy photo.

Billy Jones died within weeks of each other in 1995 — O’Keefe by drug overdose; Jones committed suicide. But the hardest loss was Thomasson’s death in 2007 of a heart attack.

It came a little more than two years after the band had reunited for its first tour in over a decade. Asked about the decision to resume performing as the Outlaws in early 2008 after Thomasson’s passing, Paul’s voice catches momentarily.

“That’s hard,” he says. “Obviously, he was an important part of the landscape musically. It was a challenge. I wanted to try and help be a part of putting together a really worthwhile music chapter to the band’s history.”

The current lineup includes members of Blackhawk and Paul’s solo band, which helped with the decision to move forward.

“Not to sound self-indulgent, but from the standpoint when Hughie passed away and Monte called me and said, ‘What the hell am I going to do?’ — I was like, well we can put the band back together if you want to ...everybody came to the band through me when I put it together for the 30th reunion.”

A long and solid relationship with guitarists Billy Crain and Chris Anderson added to his confidence. “I know them both very well, and I know what they were capable of. So when we got together and played, it became apparent very quickly that we had weight and substance. My songwriting is still very much prolific and at a very high level, so writing new music and trying to conclude the band’s story on an up note creatively and musically is sort of the challenge that I am engaged in trying to make happen.”

To that end, the band plans to record some new material with famed producer Bill Szymczyk (Eagles, J. Geils Band) in the near future.

“I’m excited to go back in the studio with Bill,” Paul says. “We haven’t set a date yet, but I think that that would be a very logical place for the band to start in the re-introduction of new Outlaws music to the fan base.”

Paul still feels energized every time he heads out on stage.

“I love it,” he says. “I couldn’t imagine doing anything else.”

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 - **Madeleine Peyroux** Tues., Oct. 4,

In the spotlight



Keene Music Festival

Looking to take a day trip this holiday weekend? Head about two and a half hours inland to Keene, NH, for a day of music on Saturday, Sept. 3. The 11th annual Keene Music Festival will be held in downtown Keene on Saturday, Sept. 3. This year’s show will have a mix of local and regional performers, up and coming artists and returning musicians. More than 90 bands are scheduled to perform at 14 locations during the free festival. On Friday, Sept. 2, at Railroad Square, Jatoba (a bluegrass/fusion/roots band) will perform at 7 p.m. On Saturday, music is scheduled from about 10:30 a.m. to about 10 p.m. According to the website, at City Tire scheduled shows include Daddy Long Legs (acoustic band) at 1:30 p.m. and The Ghost Dinner Band (alt/grunge psychedelic) at 9 p.m. At Miller Brothers Alley, bands include Michelle Cummings Kostek (a singer-songwriter) at 11:15 a.m. and Clayton Sabine (singer-songwriter) at 6:45 p.m. At Good Fortune, the Keene Chamber Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. At the Silo Stage, bands include Half Diminished (a swing band) at 11 a.m. and The Crunchy Western Boys (Americana) at 6:30 p.m. At Lindy’s, performers include Jared McCloud (singer-songwriter) at 1:30 p.m. and All Those Ships (alternative folk) at 6:30 p.m. At Keene Fresh Salad, the lineup includes Nate Smith (singer-songwriter) at 11:15 a.m. and Tom Smith (folksinger) at 6:45 p.m. At Church Street, performers include Bare Bones (jazz/rock/funk/blues) at 11 a.m. and The Ron Noyes Band (rock and blues) at 9 p.m. At Railroad Square, the line-up includes Josh Noone and the Federal Crime (an acoustic/ rock band) at 11:30 a.m. and Adeem & Shalem (rap and hip-hop) at 8:45 p.m. At the Starving Artist, the line-up includes Ikibodo (psychedelic acoustic) at 11:45 a.m. and Ottomatic Slim (a blues band) at 8:30 p.m. At the gazebo, performers include Green Zone (roots rock) at noon and The 123’s (folk and acoustofunk) at 7:30 p.m. At Art in the Park, the line-up includes Tom Horsky (blues musician) at 10:30 a.m. and Buttons and Bows (traditional folk) at 2:15 p.m. At Heberton Hall, performers include Jones Hill (classic rock) at 12:15 p.m. and Y69 (punk rock) at 7:45 p.m. At McCue’s, the line-up includes Kevin Williams and the Invisible Orphans (rock) at 3:30 p.m. and Zombie Beatdown (punk rock) at 8:30 p.m. And at Nicola’s, the schedule includes O’Hanleigh (Celtic and folk) at 11:45 a.m. and The Brooks Young Band (blues) at 7:15 p.m. Visit keenemusicfestival.org for a full event schedule and a map. The festival coincides with the Monadnock Area Artists Association’s Art in the Park event, Saturday, Sept. 3, and Sunday, Sept. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ashuelot River Park on West Street in Keene. See monadnockareaartists.org for more on that event.

- at 7:30 p.m., Music Hall
- **Sean McCann & The Committed** Thurs., Oct. 6, 8 p.m., Blue Ocean
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Millie's Tavern: Clown Shoe Acoustics
Sea Shell: Angela West and Showdown

Kennebunkport
Alisson's: Murray's Rule

Newburyport
David's Tavern: Tom Courtney
Joseph's: Michael O'Brien

Newmarket
Stone Church: Moon Minion, Mica's Groove Train

Ogunquit
The Front Porch: David Jarvis, The Judy Show, Jason Weber

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: The Digney Fignus Band
Press Room: Charlie & the Freakshow

Salisbury
Surfside5: live DJ

York
Blue Sky: Rico Barr
Inn on the Blues: live DJ

Friday, Sept. 2
Dover
Central Wave: Drama Squad DJs
Fury's: Mica's Groove Train
Top of the Chop: Live funk, jazz and blues
Epping
American Legion: karaoke

Exeter
Shooters: DJ Bigg Z & "D"

Hampton
McGuirk's: The Foggy Duo
Millie's Tavern: Karaoke w/ Christopher Michaels
Sea Shell: British Yan-kees
Wally's Pub: Last Laugh

Kennebunkport
Alisson's: karaoke
Bandaloop: Don Wessels

Newburyport
Joseph's: Lou Silvestri & Friends
Port Tavern: Ruben Kincaid

Newmarket
Stone Church: Gnarlernagne, The Ghost Wolves

Ogunquit
The Front Porch: Michelle Currie, The Judy Show, Jason Weber

Plaistow
Sad Cafe: Silent Stories, Aftermath

Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: Qwill
Dolphin Striker: Liz Frame & the Kickers
Mambo: Matt Fogg
RiRa: Plaid Daddy
Rudi's: Dimitri and Guest

Salisbury
Surfside5: TBA

York
Blue Sky: Tim Dion
Inn on the Blues: Chris Fitz Band

Saturday, Sept. 3
Biddeford
The Oak and the Ax: Drab Pony, Endless Caverns

Dover
Barley Pub: Black Mountain Symphony
Central Wave: Drama Squad DJs
Fury's: Josh Watkinson Band
RJ's: DJ J-Smooth

Epping
American Legion: karaoke

Hampton
McGuirk's: The Pop Farmers
Millie's Tavern: live acoustic music
Sandbar: ColdStream
Sea Shell: Help
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Newburyport
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Biddeford
The Oak and the Ax: Good Kids Sprouting, Horns, husband&wife,

Dover
Brickhouse: karaoke w/ DJ Erich Kruger
Fury's: The Migs and Ellen Page
RJ's: Acoustic Sunday w/ Tri City Almighty

Hampton
McGuirk's: The Foggy Duo
Sandbar: Lit on the Flash
Sea Shell: The Continentals

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- **Liz Frame & the Kickers** Sat., Oct. 22, at 8 p.m., Firehouse
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- **Queensryche** with Mindset X, Sat., Oct. 29, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
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- **Christine Lavin & Don White** Sat., Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., Jonathan's
- **The Fools** Sat., Nov. 26, at 8 p.m., Blue Ocean

- Comedy**
 - **Suzanne Westenhoefer** Fri., Sept. 16, at 8 p.m., Jonathan's
 - **Bob Marley** Fri., Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m., Blue Ocean
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 - **FOUR FATHERS OF ROCK** at Ellis Park in York Beach, Sat., Sept. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

- **THE NEW LEGACY SWING BAND** on Sat., Sept. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wells Harbor Park. Swing, dance, Latin, polka and waltzes. free show.
- **FRED MANZI TRIO** at Ellis Park in York Beach, Sun., Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m.
- **THE CONTINENTALS** at Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage on Sun., Sept. 4, at 7 p.m.
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In the spotlight



B.B. King
Blues master B.B. King performs on Friday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom, 169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, 603-929-4100, www.casinoballroom.com. Doors open at 6 p.m. for this 18+ show. Tickets cost \$40 general admission; \$60 reserved, \$75 gold. Dan Baker & The Breakdown will open.

SUNSET SAIL at Maine Sailing Adventures, Portland, Maine, 207-749-9169. 6 to 8 p.m. Reserve today. \$30 (children \$10).

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In the spotlight



Motown dance party
Enjoy a Motown Funk Soul & Disco Dance Party on Saturday, Sept. 3, starting at 9 p.m. at The Brunswick Oceanside Grill, 39 West Grand Ave., Old Orchard Beach, Maine, 207-934-4873, with The SoulMate Band, a six-piece party band that garnered local fame after opening for The Drifters on Hampton Beach two summers ago. Visit www.thebrunswick.com and www.thesoulmateband.com.

St., Portland, Maine, 207-878-2695.
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• **THE HONEY POT** 920 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH, 603-760-2013, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with The Wiz
• **THE PAGE** 172 Hanover St., Portsmouth, NH, 603-436-0004, Thursdays at 9 p.m.
• **PRIME TIME** 620 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH, 603-760-7230, Thursdays at 9 p.m.

Karaoke
• **CENTRAL WAVE** 368 Central Ave., Dover, NH, 603-742-9283, Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 p.m.
• **CHOP SHOP PUB** 920 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH, Wednesdays at 8 p.m. w/ Matty R
• **DANIEL STREET TAVERN** 111 Daniel St., Portsmouth, NH, 603-430-1011, Fridays and Sundays at 9 p.m.

In the spotlight



Carnival of Madness
The Carnival of Madness Tour will bring five acts to the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom on Saturday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. The 2010 tour was named one of the top 50 tours of the summer. This year’s tour will feature Theory of a Deadman, Alter Bridge, Black Stone Cherry, Adelitas Way and Emphatic. Theory of a Deadman will rock music from their fourth album, *The Truth Is ...*, and Black Stone Cherry will perform songs from their third album, *Between the Devil & the Deep Blue Sea*. Tickets cost \$37 (\$40 the day of the show) at casinoballroom.com or by calling 929-4100.

Ave., Dover, NH, 750-7081, Wednesdays 8-10 p.m.
• **THE KNOT IRISH PUB** 58 Main St., Durham, NH, 868-2959, Mondays 10 p.m.
• **MARGARITA’S** 93 Portsmouth Ave., Dover, NH, 742-9283, Tuesdays 9 p.m.
• **HEBERT’S** 1500 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH, 431-5882, Tuesdays 7 p.m.
• **KELLEY’S ROW** 421 Central

- Across
- 1 Build to a climax, perhaps

15 Her marriage to Lamar Odom was televised

17 “Go for it!”

18 “This is good”

19 MS enclosure

20 Sounds disappointed

21 “Biography” channel

23 Apt. ad stat

26 It gets struck after the show

27 Greek letters that look like tridents

28 Diamond settings

32 Radio tower tops

34 URL punctuation

37 Without a purpose

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- 38 U may follow them

39 Frozen pops

42 Adds up

43 “One ____” (Joan Osborne hit)

47 Time zone for most of Eur.

48 Mao ____-tung

49 Catholic college in New York

50 Some practicers of Islam

52 Residential care worker, for short

54 WWII naval vessel

55 She played the devil in “Bedaz-zled”

60 Kept one’s powder dry

61 Treaty sessions

Down

- 1 Item for a star search

2 He’s a “really useful engine”

3 The comeback kids?

4 Character that rhymes with Pooh

5 Edgy

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- 6 Ada’s st.

7 Actress Dunaway

8 German equiv. of “miss”

9 Reagan’s “Star Wars” program, for short

10 Washroom, casually

11 Suffix after neur- or psych-

12 Response to a ring

13 Person who sticks around

14 They may possess 50-footers

16 Platform used to play Metroid

22 When the clocks shift: abbr.

23 Author of the “Goosebumps” series

24 Does impersonations

25 “____ Nacht” (original German version of “Silent Night”)

28 Least loopy

29 Burdens

30 Suit to ____

31 Really fast plane, for short

33 Fixes

34 ____ Perignon

35 Prophetic

36 Classic Dave Brubeck song

40 Surfer of sorts

41 “____ says to the guy...”

44 Became the responsibility of

45 Camouflaged

46 Horny beasts, in two ways

49 ____ Ste. Marie, Mich.

50 His, to Henri

51 “The Sweetest Taboo” singer

52 Golfer K.J.

53 Drag racing assoc.

- 56 Tom Hanks movie with a Silly String fight

57 Eisenhower’s command, for short

58 ____-LCD (display type on flat screens)

59 Bollywood actress Aishwarya ____

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VELMA

All quotes are from *Jungle Tales of Tarzan*, by Edgar Rice Burroughs, born Sept. 1, 1875.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *Lost to Tarzan of the Apes was the truth of his origin. That he was John Clayton, Lord Greystoke, with a seat in the House of Lords, he did not know, nor, knowing, would have understood. Have you considered the possibility that you belong in the jungle? Or a castle?*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *His own smooth, brown hide he hated with a hatred born of disgust and contempt. Years back he had harbored a hope that some day he, too, would be clothed in hair as were all his brothers and sisters; but of late he had been forced to abandon the delectable dream. Start playing the hand you were dealt.*

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) *Tarzan ... was suffering the first pangs of blighted love, and he didn’t quite know what was the matter with him. Stock up on ice cream and clear a space on the sofa.*

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) *Tarzan shook his head and growled; then on and on through the jungle he swung, and the farther he traveled and the more he thought upon his wrongs, the nearer he approached becoming an irreclaimable misogynist. You might want to get away from people for a little time but it’ll all work out quickly.*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan 19) *And so it was that Tantor, the elephant, discharged an obligation to Tarzan of the Apes, cementing even more closely the friendship that had existed between them since Tarzan as a little, brown boy rode upon Tantor’s huge back ... It’s a good time to celebrate a long friendship.*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *To play tag through the tree tops is an exciting and inspiring pastime. Tarzan delighted in it, but the bulls of his childhood had long since abandoned such childish practices. Embrace your inner child at playtime.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *Tarzan approached filled with the curiosity which is common to all creatures endowed with brains which have progressed beyond the microscopic stage. Be curious.*

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *But to Tarzan, meat was meat; naught that was edible or tasty might pass a hungry Tarzan unchallenged and unattacked. In hunger, as in battle, the ape-man out-savaged the dreariest denizens of the jungle. Stock your larder with edible tasty ingredients.*

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *Lord Greystoke was hunting, or, to be more accurate, he was shooting pheasants at Chamston-Hedding. Lord Greystoke was immaculately and appropriately garbed — to the minutest detail he was vogue. To be sure, he was among the forward guns, not being considered a sporting shot, but what he*

lacked in skill he more than made up in appearance. What you lack in skill, try to make up in appearance.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *Later that day, in England, a Lord Greystoke ate bountifully of things he had not killed, and he drank other things which were uncorked to the accompaniment of much noise ... ignorant of the fact that he was an impostor and that the rightful owner of his noble title was even then finishing his own dinner in*

far-off Africa. Enjoy unearned luxuries while you can.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *Yes, Tarzan had found God, and he spent the whole day in attributing to Him all of the good and beautiful things of nature; but there was one thing which troubled him. He could not quite reconcile it to his conception of his new-found God. Who made Histah, the snake? It is a complex world and you are but one part of it.*

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Leo (July 23 – Aug 22) *It made Tarzan very glad to know these things; but at the other lesson he had been taught he reddened. He had always been a joker, the only joker in the grim and terrible company; but now as he lay there half dead from his hurts, he almost swore a solemn oath forever to forego practical joking—almost; but not quite. Give the practical jokes a rest. Also the ones everyone just rolls their eyes at.*

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.
Last week's puzzle answers are below

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