

Calendar of Events

JULY / AUGUST 2009

Connecticut

JULY 10–12: HARTFORD, *National Train Show.*

Model-railroad show and trade expo, including accessories, collectibles, and new products and services from manufacturers and retailers around the world. Don't miss the operating model train displays, meticulously built cities, and Lego "MiniLand" featuring hundreds of cars, landscapes, and scale buildings. Hands-on demos, children's play area, and free appraisals, all at Connecticut Convention Center. 954-764-6011; nationaltrainshow.org

JULY 11–12: NEW LONDON, *Hygienic Outdoor Art Bizarre Bazaar.* Held in conjunction with New London's SailFest, offering a wide variety of fine arts and crafts, along with Peruvian singers, Cambodian dancers, acoustic music, children's pirate parade, beer garden, blacksmith and glassblowing demonstrations, and much more. 860-444-0659; hygienicbizarrebazaar.com

JULY 24–25: OLD LYME, *Midsummer Festival.* Celebrating the town's artistic heritage, with exhibits, sales, live music, cooking demos, kids' activities, refreshments, French-style market, and more. Held at Florence Griswold Museum, Lyme Art Association, and Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts. 860-434-5542; oldlymealliance.org/midsummer

JULY 25–26: OLD SAYBROOK, *Liberty Bank/Old Saybrook Arts & Crafts Festival.* Featuring accomplished artisans of pottery, painting, wood, glass, and jewelry making, all on the town green. 860-388-3266; oldsaybrookchamber.com

AUG. 9: COVENTRY, *Coventry Lake Water Ski Show.* Bring the family to Patriots Park to see costumed performers, including pyramid building and water ballet, all set to music. Rain date is August 16. 860-649-2218; coventrywaterski.com

AUG. 14–15: MILFORD, *Milford Oyster Festival.* Held along the harborfront, this event offers children's entertainment, live music, canoe and kayak races, more than 200 arts and crafts vendors, a classic car show, plenty of food, and lots more. 203-878-5363; milfordoysterfestival.org

AUG. 15–16: GUILFORD, *Shoreline Wine Festival.* Ticketed event: Sample vintages from more than 10 Connecticut wineries and vineyards at Bishop's Orchards. Plus live music, food, wine seminars, tours, tastings, local artisans and vendors, and much more. 866-224-7467, 203-453-2338; shorelinewinefestival.com

AUG. 22: POMFRET CENTER, *"What's It Worth?" Antique Appraisal.* Boston's Grogan and Company auctioneers will be on hand at Pomfret School's Strong Field House for verbal assessments. 860-963-6156; visitpomfret.com

AUG. 23: HARTFORD & MIDDLETOWN, *Open Air Market & Festival.* The grounds behind the Wadsworth Mansion at Long Hill Estate host a marketplace of Connecticut-made and -grown products, including fresh produce, fruits, herbs, cheeses, and breads. Plus freshly

cut garden flowers and perennials, local artisans, live music, children's entertainment, and more. 860-347-1064; wadsworthmansion.com

Maine

JULY 5: WOOLWICH, *Woolwich Invitational Antique Car Show.* Come admire pre-1970 models from collectors and clubs at Central School's ballfields, as part of the town's 250th anniversary celebration. Live entertainment, too. 207-442-8153; woolwich.us

JULY 7, 14, 21; AUG. 4, 11, 18, 25; SEPT. 1: PORTLAND, *Kotzschmar Pipe Organ Summer Concert Series.* Guest musicians, including jazz artist Barbara Dennerlein, plus Ray Cornils, Carol Williams, and Thomas Heywood performing classical works, at Merrill Auditorium. 207-553-4363; foko.org

JULY 10–12: SACO, *Annual Greek Heritage Festival.* Celebrate with homemade foods, pastries, live music, and dancing, plus coffeehouse, tours, crafts, books, and kids' activities, all at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. 207-282-1567, 207-284-5651; biddefordsaco-chamber.org.stdemetriosmaine.org

JULY 12: BRIDGTON, *Rufus Porter Museum Historic Home & Garden Tour.* Featuring eight Early American period homes, including a farmhouse, a B&B, a split stone house, and the only other home in Bridgton containing Rufus Porter murals. 207-647-2828; rufusportermuseum.org

JULY 25: HOPE/CAMDEN, *Hope Jazz Festival.* Held at Hope's True Park, this family festival offers jazz performances all day, plus one evening act at the Camden Opera House. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and sunscreen. 207-763-2816; hopejazzfestival.com

JULY 25–AUG. 16: PORT CLYDE, *Barbara Ernst Prey: Earth, Sea, and Sky, 25 Years Exhibiting in Maine.* Blue Water Fine Arts showcases 40 of the artist's watercolors, featuring her signature coastal landscapes and seascapes that explore the complexity and interconnectedness of the natural world, as well as interior scenes and narrative works. Opening reception August 4. 207-372-8087; bluewaterfinearts.com, barbaraprey.com

AUG. 7–9: UNION, *Maine Antiques Festival.* The state's largest show of its kind features dealers from across the U.S. and Canada, with everything from formal to folk pieces, displayed indoors and outside under tents at Union Fairgrounds. 207-221-3108; maineantiquefest.com

AUG. 20–27: BAR HARBOR, *Bar Harbor Jazz Festival.* Enjoy nine days of modern and classic vibes at various venues throughout town, ranging from historic theaters to earthy pubs. 207-288-3441; barharborjazzfest.com

AUG. 27–30: PRESQUE ISLE, *Crown of Maine Balloon Fest.* Come to Northern Maine Fairgrounds to enjoy a balloon ride over Aroostook County, plus numerous area events celebrating Presque Isle's 150th birthday. 207-764-6561; crownofmaineballoonfest.org

Massachusetts

JULY 3–5: NEW BEDFORD, *Greater New Bedford Summerfest 2009.* The New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park hosts this international folk music and arts festival, which kicks off Friday night with Maria Muldaur

and the Red Hot Bluesiana Band at the Custom House, followed by six stages of entertainment on Saturday and Sunday. Plus, an "Artisans Marketplace" showcases hand-crafts in more than 80 juried booths featuring a wide selection of media and works, including photography, painting, ceramics, textiles, wood, metal, glass, stone, jewelry, musical instruments, clothing, lamps, nautical crafts, toys, pottery, baskets, furniture, and more. Don't miss the fine-arts area at the Whaling Museum's Jacobs Family Gallery. 508-979-1568; newbedfordsummerfest.com

JULY 4: NEW BEDFORD, *Independence Day Whaleboat Races.* Maritime aficionados shouldn't miss this continuation of a 150-year-old tradition during the city's Summerfest. Twenty-five teams of six compete in Beetle whaleboat replicas off State Pier. 508-517-1251; whalingcityrowing.org

JULY 5–AUG. 30: CONCORD, *Music at The Manse.* Every Sunday The Old Manse welcomes families and music lovers to a series of free summertime concerts sponsored by the Trustees of Reservations. 978-369-3909; thetrustees.org

JULY 8–12: BOSTON, *Sail Boston.* The Tall Ships are coming! Plus crew and cadet parade, soccer tournaments, harbor tours, live music and entertainment, gourmet foods, maritime history programs, and more, all at Boston Inner Harbor and downtown. 617-439-7700; sailboston.com

JULY 17–25: EAST FALMOUTH, *Barnstable County Fair.* A perfect outing for families, with blacksmith demonstrations, agricultural exhibits, carnival rides and games, crafts, food, flower exhibits, and plenty of main-stage entertainment. 508-563-3200; barnstablecountyfair.org

JULY 17–SEPT. 20: LOWELL, *Massachusetts: Our Common Wealth.* Quilt show featuring antique works discovered in the Bay State and documented by the New England Quilt Museum for an ongoing project. 978-452-4207; nequiltmuseum.org.massquilts.org

JULY 18: STURBRIDGE, *Fire & Ice Day at Old Sturbridge Village.* Dozens of hand-pumper trucks parade around the village common to celebrate the history of Early American fire-fighting. Join the pumping contest, and learn how to make old-fashioned ice cream. 800-733-1830, 508-347-3362; osv.org

JULY 25–AUG. 1: WOODS HOLE, *Woods Hole Film Festival.* A nonprofit eight-day showcase of independent flicks, this event offers daily screenings, workshops, panel discussions, staged readings, parties, an awards ceremony, and much more. 508-495-3456; woods-hole-film-festival.org

JULY 26–AUG. 2: NEWBURYPORT, *Yankee Homecoming.* Townwide celebration featuring waterfront concerts, juried crafts, live entertainment, "Beach Blast" dance party, historic cemetery tours, fireworks, parade, wine tasting, golf tournament, kids' talent show, road races, "BluesCruise," and more. 978-255-2184; yankeehomecoming.com

AUG. 2: HYANNIS, *Pops by the Sea.* Performed on the village green by the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, conducted by Keith Lockhart and a special celebrity guest conductor. Singalongs, traditional works, and classical selections are included. 508-362-0066; artsfoundation.org

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