



Strawbery Banke offers Fourth of July fun

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PORTSMOUTH | On Monday, July 4, Strawbery Banke will host its fourth annual "An American Celebration!" from 12-5 p.m. The Museum's July 4th festival celebrates the history of our nation with a children's parade, music, games, carriage rides, living history exhibits, reenactment events, and, of course, food.

"An American Celebration!" has become one of the highlights of the New Hampshire summer season, attracting more than 3,000 visitors each year. According to Strawbery Banke president Larry Yerdon, "This is a wonderful family event that celebrates an important milestone in our national history. We're glad to be able to host the community on our site for such a unique and fun event."

All children are admitted free to the event, thanks to the generosity of its sponsor, Portsmouth-based Irving Oil.

"We are delighted to continue our support for educational programming, exceptional entertainment and diverse activities for chil-

dren and families at Strawbery Banke, which does so much to preserve the cultural heritage of our region," says Lou Beam, senior operations manager for Irving. "The museum's Fourth of July celebration offers local families and visitors a unique opportunity to experience four centuries of New England life in grand style with exposure to music, games, living history, fare, and old-fashioned fun!"

Festivities will kick off at Strawbery Banke at noon with the rollicking music of local favorites, Gary Sredzienski and the Serfs and Combo Sabroso. Special historic activities and demonstrations will be held at the Museum throughout the day. Activities include:

- Children's Bike & Wagon Parade — Come early to decorate your bike, wagon, or stroller with patriotic colors. Decorate from 12-2:30 p.m. The parade begins at 2:30 p.m. Get ready to march and wave!

- The 1940s Candy Counter — Taste history! Visit the 1940s Abbott neighborhood store and purchase your

own period candy. While you're there, learn about WWII rationing, and understand why your grandmother never throws anything away.

- New England Yo-Yo Show — In the tradition of the Duncan Yo-Yo Professionals who traveled throughout the United States in the 1930s teaching and demonstrating yo-yo tricks and conducting contests, John and Rebecca of Yo2 will dazzle you with difficult tricks and a Yo-Yo Show for the 21st Century! (find out more at www.yosquared.com).

- Traditional Games — Come one, come all. Join the competitions for patriotic prizes. The museum's costumed junior role players love to teach modern kids to play the games of old, such as the Cake Walk; Bird, Beast or Fish; Colonial Costume Relay; Hoops & Graces; Croquet; Bean Bag Toss; Jump Rope; and Potato Sack Races. Everybody wins ... eventually!

- Dreams of the New World — The words of Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln transcend the passage of time and come to

rest once again upon the ears of America's citizenry. Hear their famous oratories and meet Honest Abe in person in the gardens of the Goodwin Mansion.

- Martha Dana's Fabulous Puppet Shows — Master storyteller Martha Dana brings her large and lovable puppets to life with stories for all ages.

- 1st NH Regiment Revolutionary Soldiers — The 1st New Hampshire Regiment is a recreation of one of the three regiments of "regulars" from New Hampshire to serve in the Continental Army under General Washington during the American Revolution. Camp followers, portraying the women and children who accompanied the American Army, are also correctly attired in reproduction civilian clothing. Join the ranks for drilling, musket demos, and educational talks. Learn more at www.firstnhregiment.org

- Old Fashioned Bubbles — Make 'em round, make 'em square. Make your own bubble wand and watch the bubbles fly in the old orchards of Jefferson Lane.

- Garden Trains — Watch



Revolutionary War Encampment at Strawbery Banke

the beautiful Steam Engines of the NH Garden Railway Society chug over bridges, past windmills, and through a miniature village along their landscaped outdoor tracks. Find out more at www.nhgrs.com

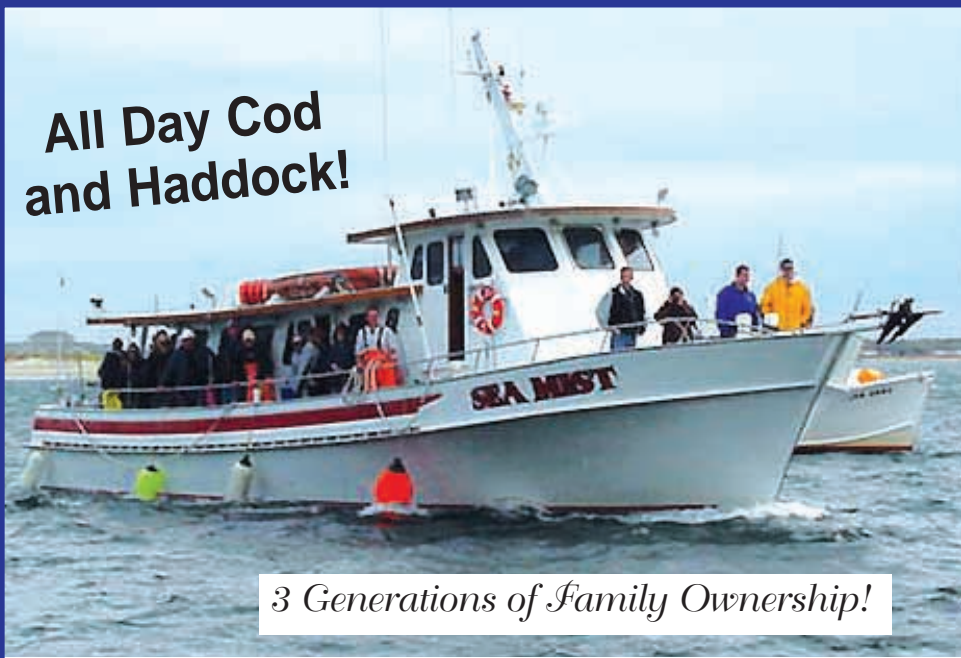
- Kites Over the Piscataqua — Giant kites, stunt kites and kids kites. Glenn Davison and members of the Kites Over New England Kite Club demonstrate their amazing flying skills in Prescott Park. Come watch, come try, come fly, or visit www.kitingusa.com.

Other activities include a kid's treasure hunt; Blue Ocean Society touch tank; children's archaeological excavation; open hearth cooking demonstrations; kid's craft tent; musket firings; craft demonstrations with cooper Ron Raiselis, potters Maureen Mills and Steven Zoldak; horse drawn carriage rides,

and much more.

Visitors are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs and settle in for a relaxing day of good old-fashioned family fun. Adults pay half-price regular admission, and kids come for free, thanks to Irving. For more information or to pre-purchase tickets, visit the Events page at www.strawberybanke.org.

Strawbery Banke Museum, located on Marcy Street in Portsmouth, is open May 1 through October 31, Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m.; and November 1 through April 30, Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday 12-2 p.m. for guided 90-minute walking tours on the hour. The museum is closed during the month of January. For more information, call (603)433-1100 or visit www.strawberybanke.org.



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