



## A Wide Variety to Enjoy In Gilford During 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Festival

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Gilford's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Festival will be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-2 a.m. with activities, special events, and demonstrations both inside and outside of the Gilford Library, the adjoining Gilford Youth Center and the Community Church on Potter Hill Road and a few steps away at the Historical Society's Grange building at 8 Belknap Mountain Road, all in the center of town. In case of rain, all events will be held inside.

A brochure will be available at the information table in front of the Library/Church parking lot; it tells where the various demonstrators will be located and at what times the special events will occur, such as speakers, open house tours, and musical events. There will also be a ballot to vote for your favorite scarecrow that you can view as you walk "scarecrow lane"

If you enjoy music, come and listen to Bob McCarthy at 1:00 p.m. as he plays his guitar and mandolin, plus he has a wonderful singing voice. He performs an eclectic blend of original and traditional music drawing on many styles, including gospel, bluegrass, jazz, Celtic, blues and traditional folk. In addition to his solo career, he has shared the stage with founding member Jorma Kaukonen of the Jefferson Airplane, Bonnie Raitt, The Everly Brothers, Neil Young and many others. His CD's will be available for purchase.

The barbershop group, The Chordsmen, are scheduled to sing outside (weather permitting, if not they will be inside) at 11-11:30 and again at 12-12:30.

The Winnepesaukee Squares will be in the Library from 11:30-12:00 and again at 12:30-1:00 to demonstrate various square dancing steps. The audience is invited to join in and enjoy dancing with them.

Charles Clark will be in the Library to present "What New Hampshire Thought Was Funny 200 Years Ago" at 10 a.m. The New Hampshire Humanities Council sponsors this program, with thanks to the Gilford Historical Society and the Pardoe Fund. The speaker grew up in New Hampshire and was a professor at UNH in the history department for 30 years, his last four years he was promoting New Hampshire studies. He says that he "was inspired by reading the *Farmer's Museum*, a newspaper published in Walpole, NH, in the 1790s and beyond, especially the jokes and anecdotes intended to tickle rural funny bones".

Want to taste what homemade root beer tastes like? Visit John Jude's table between 9 and 10 when he will start the process. In fact, you may even help him; you may "buy" a bottle of water at his table for \$1.00, pour it in the vat, get a sticker, and then return by 1:30 and get a bottle filled up with root beer. Even if you come later, you may still purchase and enjoy root beer.

The Boy and Girl Scouts are a valuable part of the community wide Heritage Festival. The Gilford Cadet Girl Scouts are coordinating the community's involvement in creating "Scarecrow Lane". There will be a map showing where they are located and a ballot where one may vote for their favorite scarecrow.

At 9:00 a.m. Pack 243 will be having their Cub Scout Round-up; they are inviting boys from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade to come with their parents to learn more about scouting. During the Festival, Scouts will be demonstrating their skills in knot tying along with showing other projects, such as Pinewood Derby Car demonstrations. Parents will have the opportunity to talk with scout leaders while the boys are enjoying the exhibits.



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Two homeowners are opening their 1800s homes to house tours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For a small fee of \$5.00, tickets may be purchased either at the Library or at the Grange building. Both of these homes still have the original bake ovens, doors, latches, wide pine floors and many authentic furnishings, plus other features.

Don Olmstead, an antique appraiser, will be at the Library. For a small fee of \$5.00 per item, he will appraise up to three items. If you have always wanted to know more about your treasure and what its value is, bring it to the Heritage Festival and have your questions answered.

What is a Festival without food? There will be a light lunch available at the Community Church and the proceeds will benefit the Community Youth Center. At the Grange at 10:00 a.m. the pies entered in the Pie Bake-Off will be judged and slices may be bought after that; the judges will be Grace Herbert, Tracey Petrozzi of the Meredith Wine'ing Butcher, and Sally/Bill Bickford of Kitchen Cravings. There will also be a bake sale. Plus, with the homemade root beer, it is hoped no one will be hungry.

In the early days, oxen were very important in working the farms. The Salanitros will have their oxen in their yokes and one may try guiding them around the parking lot, plus children always like to pat the gentle animals. More and more people are learning the joys of having a few chickens and having their own fresh eggs. Come to the pen and learn about them, you may leave thinking you would like to get a few for yourself.

Last, but certainly not least. Four years ago the Festival started with only craftspeople demonstrating their heritage crafts and they still provide the foundation for our Heritage Festival.

Each year more craftspeople have enjoyed demonstrating, discussing, and answering questions. One of our demonstrators is Lucile Patten and she has enjoyed caning chairs for more than thirty years. She has caned two chairs for the Bridges House in Concord (the official governor's house). She will have mock-ups of the various stages in caning a chair, along with information on ordering materials if one is interested in caning their own chair.

There will also be rug braiding and rug hooking, with a chance to try braiding or hooking yourself to see if you would enjoy creating your own rug. There will also be basket weaving, making corn husk dolls, counted cross stitch, creating floor cloths, needle felting, quilting, red work quilting, rag weaving, sewing crafts, spinning, stitchery, tatting, watercolor painting, wood carvers; there are approximately thirty demonstrators. Many of the craftspeople will bring items that will be for sale and some will take orders, so get an early start on doing your Christmas shopping or buy a special item for yourself.

Gilford is the place to be on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and most of the activities are FREE! There is free parking at the Library and the adjoining Youth Center/Church, and the Village Field is about a three minutes walk away.

So, come alone, with a friend, or with the whole family. If the sun shines, some activities will be outside, if it rains, they will be moved inside (except for the oxen and chickens). Enjoy the day.