Blast into summer

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Brew Fest
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The NH Brewers Association presents the Keep NH Brewing Festival, which takes place July 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at Kiwanis Waterfront Park/Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road in Concord.

The NH Brewers Association’s 8th Annual Keep NH Brewing Festival will feature the largest collection of NH craft breweries at any Brewfest in the state and is the perfect opportunity to taste the best NH has to offer.

This one-of-a-kind event is “For the Brewers, By the Brewers,” meaning run by and in support of the NH craft beer industry, and will bring together over 50 NH brewers showcasing more than 30 NH craft beers.

They will offer a single session on July 8, along the grassy shore of the Merrimack River at Kiwanis Waterfront Park in Concord (behind the Everett Arena) from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with VIP starting at noon.

**TICKETS**

VIP: Cost $65

General admission: Cost $50 in advance, day of $55

Designated driver: $20 includes free parking (must be 21+)

Please note this is a strictly 21+ plus event, sorry no children or pets are allowed. All ticket sales are final and non-refundable.

Both VIP and General Admission Tickets include beer samples from our vast selection of NH breweries, souvenir taster glass, free parking, live music, entertainment, games, and more.

Food will be available for purchase from a variety of food vendors and food trucks.

Be prepared as this is a rain or shine event, and fear not there will be plenty of shade under the event tents. General Admission tickets will be available the day of at the doors for $55, cash or credit.

**VIP SESSION**

There are a limited number of VIP tickets available. The session includes 1-hour early access to VIP samples and an NHBA Raffle Ticket.

In addition, a special assortment of VIP beer only available in our featured breweries’ tasting rooms will be on tap. We will release the tap list in advance of the festival and a program will be provided for you to check off your favorites!

**LIVE MUSIC**

Provided in partnership with NH Music Collective and local NH artists

- 12:30 p.m.: Matty and the Penders (90s Cover Band)
- 2:30 p.m.: Mikey G

Proceeds from the Keep NH Brewing Festival will benefit the NH Brewers Association in their efforts to promote, protect, educate and advocate for craft beer and brewers in NH. This is our signature event of the year and the primary fundraiser for our nonprofit. Hence why we truly are “for the brewers, by the brewers.”

For more information, visit: events.beer-fests.com/e/keep-nh-brewing-festival

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Growing Up in Concord
On July 6, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Kathleen Bailey returns to Gibson’s Bookstore on 45 South Main Street in Concord, to present her new book of history, this time of a more personal bent, with “Growing Up in Concord, New Hampshire: Boomer Memories from White’s Park to the Capitol Theater.” In the 1950s and 1960s Concord was technically a city, but it more closely resembled a small town. Remote from the larger world, change was slow to arrive “the stunning death of a popular young President, and a war that would tear the country apart and re-assemble it as something nobody recognized. But those innocent decades were a seemingly endless summer, and young residents reveled in it. Riding bikes through the National Guard Armory grounds, hitching a snowy slide on the back of a mail truck and walking barefoot to the corner store for a Coke from the big red cooler. Entertainment was always free, from the Nevers Band to amateur fashion shows.” Author Kathleen Bailey and photographer Sheila Bailey unveil a portrait of a town during a simpler time. For more information, visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

Music on the Patio
Courtyard by Marriott, at 70 Constitution Ave in Concord is thrilled to announce the launch of its highly anticipated summer music series, “Music on the Patio.” This weekly event showcases talented local musicians, creating an unforgettable experience for hotel guests and the community alike. Music on the Patio aims to bring the joy of live music to Concord residents and visitors throughout the summer season. On July 12 the featured artist will be Chris Lester. Chris Lester, a New Hampshire based singer, multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, and producer. He started performing in New England before moving to California to join Atlantic recording artists Wild Horses. In 2001 Lester moved back to New Hampshire and joined the band Mama Kicks (who won multiple Best Band awards in the Hippo Press.) The performances take place on the hotel’s outdoor patio from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“Catch Me If You Can” by Majestic Theatre
Based on the hit film and the incredible true story, “Catch Me If You Can” is the high-flying musical comedy about chasing your dreams and not getting caught. Seeking fame and fortune, precocious teenager, Frank Abignale, Jr., runs away from home to begin an unforgettable adventure. With nothing more than his boyish charm, a big imagination and millions of dollars in forged checks, Frank suc-
New London Barn Playhouse presented “Catch Me If You Can” in 2019. This summer, the Majestic Theatre will present the story of con-man Frank Abignale Jr. at the Derry Opera House.

Successfully poses as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer – living the high life and winning the girl of his dreams. When Frank’s lies catch the attention of FBI agent, Carl Hanratty, though, Carl pursues Frank across the country to make him pay for his crimes. Performances of “Catch Me If You Can” are scheduled Friday, July 14 at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 15 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, July 16 at 2 p.m., and will be held at The Derry Opera House at 29 West Broadway, in Derry. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for seniors 65 and above and $15 for youth 17 and under. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 669-7469, online at majestictheatre.net or at the door prior to the performance.

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Ongoing

■ 603 History Hunt: Test your knowledge of the Granite State with the 603 History Hunt, a statewide scavenger hunt taking place throughout the month of July. Free. New Hampshire Historical Society, 603-228-6688, education@nhhistory.org.

■ The Blue Bag Book Sale: Sale runs through July 8 while blue bags last. Buy a bag for $5 at the Service Desk, then fill it up with book sale books. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

July 6

■ Everett Arena Roller Skating: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Douglas N. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road, Concord.

■ Growing Up in Concord, New Hampshire: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. “Growing Up in Concord, New Hampshire: Boomer Memories from White’s Park to the Capitol Theater” Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. 603-224-0562. gibsonsevents@gmail.com.

■ Music On the Patio: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Free. Courtyard by Marriott Concord, 70 Constitution Ave, Concord. sferrs@dupreyhotels.com, sferrs@dupreyhotels.com.sferns@dupreyhotels.com.

■ STEAM for Littles: 10 a.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

July 7

■ Everett Arena Roller Skating: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Douglas N. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road, Concord.

■ The Addams Family: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. $12 - $15. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. rbproductions2016@gmail.com.

■ Concord Community Blood Drive: 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Concord Red Cross Office, 2 Maitland Street, Concord. 1-800-RED CROSS. megan.nantel@red-cross.org.

■ Everett Arena Roller Skating: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Douglas N. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road, Concord.

■ Michelle Peterson: 5 p.m. Concord Chamber of Commerce, 49 South Main Street, Suite 104, Concord.

July 8

■ Thursday Night Concert Series at Eagle Square: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Eagle Square, 3 Eagle Square, Concord.

July 9

■ Actors Coop Theatre Presents: Cabaret: 7:30 p.m. $19 - $25. Hatbox Theatre, 270 Loudon Road, Concord. tomrlott@gmail.com.

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■ Storytime Stations: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Free. Heights Branch Library, 14 Canterbury Rd, Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

July 10

■ Double the thrillers: Paul Doiron & Sarah Stewart Taylor: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. “Dead Man’s Wake. “A Stolen Child.” Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. 603-224-0562. gibsonsevents@gmail.com.

■ Low-Impact Kung Fu and Tai Chi: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. $14 - $20. $20 drop-in price. Multi-class

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- NH Peace Action Acts! 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Free. General Admission. Online via Zoom, Concord. (603) 228-0559. doreen@nhpeaceaction.org.

- Organized Chaos: 4 p.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalem@concordnh.gov.

- Organized Chaos - Tween Event: 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Library, Blanchard Room - 45 Green Street, Concord.

- Tech Tuesdays at Peanook Branch: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Stop by to learn about eBooks, downloadables, library databases, and for other questions you may have. Bring your computer, tablet, or phone with you. Free. Penacook Branch Library, 3 Merrimack St, Concord. jsalem@concordnh.gov.

- Tuesday Night Concerts: Nevers Band: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Eagle Square, 3 Eagle Square, Concord.

- Concord Community Blood Drive: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. IBEW Local 490 Union Hall, 48 Airport Road, Concord. 1-800-RED CROSS. megan.nantel@reddcross.org.

- Movies in The Park: 9 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Memorial Field, 70 South Fruit St, Concord.

- Music historian Howard Fishman: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. "To Anyone Who Ever Asks: The Life, Music, and Mystery of Connie Converse" Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. 603-224-0562. gibsonsevents@gmail.com.

- Music on the Patio Presents: Chris Lester: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Free. Courtyard Marriott, 70 Constitution Ave, Concord. jabouraad@dupreihotels.com.

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The 603 History Hunt kicked off on July 1 giving people a chance to see New Hampshire in ways they never have before. The 603 History Hunt takes you on the road to test your knowledge of the Granite State and complete a series of challenges. Visit the world’s longest candy counter, locate a scene from the movie “Jumanji,” or find the grave of America’s first Black celebrity — all located right here in New Hampshire. Choose which challenges to accept based on your own interests and abilities, with over 100 challenges to choose from.

Created by the New Hampshire Historical Society, the 603 History Hunt is one of several programs and events organized to mark the Society’s 200th anniversary in 2023. “New Hampshire has a vibrant history for such a small state,” said Elizabeth Dubrulle, director of education and public programs at the New Hampshire Historical Society. “The 603 History Hunt encourages...
people to get out there and explore this state we all love. You’ll be amazed at how much has happened here.”

Some challenges can be completed from just about anywhere in the state, while others are tied to a specific region or location within New Hampshire. Challenges ask players to complete a variety of tasks, such as film a video, take a photograph, answer a trivia question, or scan a QR code. Players choose which challenges to complete and how many challenges they want to undertake, and they earn points and win prizes accordingly.

The 603 History Hunt is free and open to the general public, thanks in part to the generosity of Merrimack County Savings Bank, which is sponsoring the event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Historical Society. Players must be at least 13 years old to officially participate, but the challenges are great opportunities to see the sites with family and friends.

To sign up, download the Scavify app through the App Store or Google Play Store, or visit Scavify’s website at scavify.com/download. Participants will be asked to create a free account and should then search for “603 History Hunt” to join the scavenger hunt.

Founded in 1823, the New Hampshire Historical Society is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to saving, preserving, and sharing New Hampshire history. Nowhere will you find a more extensive collection of objects and archives related to New Hampshire’s history. The Society shares these vast collections through its library, museum, websites, publications, exhibitions, and youth and adult educational programs. The Society is not a state-funded agency. All of its programs and services are made possible by membership dues and contributions. For more information about the Society, visit nhhistory.org or call 603-228-6688.
On display at the Concord Chamber of Commerce is an exhibit of oil paintings from New Hampshire artist Marianne Stillwagon. Seasoned artist Marianne Stillwagon showcases her artistic vision through a captivating collection of acrylic paintings inspired by the beautiful summer flowers of New England.

Originally from South River, New Jersey, Stillwagon has lived in many cities across the country before settling in New Hampshire in 1976. She is a graduate of Rivier University in Nashua, NH with a BS in Design and worked as a freelance graphic designer for many years before pursuing painting full-time. Having studios in New Hampshire and South Carolina gives her the opportunity to draw inspiration from two very different landscapes. Exploring the contrast between the two regions allows her to expand her creative vision.

In her latest collection, Stillwagon offers viewers of her work a glimpse into the vibrant beauty that the season brings. New England is known for its spectacular...
This collection of paintings seems to carry a sense of both visual and emotional duality. The dark background allows the eye to fully focus on the flowers themselves and how they seem to float across the canvas or bloom directly before your eyes. The drama of her work seamlessly blends with the innocence of her subject matter, creating a dynamic experience. Through her work, there is a feeling of liveliness and deep appreciation for the flora that is seen throughout New England. Swirling vines and curling leaves surround each painting adding movement that can’t seem to be contained. Her works truly have a life and personality of their own.

Stillwagon’s exhibit will run at the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center, located at 49 S. Main St., Suite 104, in Concord, from July 10 to Sept. 8. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check the Chamber’s website at concordnhchamber.com for hours before visiting as they may vary.

All work is for sale by contacting the N.H. Art Association at 603-431-4230.

“Glorious Morning” acrylic on canvas by Marianne Stillwagon
book of the week

‘Unraveling: What I Learned About Life While Shearing Sheep, Dyeing Wool, and Making the World’s Ugliest Sweater’

By Peggy Orenstein (195 pages, Adult Non-fiction, 2023)

We all know that during the COVID lockdowns people took up various hobbies, like baking bread. Peggy Orenstein took an extreme approach: already a knitter she decided to knit a sweater from wool she sheared, carded, spun, dyed, designed and knitted herself. As you can imagine, it was quite a project.

Unraveling is both the story of that project and also a meditation on modern life, lockdown, aging parents, facing an empty nest and more. Living in Northern California, about as far from her childhood in Minnesota as she could get without leaving the USA, she has to work at maintaining the tie with her father in assisted living back home. Coping with Zoom high school, she’s also wondering about the next stage in her life, when her daughter leaves for college. Struggling to spin decent yarn from the imperfectly sheared fleece, she thinks about fast fashion and the challenge of sustainable production.

I enjoyed the whole story, both the snarky moments and the poignant ones. The recent pandemic left a mark on us all, and gave us more time to think than most of us are used to these days. At the same time, the many issues that Orenstein faces are in front of all of us: aging parents, changes in our lifestyles, trying to live more mindfully. I don’t knit and I’m certainly not planning to ever shear a sheep, but I came away from the book with respect for Orenstein’s project and an incentive to think a little harder about my own life.

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July 6, 2002: The State House is getting a makeover, the Monitor reports. The white portion of the octagonal structure, just below the gilded part of the dome, will be stripped and restored to the tune of $174,000.

July 6, 2001: Joseph Whittey is found guilty of murdering 81-year-old Yvonne Fine in Concord nearly 20 years ago. Although Whittey had been a suspect early on, it wasn’t until last year that investigators discovered DNA evidence allowing them to charge him with the crime. Already in prison for attempted murder, Whittey is sentenced to life.

July 6, 2000: Secretary of State Bill Gardner appoints an eight-member “think tank” to review the state’s election laws. The commission is supposed to report back after the fall elections with recommendations for the Legislature.

July 6, 1774: Several members of New Hampshire’s Committee of Correspondence meet in Portsmouth to decide whether to accept an invitation from Virginians to attend a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in September. Royal Gov. John Wentworth and Sheriff Parker of Rockingham County invade the meeting and kick the dissidents out of Assembly hall. The men move to a nearby tavern, where they resolve to meet in July to elect delegates to the convention.

July 7, 1995: Concord’s Bob Tewksbury of the Texas Rangers pitches his first American League shutout. He wins 10-0 over the team that originally signed him, the New York Yankees.

July 7, 1989: The state celebrates the opening of the new $30 million New Hampshire Hospital on Clinton Street in Concord.

At 199,000 square feet, it is the state’s largest building project ever.

July 7, 1853: In arguing for the passage of prohibition in New Hampshire, George G. Fogg, a Concord editor, says legislators should line up against “the manufacturers of drunkards, paupers, and criminals.” The measure fails.

July 7, 1816: Concord awakens to a hard freeze.

July 7, 1847: President James Polk visits Concord, prompting a parade of bands up Main Street. “The streets were alive with sightseers and from the windows, ladies greeted the president with waving handkerchiefs,” one newspaper reports.

July 7, 1822: John Bedel is born at Indian Stream Republic, now Pittsburg. Son of a general (Moody Bedel), he will gain military fame himself as an infantryman during the war with Mexico. When the Civil War comes, he will lead the Third New Hampshire Volunteers, spend 18 months in a rebel prison and, after his release, achieve the rank of brigadier general.

July 8, 1775: With the royal governor out of power and royal authority gone with him, the president pro tem of the Provincial Congress, Judge Meshech Weare of Hampton Falls, declares that New Hampshire is now “wholly governed by this Congress & the Committee(s) of the respective Towns.”

July 8, 1865: Construction of a new King’s Department Store begins on Loudon Road in Concord. Plans also call for a supermarket and five smaller stores.

July 8, 1777: With the British occupying Fort Ticonderoga and pursuing American forces eastward, Vermont appeals to New Hampshire for help.

July 8, 1967: Monitor reporters set out in the streets of Concord to test a Harris poll’s findings that President Lyndon B. Johnson’s popularity is rising and that the Vietnam War will be a decisive factor in the 1968 presidential election. Interviews with 115 people in Concord turn up these results: 28.7 percent like Johnson more than they did in 1964, 58 percent like him less. Most of those who criticize Johnson cite his handling of the war as the main reason for their discontent.

July 9, 1995: At the dedication of the restored barn of Robert Frost in Franconia, Donald Hall shares his thoughts on Frost’s poetry. He says he once believed Frost wrote 25 great poems, but the number has risen to 75. “Every time I look,” Hall says, “he’s written another good one.”

July 9, 1992: Bob Tewksbury of Concord is named to the National League All-Star team.

July 9, 1965: New Hampshire Attorney General William Maynard advises the Rockingham County attorney that a local bingo game conducted over the radio is illegal under state law.

July 9, 1964: Monitor columnist Leon Anderson takes U.S. Rep. Louis Wyman to task for calling the country’s new civil rights law “a bucket of worms.” He writes: “Most of us do not mind Wyman being in disagreement with some of our thinking, at times. But we also have standards of conduct, especially in public life, which have no place for such foul language. If Wyman kicks the bucket in his second-term bid, we dare suggest his ill-phrased ‘bucket of worms’ will have been the final straw.”

July 9, 1832: The inhabitants of the current Pitts- burg, which for years has been claimed by both Canada and the United States, proclaim their vast town the Republic of Indian Stream. They write a constitution and establish courts and an assembly. The independent republic will last three years before the New Hampshire militia occupies it during a renewed territorial dispute with Canada.

July 10, 1885: An avalanche roars for two miles down the northwestern slope of Cherry Mountain. It carries away the home of Oscar Stanley at the base of the mountain and kills one of his farm hands and several head of cattle. Later, a restaurant will be built at the site to provide food for tourists viewing the devastation.

July 12, 1927: Mayor Fred Marden says he has received a telegram informing him that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh will soon fly to Concord in the Spirit of St. Louis.
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