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Franconia's Old Home Day Celebration 2023



*250th Anniversary of the Franconia's
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8 – 10 Blueberry Pancake Breakfast ... Franconia Community Church of Christ
\$10/adult - \$5/6 & under (Proceeds benefit Children's Back Pack Program)
- 8 – 3 Open Air Market Franconia Welcome Center
Sponsored by Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce
- 8 – 3 Artisan Fair Badger, Peabody, & Smith
To Benefit Ammonoosuc Regional Arts Council & Lisbon Arts Gallery
- 9 – 12 Book Sale Abbie Greenleaf Library
- 11 – 2 Fireman's BBQ..... Town Hall, Main Street
- 1:00 Parade Main Street
- 1:30..... Duck Race to benefit FFD..... Gale River – 'tween the bridges
- 2:00 Outdoor Concerts..... Franc. Heritage Museum / Town Hall / WGSB
- 6:00 Wicked Smart Horn Band The Dow
- 8:30..... Fireworks Display..... The Dow
- All Day Franconia Artwalk Franconia Welcome Center
- All Day Fox Hill Riverwalk Fox Hill Park



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REMEMBERING THIS HISTORIC EVENT

Welcome to the 2023 Old Home Day Celebration of Franconia's 250th Anniversary!

The United States Post Office (USPS) has produced a special Old Home Day cancellation available at the Franconia Post Office and the Franconia Welcome Center for canceling mail posted on July 8th



A locally produced commemorative envelope has been designed to which postage can be attached and mailed. Combined with the commemorative cancellation, a historic souvenir can be mailed to friends, family members, or to oneself.

Space has been left on the front cover of this commemorative program for the USPS to place the commemorative Old Home Day cancellation for a no-cost souvenir. Purchase a Forever stamp and add an added feature to your memento of the day.

Covers and cancellations can be obtained at the Franconia Welcome Center also.

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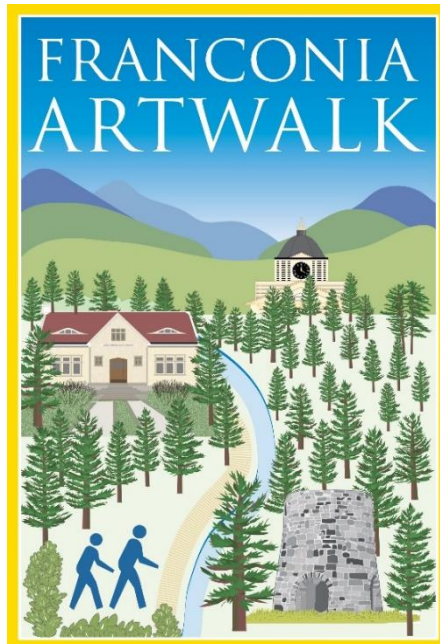
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ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE MUSEUM is an 1878 farmhouse with attached barns and sheds that reflect life in Franconia since the town's settlement. It is open to the public 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. The Museum is free of charge to our visitors with donations always appreciated. Volunteers are available to answer questions. "**Recipes to Remember**" a cookbook of local family and historical recipes is available for sale at the museum and the Franconia Welcome Center.

www.franconiaareaheritage.org

FRANCONIA ARTWALK self-guided tour of over thirty sculptures located throughout the village with maps located at the Iron Furnace, Franconia Market parking lot, and Franconia's Welcome Center. www.franconiaartwalk.org

FOX HILL PARK stroll the woodland path looking for spots to dip your toes, or your entire body, in the cooling waters of the Gale River. Directions at Welcome Center.

KIDS KORNER at Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank hosts a Kid's Korner for parents to enjoy family activities (coloring, games, etc.) with young'uns. Blankets are spread on the lawn behind WGSB for parents to find a place to relax, picnic, and find a quiet moment for quality time with the family.

FRANCONIA INN A short drive down Route 116 will host an Old Home Day Scavenger Hunt at the Inn with a gift bag of prizes for participants.

MARIMO DANCE STUDIO located at 334 Main Street will be hosting an Interactive Story Time and activities throughout the day – Stop by and enjoy some Cosmic Kettle Corn.

DUTCH TREAT RESTAURANT will offer a 10% discount off of all dining on July 8th and July 9th in celebration of Old Home Day. Grab a bite to eat in the newly renovated dining room at 317 Main Street.

SOUVENIR COINS from Franconia's 200th Anniversary Celebration will be on sale at the Franconia Welcome Center.



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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE & VENUES

2:00 PM	WGSB	Tim Gurshin & Paul Luff
	Town Hall	Tyme & Lace
	FAM	Sonja Rodriguez
3:00 PM	WGSB	Pablo Flores
	Town Hall	Barn Yard Incident
	FAM	To be announced – Check at the Franconia Welcome Center
4:00 PM	WGSB	To be announced – Check at the Franconia Welcome Center
	Town Hall	Tyme & Lace
	FAM	Sonja Rodriguez
5:00PM	WGSB	Pablo Flores
	Town Hall	Barn Yard Incident
	FAM	To be announced – Check at the Franconia Welcome Center

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HOMECOMING PARADE

The theme for the 2023 Old Home Day 250th Anniversary Parade is “FRANCONIA – Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow celebrating Franconia’s historic past, it’s dynamic present, and the possibilities for the future.

The Grand Marshall for the parade is Mrs. Kay Whitcomb of Easton. Kay was born in Easton in 1935 at the family home the Cooley Farm (which is still in existence). She started school in a one room schoolhouse with no running water, heated by a wood stove, and only limited electricity. Later in Kay’s life, she entered classes in Sugar Hill school (later to become the Carolina Crapo Memorial).

Kay attended Dow Academy where she graduated 1953. Kay states, “We had a great education. There were not many children and we had excellent teachers.”

After Kay went to business school, she returned and worked as a bookkeeper for various hotels and businesses.

She married George Whitcomb and raised three wonderful children. Kay and George met in first grade. They never really “dated”. “There were so few of us that you just knew everyone.” said Kay.

Even with a family Kay always had to be “doing something”; selling Tupperware and Avon or working in the town office for 32 years. When asked what her duties were, Kay replied, “Just about everything. If it needed to be done I did it.”

Kay became a member of the board of directors for the Franconia Area Heritage Council where she is still an active board member today.

One of Kay’s responses to the commonly asked question, “Have you lived here all your life?” is her witty response “Not yet!”

When asked what she loves most about living in the valley, she replies, “I love looking at the mountains even when they are dark and angry because I know they will soon change.”

Many thanks Kay for sharing a rich history of our area and for all she has done and all she continues to do for our town. Her positive attitude is truly a gift.

The parade will begin at approximately 1PM beginning from the Dow Avenue Extension, along Main Street past Town Hall, concluding at the Lafayette Elementary School.

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FEATURED PERFORMERS

Concert performances hosted courtesy of the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.

Tim Gurshin & Paul Luff – Timothy Gurshin with Paul Luff will perform classic & original acoustic songs in the Americana style. For more info, go to www.timothygurshin.com.

Sponsored by Polly's Pancake Parlor.

The Barnyard Incident – Five-member band performing “some country, some blues, some alternative country, some rock, some bluegrass, and some long tall tales...but all good to listen to.”

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Sonja Rodriguez features uplifting gospel and spiritual songs of hope and inspiration for all ages.

Tyme & Lace contemporary songs from artists we know and love, Melissa Etheridge, James Taylor,

Pablo Flores – Pablo Flores has performed in international venues including the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, Carnival Latino, & St John the Divine in New York City. His repertoire includes traditional & classic Latin music from the New and Old World. His original work is influenced by Flamenco, Andean, Nuevo Canto & Brazilian Tropicalia; a palette of wind, percussion, and string instruments create a magical & entertaining feast for the ears.

Wicked Smart Horn Band – a local favorite brings rhythm and blues to the Dow Field for the evening concert leading up to the traditional fireworks on the Dow.

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Woodsville Guaranty Bank
Franc. Heritage Museum
Community Church of Christ (after 11AM)

Presby Energy
Dow Field
Town Hall (post-parade)

Concert Venue
Franc. Heritage Museum

Blueberry Pancake Breakfast
Franconia Community Church

Concert Venue & Kids Korner
Woodsville Guaranty Bank

FOOD VENUES
Dutch Treat Restaurant
Franconia Coffee House
Franconia Market
Daily Scoop Ice Cream
FFD BBQ – Town Hall
Community Church of Christ Pancake Breakfast