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Phillips Old Home Days – August 12 - 20

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Phillips' 59th Annual Old Home Days is set to kick off on Saturday, August 12 and will run through Sunday, August 20. Events range from a local artists' Art Show on the 12th to the Duck Derby on the 20th, with the parade, bearing the theme "My Favorite Fairy Tale", starting at 5 pm on Friday, Aug. 18.

Events, shows, and displays are scheduled throughout the period and a full slate of events – with descriptions, times, and places – can be found in the Phillips Chamber of Commerce's booklet, available in most area businesses.

Two Art Shows in Phillips During Old Home Days

A show of local art will take place Saturday, August 12 at the Phillips Area Community Center (PACC). Although many artists and artisans live among us in these western mountains, often they're unknown to the neighbors they run into at the Farmers' Market or the grocery store. Some make their livings through their art, for others art is a hobby, but they all heed the creative urge within.

A relative newcomer to Wheeler Hill in Phillips, David Scriven Crowley is an accomplished and well-known artist, receiving many awards and prizes over the 40 years he's been making art. His paintings reside in numerous private, corporate, and museum collections.

Nelda Warkentin, a part-time resident of Madrid, has been creating and marketing art quilts for more than 20 years, and her quilts are displayed in embassies around the world. Several years ago she began painting portraits and oil paintings of birds who share our environment.

Anne Richard grew up in Strong, where her love of horses brought her to paint them. She also paints what she sees around her, be it trees, the ocean, buildings, or portraits of pets.

Beryl Schmid of Mile Square Road first began weaving as a hobby. Eventually she started doing art shows from Boston to Sun Valley, Idaho, while continuing to learn from other weavers. She enjoys the process and challenge of trying to make her weavings unique.

A photographer living on Pinkham Hill, Peter Bourgelais will display photos he's taken around Phillips this summer. His work runs the gamut from general scenery to experimental works to direct political commentary.

These artists, and others, including Jeff Seaberg, Cindy Worthley, Shreya Jones, and Charlotte Gassett will display their work at the PACC to kick off Phillips' Old Home Days. The show will run from 10 to 3 on August 12. Admission is free.

Also, noted water-colorist Terry Durell's new landscapes of Mt. Blue will be on display at the Phillips Public Library from August 16th through the 19th. (Wed. 10-7, Thur. 10-5, Fri. 10-4, Sat. 10-2)

Durell, who now lives in Portland, Oregon, has been painting Mt. Blue from the shores of Mt. Blue Pond for the last ten years. She will be at the library from 12 to 1 on the 16th to meet the public.

News Briefs & Updates . . .

Chamber Meeting: The Phillips Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting at 6 pm on Thursday, Aug. 10 in the Shadagee Common Room.

A Civil War Reenactment will take place at the SR&RLRR on Saturday, August 19. Train riders can expect an exciting day on Saturday as Confederate & Union forces face off around the train. Trains on Saturday run from Sanders Station on the hour from 11 to 4.

Lantern Rides: The SR&RLRR will offer evening Lantern Trains on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18-19. Riders can experience a bygone era when railway coaches were illuminated by oil lamps. The softly lighted trains will leave Sanders Station, both evenings, at 8:30 pm and again at 9.

A No Reserve Auction will be held at the Phillips Area Community Center on Sunday, Aug. 13, beginning at 2:15. Items may be previewed at 1 pm. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Phillips Historical Society.

Monty's Trophy Room will hold an Open House at the home of Laura Toothaker at 40 River Road on Saturday, August 12, from 10 to 2.

Library Events: Landscapes of Mt. Blue and Mt. Blue Pond by noted water-colorist Terry Durell will be on display in the Board Room. Durell will be available to meet the public at a catered event on Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 12 to 1. Also, there will be a United Way Photo Exhibit in the Main Lobby of the Library depicting the many ways United Way serves our community. And on Sunday at 1 pm the Library's Duck Derby will be held at the Park by the Bridge. Watch your duck from the bridge in town as it rolls and spins down the Sandy toward the finish line.

New Lighthouse on Toothaker Pond: While you're at the Bathtub Races on Saturday, Aug. 19 (starting at 3 pm) check out the recently replaced Lighthouse on the pond. The new structure, a project of The Toothaker Pond Association, replaces the old lighthouse that was suffering from time and the weather.

A Busy Week: The above is only a sampling of all that will be happening during Old Home Days. Get the booklet for a complete listing, including Wonderland, the Flower Show, Mud Runs and Truck Pulls, events at Justafeld Golf Center, Breakfast at Lindberg Airport, the Paul G. Whittemore Road Races, the Bicycle Race, the Frog Jumping Contest, Coffee at the Community Church, a Lumbering Competition, the Annual Chicken Barbecue, the Street Dance, the Children's Parade, Open House at the Historical Society, Horseshoe and Volleyball Tourneys, a Quilt Show, sales all over town, and more.

Meeting and Event Schedule . . .

Aug. 8 - Selectmen meet, Tuesday, 6 pm, Phillips Town Office

Aug. 10 - Chamber of Commerce meets, 6 pm, Thursday, Shadagee

Aug. 16 - The Sandy River Business Association meets, 6:00, Wednesday, at Shadagee

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