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Summer's Waning Days: Five fun events to help you forget that it is almost over

September - the end of summer and the beginning of fall. The actual date of the switch from summer to fall is the autumnal equinox: September 22, 2008 at 11:44 EDT. On this day, as with all equinoxes, the sun will rise exactly in the east and set exactly in the west.

Summer is waning so now is the time to squeeze a few more summer events into your calendar before it is over. Below is a list of five interesting activities which may fit the bill. I've also included web addresses to each event at the end of the article.

1. King Richard's Faire -

(weekends Aug 30 - Oct 19) Carver, MA King Richard's Faire is a recreation of 16th century English marketplace during a summer festival. You'll discover jousting, tournaments of knights, dancers, jugglers, games, minstrels, damsels, princes and villains. There is also a zoo featuring a rather diverse collection of animals from Lions to White Siberian Tigers. Small children can enjoy pony rides. Many visitors elect to dress the part either to enhance their experience or to avoid sticking out in 21st century clothing.

2. Brimfield Exchange -(Sep 2 - Sep 7) Brimfield, MA The Brimfield Exchange is a world famous collection of antique shows and is known as the largest seasonal outdoor event of its kind in North America. No matter what sort of antiques you are interested in or (continued on p.2)

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Dates of Note:

Labor Day - 1 Sep r s

Recycling for Sep: Paper - Sep 3, 17 Recyclables - Sep 10, 24

Fall PRVA Yard Sale Saturday Sept 6th

(Rain date Sunday Sept 7) Set up 7am-9am at the front entrance

Yard Sale 9am-noon All invited to set up a table and sell your treasures!



There will be 2 dumpstersa small one for metal items and a larger one for general items-ONLY heavy items may be left in your driveway for pickup.

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no matter what your budget, you'll be able to find something of interest at the Brimfield Exchange. Along with the expansive collection of dealers you'll find a wide variety of food to fuel your search for that one (ha, did I say one?) special treasure.

3. The Great Provincetown Schooner Regatta & Yacht Race -

(Sep 2 - Sep 7)

Provincetown, MA and vicinity

If you long for the open sea or just have a love for majestic sailing ships then this is your event. Spectators may even purchase seating on board the racing vessels to experience the race first hand alongside the crew. Truly this is a unique experience. Complementing the races are shore side festivities for the landlubbers.



4. The Great New England Air Show - (Sep 6 and Sep 7)

Westover, MA

This air show is often lauded as being the best in the area and for good reason. It includes many static displays of aircraft, some of which you are

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- 4. The Great New England Air Show http://www.greatnewenglandairshow.com
- **5. The Big E** http://www.thebige.com

invited to board. The United States Air Force Thunderbirds will demonstrate precision aerial flying. Appearances by the US Army Golden Knights parachute team and the Shockwave triple engine, jet powered Peterbuilt truck are also scheduled.

5. The Big E -

(Sep 12 - Sep 28) West Springfield, MA

This humongous multi-week event is New England's largest fair. You get it all here from carnival rides, headliner performances, agricultural events, crafts, eclectic foods and even a circus. There is simply far too much to take in within just one long, fun filled day so you may wish to make plans to spend multiple days exploring the grounds of this exposition.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO CRAIG AND SARA MILLER

Craig and I were married on June 28, 2008 in Leominster, MA. We were lucky to have many guests from PRVA attending our wedding, as well as two special residents (the Coopers) who took part in our special day as members of the bridal party. We had a beautiful ceremony and an amazing reception that Saturday night, then spent Sunday relaxing with family and friends. We then flew down to Mexico on Monday for our 8 day honeymoon in the Mayan Riviera. The highlights of the trip would definitely be our visit to Chichen Itza, which included the ruins of the Mayan capital city and is now known as one of the new 7 Wonders of the World, as well as our swim in one of the Mexican Cenotes (sink holes).

Sara (Roake) Miller

5 Village Green

VERIZON FIOS -REMINDER

Verizon FiOS internet service and VoIP phone service is now available.

The Verizon FiOS package is being presented to the Town of Millbury for approval. We will likely not see Verizon television service until late September or early October.

information about FiOS.



http://www.verizon.com/fios



VERIZON FIOS - SPEED INCREASE

The base FiOS internet service plan has been increased from 5Mb/s download and 2 Mb/s upload (5/2) to 10Mb/s download and 2 Mb/s upload (10/2).

> There is no increased cost for this speed increase although you may need to call Verizon to have your service plan adjusted before you see the faster speeds.

The number to call is: 888-553-1555

Customer service is available M-F from 8am to 6pm Technical Support is available 24/7

VOTER REGISTRATION REMINDER

Please see Verizon's website for more

The last day to register for the 2008 General Election in Massachusetts is:

Wed, October 15th

The Massachusetts general election, 2008 will be held on November 4, 2008 throughout Massachusetts. Among the elections taking place are those for the office of President of the United States, John Kerry's seat in the Senate, all ten seats in the Massachusetts delegation to the House of Representatives, all eight seats in the Massachusetts Governor's Council, and all of the seats of the Massachusetts Senate and Massachusetts House of Representatives. There will also be three ballot questions: to eliminate the commonwealth's income tax; to prohibit greyhound racing; and to decriminalize possession of a small amount of marijuana. Numerous local elections will also take place throughout the state. - Wikipedia.org

PURGATORY CHASM STATE PARK - SEPTEMBER 2008 PROGRAMS

All Programs are **free** and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. For more information call Diane at (508) 234-9610.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | |
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| 7 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM The Secret Life of a Maple Tree | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 11:00 AM – Noon Kidleidoscope Kids Story Hour | 12 | 13 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Scavenger Hunt | | | |
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| Kidleidoscope Kids | Kidleidoscope Kids is a reading-based program suited for youth from 3-6 year olds. The program |
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| Story Hour | features a story, a short walk and/or a craft that focuses on nature. Parents/Caregivers are asked to accompany their child/children to this program. |
| The Secret Life of a Maple Tree | When you think about autumn leaves, you almost always picture the brilliant reds, yellows and oranges of our local maple trees. Have you ever wondered how the tree knows it's time to change color? Or why some trees turn red and others yellow or orange? Or why sometimes leaves on the same tree can be different colors? Join Valerie Paul, co-founder of Blackstone Valley Sugaring Association, on a hike to unlock the mysteries of the magnificent maple tree. |
| Chasm Tour | Get an early start and beat the crowds! Learn about the mysteries of Purgatory Chasm, both geologic and historic. How was the chasm formed? Why do chasm features have names like "Lover's Leap" and "Devil's Pulpit"? The tour is suitable for anyone who is physically able to withstand a fairly strenuous hike. Sturdy footwear with non-slip soles recommended. |
| Rock Detectives | Find out about the different rocks found at Purgatory Chasm and take the "rock detective" test. Accompany the Park Interpreter on a short hike to find examples. The activity is appropriate for anyone ages 8+, and the hike is suitable for anyone who is physically able to withstand a short, fairly strenuous hike. Sturdy footwear with non-slip soles recommended. |
| Hike to Purgatory Brook | Join our park interpreter for a hike along the new Purgatory Brook trail. We'll discuss the flora and the fauna and look for geologic evidence of the ice age. The hike is suitable for anyone who is able to withstand a moderately strenuous hike. Sturdy footwear with non-slip soles recommended. |
| Scavenger Hunt | Participants are given a list of natural items found at the park. Then join the Park Interpreter on a walk to locate and discuss their "finds". Suitable for kids of all ages. |

Purgatory Chasm State Park is located off Route 146, Exit 6, on Purgatory Road in Sutton, MA 01590. Tel. (508) 234-9610 or 508-234-3733.

GIANT CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

Ingredients Makes 16

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1-teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup packed light-brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 bag (12 ounces) chocolate chips

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, with an electric mixer, beat butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition until combined; mix in vanilla.

With mixer on low speed, add flour mixture; mix until just incorporated. With a rubber spatula or wooden spoon, stir in chocolate chips.

Drop 1/4-cup mounds of dough onto ungreased baking sheets, at least 4 inches apart and away from edges of pan. (You will fit about 4 cookies to a sheet; bake in two batches, using two baking sheets per batch.) Bake until golden, 15 to 18 minutes, rotating sheets front to back and from top to bottom of oven halfway through.

Cool 1 to 2 minutes on baking sheets, then transfer to a rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container up to 2 days.

SEPTEMBER WORD SEARCH

MONTHLY MINUTE WITH MAUREEN

remember how exciting it was going back to school every Fall. Now as an adult, with no children, | try to pass on that excitement to my niece, Erin.

It doesn't take too much because she's going into 2nd grade and very excited already. | always buy her lots of backto-school clothes, new shoes as well as some school supplies. look back to how my Aunts spoiled me with back-to-school clothing and shoes and | feel the need to do the same. Erin goes back to school on Wednesday, September 3rd and | will have her at my house the day before.

| will make sure to do something exciting with her and let her know, once again how special she is to me. guess it's all about creating as many memories as we can. We have to show the people in our lives how much we love them as often as



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possible. Life always seems so short especially the older we get.

Try to remember when you were getting ready to go into 2^{nd} grade and how exciting that was! | hope it puts a smile on your face for a little while. ~ Maureen

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