

THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

October 2016

family camping resort

Ending 10/2 – The Big E: Also known as The Eastern States Exposition, is billed as "New England's Great State fair". It is the largest agricultural event on the eastern seaboard and the seventh-largest fair in the nation. 1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA www.thebige.com

Ending 10/10 – The Topsfield Fair: The *Topsfield Fair*, America's oldest agricultural fair, will hold this year's fair from 9/30-10/10 in Topsfield, MA www.topsfieldfair.org

Ending 10/23 – King Richard's Faire is a renaissance fair held in Carver, MA, which recreates a 16th-century marketplace, including handmade crafts, foods, musicians, singers, dancers, minstrels, mimes, jugglers, magicians, comedians, puppeteers, gymnasts, exotic animals (including Siberian tigers and ligers), acrobats, mud beggars, stilt walkers, knights jousting on horseback, a royal court, and the fictional King Richard. King Richard's Faire is the longest-running renaissance fair in New England. www.kingrichardsfaire.net

10/1-10/31 - Haunted Happenings Salem – Salem Haunted Happenings began in 1982 and has been growing ever since. CinemaSalem screens "The History of Halloween" in October, and this cheeky look at Salem and Halloween will give you the background story you may be craving. Your visit may include walking tours, ghost tours, haunted houses, psychic fairs, séances and so much more. www.hauntedhappenings.org

10/2 – NRT (Natural Resources Trust of Easton) 43rd Annual Harvest and Craft Fair at the Sheep Pasture, Main Street in North Easton, MA – over 60 juried crafters and local artisans, chainsaw carvings, fabulous food, family fun, alpacas and fun for the whole family. www.nrtofeaston.org

10/6 – Welcome to the Graveyard in Norton, MA - Join us for a personalized virtual tour of the cemeteries of Norton! The Gravestone Girls' mission is to "Keep Our Dead Alive!" Brenda Sullivan will present a lecture on cemetery art, history & symbolism in a 90 minute Powerpoint format. The 'virtual tour', called "Welcome to The Graveyard", takes us from colonial burial grounds into 21st century locations, examining the evolution of cemeteries & gravestones and will be held at the Norton Public Library on 68 East Main Street, Norton.

10/6-11/6 - Roger Williams Zoo's Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular – *Join your family and friends for this amazing fall tradition*. A nighttime display of 5,000 illuminated jack-o-lanterns all along our beautiful Wetlands Trail, with well over 100 of the pumpkins carved into veritable works of art. Providence, RI www.rwpzoo.org

10/6-10/9 - Disney on Ice presents Dare to Dream - Join your hosts Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse as they share the heroic stories of four of your favorite Disney Princesses. Laugh along with Disney's hair-raising escapade, *Tangled*, as Rapunzel, Flynn and Maximus embark on an uproarious expedition that soars to new heights! Travel to the enchanted forest with Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs as she escapes from the Evil Queen. Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo! Watch as Cinderella's dreams come true with a little help from her animal friends and the Fairy Godmother. Boogie to the beat of the bayou with Princess Tiana and Prince Naveen from Disney's *The Princess and the Frog*, in a magical, musical journey. Dunkin Donuts Center, Providence, RI www.dunkindonutscenter.com/events/detail/disney-on-ice-presents-dare-to-dream

10/8-10/9 The ADA/Historic Deerfield Antiques Show - On Columbus Day Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, October 8 & 9, 2016, the Antiques Dealers' Association of America, in conjunction with Historic Deerfield, MA will bring together some of the nation's finest dealers for their annual antiques show. The show will take place on location at Deerfield Academy, surrounded by the historic houses and village setting of Historic Deerfield, in Deerfield, Massachusetts. www.adadealers.com/html/show.php

WEEKENDS

- October 7-10— Columbus Day Weekend
- October 14-16— Halloween Weekend #1
- October 21-23— Halloween Weekend #2
- October 28-30— Halloween Weekend #3
- November 4-6–
 Get Fit Weekend
- November 11-13— Veterans Day Weekend
- November 25-27— Thanksgiving Weekend
- December 1—March 31—Closed for camping
- April 1—Opening day!

10/8-10/9 The 13th Annual Cranberry Harvest Celebration - hosted by the A.D. Makepeace Company and co-sponsored by the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association and Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., is scheduled from 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. each day, rain or shine. Visitors are treated to demonstrations of the wet cranberry harvest, cooking demonstrations, an enormous tent full of juried crafters, paddleboat rides on scenic Tihonet Pond, food vendors, music, and more. Wareham, MA www.cranberries.org/festival/festival.html

10/9 + 10/29 - Harvest Dinner with the Pilgrims at Plimoth Plantation; Take a savory journey into the past. An evening of entertainment and hospitality awaits you as you sit down to a "groaning board" filled with the finest food that this season of plenty has to offer. Your Pilgrim hosts - residents of 1627 Plimoth - will spice up your dinner conversation with tales of England - old and new. Discover the table manners and recipes that traveled across the Atlantic with the Pilgrims, and find out about what happened at the famous harvest celebration of 1621. During dinner, you will be entertained with centuries-old psalms and songs and perhaps you will be convinced to join in singing a round or two. www.seeplymouth.com/events/harvest-dinner-pilgrims

10/15-10/16 - Bowen's Wharf 26th Annual Seafood Festival at historic Bowen's Wharf in downtown Newport, RI, will host the Seafood Festival Named one of the "10 Fabulous Fall Festivals on the Coast," by *Coastal Living Magazine*, this event is an open invitation to come back to the waterfront after the rush of the summer season! www.bowenswharf.com/events

10/15-10/16 The 27th Annual Harvest Festival in Sturbridge, MA; **The 27th Annual Harvest Festival** on the Sturbridge Town Common and grounds of the Publick House Historic Inn is a family fun tradition. The event includes countless local crafters, artisans, specialty food vendors and farm fresh harvests. The Publick House's Scarecrow Contest is a perennial favorite. Enter your scarecrow for a chance to win incredible cash prizes. Visit The Publick House online for more details and the complete Scarecrow Contest rules. http://cmschamber.ning.com/page/harvest-festival

10/22-10/23 – The 52nd Head of the Charles Regatta in Cambridge, MA; Since its inception in 1965, The Head Of The Charles Regatta has attracted hundreds of thousands of rowers to the banks of the Charles River. Come October, the tradition continues. It's important for athletes and spectators alike to make sure they have all the proper information to navigate our event-filled weekend. www.hocr.org/the-regatta

10/22 - 7th Annual Fall Harvest Celebration - The seventh annual Fall Harvest Celebration at Patriot Place begins behind Bass Pro Shops as Ocean Spray harvests the real working cranberry bog at Patriot Place on Saturday, October 22. The day is filled with fall activities for all ages including hayrides, pumpkin painting, live music, and more from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM! www.patriot-place.com/events/7th-Annual-Fall-Harvest-Celebration 8079#.V-rGUogrLcs

HAPPENING RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER:

- LL Bean in Mansfield, MA. Various FREE classes and events in October from fall foliage kayak tours (\$) to Introductory to Trail Running, Basic Bicycle Road Repairs and Intro to Geocaching visit Ilbean.com and see what Mansfield has to offer
- An Unlikely Story Bookstore & Café in Plainville, MA On the site of the historic Falk's Market, Julie and Jeff Kinney have created a cornerstone in downtown Plainville with an indie bookstore, a café and an event space. An Unlikely Story Bookstore and Café is a beautiful new community gathering place where you can meet amazing authors, enjoy breakfast or lunch, or relax with your new book and a beer (or glass of wine). Previously owned by Merrill Falk a beloved Yankee general store owner the market served as a nerve center for the town. Taking care to honor the building's history, we've made it our mission to rejuvenate this sense of community. www.anunlikelystory.com
- Old Country Store & Emporium in Mansfield, MA The Old Country Store has been a purveyor of old tyme provisions, oddments, fancies, decorations, house wares and elegant gifts for over 180 years. Heck, Andrew Jackson, the 7th President of the United States, was in the White House when our doors first opened! We carry a wide array of gourmet foods, jewelry, apothecary, outdoor living, home decor, furniture and lighting products from over 230 suppliers. Walk down memory lane as you select all of your childhood favorites from the old fashion candy counter. Enjoy a sampling of our homemade fudge bites or jumbo pickles from the barrel. Watch a child's face light up with the sound of our player piano and coinola. Make their smile grow with a classic game, toy, doll or puzzle from our toy shop. www.oldcountrystoreonline.com



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• Flint Farm in Mansfield, MA – This year's corn maze is a giant ear of corn with FLINT cutting through the middle. Due to drought conditions this growing season, this year's maze isn't as tall or as green as we would like. But despite uneven and shorter corn heights and dusty paths, we still have a fun design to walk through with trivia questions and hayrides available. The farm also offers ice cream fresh vegetables and all kinds of fall fun. www.flintfarmstand.com/index.php/corn-maze