



# NORMANDY FARMS

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## THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

### May 2019

May 2 – Boston, MA Stories from the Stage: All Dressed Up, some of the best nights are the ones where you have to get all dressed up. Weddings, proms, fundraising galas and more! So, put on a dress, do up that tie, and come hear all about our storytellers' experiences  
<https://www.wgbh.org/event/stories-from-the-stage-all-dressed-up>

May 4 – Easton, MA NRT's Spring Farm Festival includes farm crafts, feed the chickens, Touch a Tractor, free face painting and arts and crafts, chainsaw carving demonstration, music <https://www.nrtfeaston.org/spring-farm-festival.html>

May 5 – Boston, MA Always on the 1st Sunday in May on Boston Common, Project Bread's Walk for Hunger is the longest-running community event in the country that raises awareness about hunger and funds to support programs across Massachusetts that help residents access food! Join 40,000 people on the 20-mile [Walk for Hunger](#) and 5K run, which begin on Boston Common. <http://www.projectbread.org/walk-for-hunger/>

May 9 – Patriot Place, Foxboro Join the Mass Cruisers Auto Club on Thursday, May 9 beginning at 4:00 PM for free and exciting Cruise Night! Presented by Bass Pro Shops

May 10-12 New Bedford, MA 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Nautical Antiques Show & 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Scrimshaw Weekend at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The Nautical Antiques Show kicks off this year's Scrimshaw Weekend. The show features high-quality antiques from some of New England's most respected dealers. The Whaling Museum is the scrimshaw capital of the world, and the annual Scrimshaw Weekend is the world's only forum devoted to the indigenous shipboard art of whalers during the "Age of Sail." Founded in 1989, this gala event attracts enthusiasts from across the country and abroad who gather to share the enjoyment of this distinctive and beautiful art form. <https://www.whalingmuseum.org>

May 10 - Plainville, MA Unlikely Story Bookstore & Café features Craig Ferguson and A Memoir of Altercations, Humiliations, Hallucinations & Observations. Craig Ferguson has defied the odds his entire life. He has failed when he should have succeeded and succeeded when he should have failed. The fact that he is neither dead nor in a locked facility (at the time of printing) is something of a miracle in itself. In Craig's candid and revealing memoir, readers will get a look into the mind and recollections of the unique and twisted Scottish American who became a national hero for pioneering the world's first TV robot skeleton sidekick and reviving two dudes in a horse suit dancing as a form of entertainment. Tickets are \$28.68 and include a signed copy of RIDING THE ELEPHANT. <https://www.anunlikelystory.com/event/craig-ferguson>

May 10 – Boston, MA Return of the Swans from their winter home at Franklin Park Zoo to the lagoon in Boston Public Garden includes a parade with a brass band, a ceremony and free children's activities. <https://www.boston.gov/calendar/30th-annual-return-swans>

May 11-12 Xfinity Center, Mansfield, MA Great Woods Swap Meet, New England's Oldest and Largest Antique Auto Swap and Flea Market <https://greatwoodsswap.com/>

May 12 – Patriot Place, Foxboro, MA Alice in the Village Tea Room - You are cordially invited to dine in the Red Queen's Castle. Feast upon exquisite delicacies approved by her royal highness herself while the Tweedles provide you with service fit for a queen. But beware, don't touch the Queen's tarts, or, it's off with your head! Our tea services are interactive 3 to 7 course dining experiences by reservations only. <https://www.aliceinthevillage.net/>

#### WEEKENDS

- May 3-5—Spring Food Truck Festival & NY Weekend
- May 10-12—Mother's Day Weekend
- May 17-19—Dog's Day Weekend & Armed Forces
- May 24-27—Memorial Day Weekend
- May 21-June 2—Wellness Weekend
- June 1—Tickets on sale for Luau
- June 7-9—EMT, Nurse, Police, Firefighters & Teacher Appreciation & Founder's Day Weekend
- June 14-16—Father's Day Weekend
- June 21—Regular Summer daily Schedule Begins
- June 21-23—Hawaiian Luau Weekend
- July 3—Junior Olympics

May 12 – Boston, MA Families celebrate the Boston-based book “Make Way for Ducklings” by registering to join the Duckling Day Parade, which begins on the Boston Common at the Parkman Bandstand and ends in the Public Garden near the famous bronze duck statues, rain or shine. Wear yellow, and enjoy playtime 10 a.m. to noon. <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/events/ducklingday/>

May 14-19 Brimfield, MA Brimfield Antiques Show, America’s Oldest Outdoor Antiques Flea Market is a must visit destination for antique lovers for more than 50 years. <https://brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com/>

May 18 – Patriot Place, Foxboro You are not going to want to miss this event, a day when the sidewalks of North Marketplace at Patriot Place become an outdoor gallery for incredible pavement art. Throughout the day visitors are welcome to come and see the artwork come to life and have the opportunity to speak to the artists while they work. They will also be able to take part in a variety of spectacular family friendly activities.

May 17-19 Newport, RI Newport Waterfront Oyster Festival, Taste your way around Rhode Island with oysters from 12 different growers and four restaurants featuring flavors unique to the Ocean State. Two time slots are available daily, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM or 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and advance purchase tickets include four fresh, Rhode Island oysters and a beverage, live music, event program & tasting notes, contests and more. <https://bowenswharf.com/events>

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May 25-27 Warwick RI, Gaspee Days Arts & Crafts Festival - Come enjoy a day outside where shopping, eating, music and friends are all brought together in one place! The Gaspee Days Arts & Crafts Festival is a free, fun, and family-friendly experience that showcases over 100 fine artisans, community groups, and non-profits where you will find one-of-a-kind arts and delicious craft fair eats. Over the course of three days, Pawtuxet Park fills with live music by our hand-picked local bands while children enjoy the many amusements available. Over 60,000 people will walk up and down Narragansett Parkway on Memorial Day Weekend, enjoying the atmosphere of this long-time tradition. If you've never been, you're missing out so come join the fun! <http://www.gaspee.com>

May 26 – Wareham, MA Wareham Oyster Festival The 6th annual festival will take place on Sunday, May 26 from 11am to 5pm on Main Street in the beautiful seaside village of Wareham, Massachusetts. Enjoy shellfish purveyors from throughout southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands, and Rhode Island, plenty of other fun food options, live music, carefully curated crafters and artisans, and more. Other events during Oyster Festival Week include the Wareham Oyster 5K and an educational series. <https://warehamoyster.com/>

May 31 – June 2 Patriot Place, Foxboro - Calling all humans and their four-legged friends to save the date! DockDogs® presented by Petco will return to Patriot Place from Friday, May 31 - Sunday, June 2 to host a Spring Fling for the enjoyment of hundreds of human and canine spectators alike. DockDogs® is the independent governing and sanctioning body for regional, national, and international dock jumping canine aquatics performance sport for dogs. DockDogs® establishes the rules and standards of the sport, tracks and records results, and promotes the growth of its athletes, teams, events, spectators, and sponsors. DockDogs® will be located in front of Petco in South Marketplace.

May 26 – June 3 Sandwich, MA – Heritage Gardens Rhododendron Festival with Thousands of world-famous rhododendrons in over 100 varieties offer an explosion of spectacular blooms throughout Heritage. Enjoy a peaceful walk surrounded by walls of flowers, learn more about Heritage’s storied rhododendron legacy, participate in activities with horticulture experts, and take home one of these signature plants from the special plant sale. Take a deep dive into the world of rhododendrons. Discover how the work done by two hybridizers—Charles Dexter and Jack Cowles—contributed to the genus *Rhododendron* and created the plants that are so loved today. Guides will select the most spectacular spots for viewing these stunning plants daily. <https://heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/>

May 31 – Boston, MA Celebrity Food Festival, Guy Cooking with Best Buddies is a celebrity chef festival that includes food from 30 local chefs, wine, beer, entertainment, and Guy Fieri from Food Network in the Murr Center at Harvard Stadium. <https://www.gcwbb.org/>

Sundays in May – Pawtucket, RI – Blackstone Valley Explorer - Once polluted, the Blackstone River has recovered beautifully! On our cruises you may see swan, herons, geese, ducks, turtles, hawks and beautiful plants and trees! The tour guide explains the ecology of the river and surrounding wetlands interspersed with stories about the people and history of the region. If you have never cruised on the Riverboat “Explorer” it is something you must do; and if you have, you can join with us again and again because every time you go on the river, you see something new! The boat is available for summer camp field trips, birthday parties, and senior groups. It is an opportunity to experience the beautiful Blackstone River. The boat can accommodate up to 40 people. Visit [www.rivertourblackstone.com](http://www.rivertourblackstone.com) for locations and dates.