



NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY

National Estuaries Day was introduced in 1988 as a way to educate the public about estuaries and the need to protect and preserve them. The event generates a new appreciation and heightened understanding of our valuable estuaries. The celebration also acknowledges the efforts of agencies and local communities working together to protect and restore estuaries.

PUNKINFIDDLE

Punkinfiddle began in 2003 as part of the Wells and Kennebunk 350th anniversary celebration. Everyone had so much fun we have made Punkinfiddle an annual event. In 2006, we combined it with National Estuaries Day, which is always the last Saturday of September. See you on 9/26/2009!

OUR MISSIONS

The Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve is dedicated to protecting and restoring coastal ecosystems of the Gulf of Maine through integrated research, stewardship, environmental learning, and community partnerships.

Laudholm Trust is dedicated to advancing the coastal research, education, and stewardship programs of the Wells Reserve and to preserving its historic buildings. Laudholm strives to extend its unique legacy by galvanizing community support and inspiring actions that protect Maine's coastal environments.

2008 PUNKINFIDDLE COMMITTEE

Diana Joyner (chair)

Bill Lord - Eileen Willard

Helene Rutledge - Marla McCurdy

Karen Hull - Amy Witt - Judy Mellow

Gail DeWildt - Sarah Jolly-Ballantine

Ellen McCann - Nancy Viehmann

Scott Richardson - Tracy Kay

MUSIC

On the Main Stage

- 10:30 Kittlish
- 11:30 Erica Brown
- 12:30 Jackson Gillman
- 1:15 Kittlish
- 2:15 Jackson Gillman
- 3:15 Erica Brown

DEMONSTRATIONS

We thank the artisans and other bearers of tradition who are here today to share their knowledge. Some will be at work continuously, while others will demonstrate at specific times..

- Antique Tractor: Dennis Maher (ongoing)
- Apple Pressing: Paul Dest, Greg Holder & Jeremy Miller (10:30, 12, 1:30 & 3:30)
- Basket Weaving: Vicki Chick & Christine Smith (ongoing)
- Beekeeping: Larry Peiffer (12-4)
- Broom Making: George Polichronopoulos (ongoing)
- Butter Churning: Willowbrook Farm (noon-4)
- Carding & Drop Spinning: Anne Poubeau (10-12)
- Chair Caning: Gardner Whitney (12-2)
- Chair Making: Fred & Priscilla Chellis (ongoing)
- Dried Flowers, Grasses & Seaweed Art: Meena Demis (ongoing)
- Felting: Angela Chamberlin (ongoing)
- Floorcloth Painting: Joanna Olson (ongoing)
- Folk Instrument Making: Tom Berry (ongoing)
- Great Wheel Spinning: Diane Howes (ongoing)
- Herbalist: Janet Weaver (ongoing)
- Natural Dyed Yarn: Nanney Kennedy (noon-2)
- Quilting: Lynn Jourdan (ongoing)
- Ropes & Knots: The Landing School (ongoing)
- Spinning: Southern Maine Guild of Spinners and Weavers (ongoing)
- Stone Wall Mason: Salvatore Adinolfi (10:30, 12, 2, 3:30)
- Switchel Tasting: Wells Reserve Educators (11, 1 & 2:30)
- Violin Making: Claire Curtis (ongoing)

GAMES

Ongoing, 10:00 to 3:30

- Egg'n' Spoon Relay - Sack Race
- Wheelbarrow Race - 3-legged Race

CRAFTS

- Pumpkin Carving & Decorating
Buy a pumpkin and make it unique.
- Estuary Crafts
Create your own critters of land and sea to take home. Make a green crab, a sea jelly, insects, or owl & raccoon puppets.
- Scarecrow Making
We provide the materials. You do the work. Set your scarecrow along the entry path till you're ready to take it home.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Discover how estuaries are important to people and wildlife by searching for clues across campus. Starts at the Welcome Tent.

MENU

Morning Offerings

- Donuts & Muffins.....\$1
- Coffee, Cider & Tea.....\$1⁵⁰

Country Lunch

- Veggie Wrap & Chips.....\$5
- Hot Dog, Beans & Cole Slaw.....\$5
- Hot Dog & Chips.....\$2
- Hot Dog & Chips.....3 for \$5

Desserts & Drinks

- Brownies & Bars.....\$1⁵⁰
- Pumpkin Whoopie Pies.....\$2
- Carrot Cake.....\$3
- Beverages (cider, juice, soda).....\$1⁵⁰

WATERSHED TOUR

At 11:30 am, Intown Trolley departs on a 90-minute Watershed Tour and Narrated Trolley Ride that describes how changes in land use affect water supply and water quality in the Webhannet and Little River watersheds. Free. Space is limited. Sign up at the Entry Tent.

ESTUARY DISCOVERY WALKS

A Wells Reserve naturalist will guide you along the trail to the edge of the Little River and help you to discover the secrets of salt marshes. Sign up at the Coastal Ecology Center. (11 & 2)

MAINE COASTAL ECOLOGY CENTER

Interactive exhibits inside and in front of the CEC demonstrate the influence of humans on watersheds and coastal habitats, showcase live salt marsh animals, and explain scientific investigations at the Wells Reserve. (ongoing)

MINI-THEATER

View videos relating to estuaries, oceans, and the history of Laudholm Trust and the Wells Reserve. In the Barn Classroom. (ongoing)

HERB GARDENING

Master Gardeners of York County and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension will display information on gardening with herbs. (ongoing)

BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP

Make your own basket with expert guidance. One workshop offered at 1 pm. Materials fee is \$5. Sign up at the basket weaving table in the barn.

RAFFLES

Thanks to Bandaloop and L.L. Bean, we will raffle an Old Town kayak and a camping set containing tent, pack, and poles. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Winners will be drawn at 3:00.

HAY RIDES

Ride a horse-drawn wagon. \$3 a person.

PONY RIDES FOR KIDS

Take a little tour of the grounds. \$3 a ride.

FARMERS MARKET

Buy produce and sundries from a local.

GUESSING GAME

Win a prize... What's the pumpkin's weight?

thankyou

The Wells Reserve is one of 27 National Estuarine Research Reserve sites throughout the country. **All reserves require local funding** to match federal grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Wells Reserve is the only reserve that receives its match from a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Each year, **Laudholm Trust contributes private funds and in-kind services to support Wells Reserve** operations and capital improvements. With the support of Laudholm Trust, the Wells Reserve...

- Investigates **coastal food webs**, estuarine ecology, and salt marsh restoration,
- Facilitates watershed councils to address **water resource issues** across town boundaries,
- Provides **hands-on learning** experiences in nature to thousands of children and adults each year,
- Acts as a **mapping and technology** service center for southern Maine,
- Stewards about **2,250 acres** of precious habitats from sandy beach to upland fields and forests,
- Attracts more than **40,000 visitors** annually to its historic site.

Laudholm Trust welcomes your support. Those who donate their **time, talent, or money** to Laudholm Trust and the Wells Reserve know their investment makes a difference for coastal environments along the Gulf of Maine.

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