

June's Business After Hours:

Farmington Historical Society

The June Business After Hours for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce was hosted by the Farmington Historical Society at the Octagon House. The evening started off with live piano music, networking and enjoying some tea, finger foods and confections.

Penny Meservier, Chamber executive director, reported on the 2017 Chamber scholarship recipients and updated attendees on upcoming events including the golf classic and Foothills Fest. Jane Woodman of the Farmington Historical Society gave a history of the Octagon House. The Octagon House was built in 1858 and is one of 19 in Maine and 400 in the US. On the National Register of Historic Places, the Octagon is one of Farmington's historic downtown

landmarks. The Octagon House is opened for Chester Greenwood Day in December and is available to be rented for your celebration events. More information on the Farmington Historical Society and their concert series can be found at www.farmingtonhistory.org.

The Chamber Business After Hour



events are hosted by our Chamber members to allow for networking and for attendees to know more about the member business. We welcome anyone to attend the Business After Hours to meet our Chamber members and network. Join us on July 20th from 5-7 pm at Weber Insurance at 670 Wilton Road in Farmington.



Calendar of Events

Jul 13-16

KINGFIELD DAYS

LOCATION: KINGFIELD

Kingfield Days is back and the theme this year is Mardi Gras so start thinking about what your float is going to look like for the Grand parade! There will be some events for all ages including flower and photo contests, a cake walk where you can win some yummy desserts, a bouncy house, kids parade, glow stick teen dance, performances by Mark Gentle, Fire on the Mill Pond river raft rides, a duck race, inflatables at the baseball field, events at Sillanpaas trading post, mud football and lots more! There will be vendors and activities set up on Depot street all day Saturday. Visit www.kingfield.me/events for more information.

Aug 4, 5

35TH ANNUAL WILTON BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

LOCATION: WILTON

There will be more than 60 unique events throughout the weekend including one of Maine's largest parades on Saturday morning, vendors, performers, crafters and more with a spectacular fireworks display concluding it. This year's theme is Disney! For more information: www.wiltonbbf.com.

Aug 26

Foothills

Fest

Location:

Farmington

Time:

10am-6pm

The Foothills Fest will be held at the Farmington Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 10am - 6pm. It will feature music, demonstrations, artisans, food trucks, a business showcase and more. Indoor and outdoor spaces are available at the event for both members and non-members of the Chamber. The event will be held rain or shine. Admission is \$5 for adults and children 12 and under are free. We encourage businesses, artisans, non-profit organizations, and exhibitors to contact our office at (207)778-4215 or download a vendor application from our website, www.franklincountymaine.org/events/foothills-fest



Franklin County Chamber of Commerce awards scholarships

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce presented the David Robie scholarship to five deserving students pursuing higher education. The scholarship is named after the late David Robie who played a key role in establishing the scholarship during his time on the Chamber board. This year's recipients are Andrew Haszko who is going to Queens University for biology, Brooke-Lynn Hinkley

who plans to attend UMF for secondary education, Brianna Hinkley who is going to UMF for anthropology, Miles Pelletier who is going to UMO to study engineering, and Darby Sabin who is attending UMO and studying music and zoology.

Annually the chamber awards scholarships to residents of Franklin County

who are planning on or are currently attending a post-secondary school. These scholarships encourage higher education or continuing education for students through financial assistance. The scholarships may be used for any expense related to education including tuition, books, lab fees, and on-campus housing.

Funding for the scholarship is provided by the annual Seth Wescott & Franklin County Chamber of Commerce golf classic held each fall at the Sugarloaf golf course. This year's golf classic will be held on September 22nd. For more information contact the chamber at 207-778-4215 or www.franklincountymaine.org

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The Wilton Blueberry Festival began in 1982 with a simple Blueberry Church Bazaar and throughout the years has grown into an event that pulls in thousands of people from all around the country. The event is now a two day festival, always the first weekend in August, and has over 60 events.

On Friday, August 4th, the Americana-themed band Re-Creation will be playing a free concert at the Academy Hill School



at 7:15pm after a Flag Folding Ceremony by the Farmington Emblem Club #460 at 7pm. At 9am on Saturday the parade will kick off in downtown Wilton. This year's theme is "Disney" and cash prizes are available for the most American, Best

Looking, Most Original, Most Blueberry and Best Adherence to the Theme.

Many crafters and vendors will be set up downtown Wilton throughout the two days and several events will be taking place including yard sales, book sales, church sales, a tractor pull, doll carriage and bike parade, chicken BBQ, firemen muster, daily entertainment at the Square and a fireworks finale. Plan to join a 10K or 5K race or the 1 Mile Family Fun Run on Friday starting at 6pm. Want to put your baking skills to the test? Sign up for the Blueberry Bake Off and Chili Contest for the chance to win Chamber Bucks!

For all events information and registration forms visit www.wiltonbbf.com

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