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Fairy House Tour Returns to Portsmouth September 24 & 25: annual charity event is back as live community event!

PORTSMOUTH, NH: The annual Friends of the South End (FOSE) Fairy House Tour will be held the weekend September 24 and 25, 2022 from 10 am-3 pm both days rain or shine.

The Portsmouth Fairy House Tour is the world's largest fairy house tour with more than 250 fairy houses expected to be on display on the grounds of Prescott Park, the Governor John Langdon House and Strawbery Banke Museum. The event will also feature dance and theater performances and educational demonstrations for all to enjoy.

In addition to the fairy houses built by students, families and community organizations, the Fairy House Tour features a judged competition among select houses built by creative professionals. To learn more about the how to enter the judged competition, visit <u>www.fairyhousetour.com</u>.

"The proceeds from this long-standing collaborative community event benefit the participating nonprofit partners, including the Portsmouth Elementary Schools," noted Mary Thomas, Co-president FOSE. "Since the Fairy House Tour began, FOSE has reinvested more than \$300,000 in South End organizations and in the Portsmouth community as a whole, which really amplifies the magic of this special family event."

Tickets, which will be available in advance either online or at select Portsmouth retailers, are \$30 per family, \$12 per adult, \$8 per senior and \$4 per child ages 3-12. Tickets purchased on the day of the event will be \$15/adult, \$10/senior, \$5/child ages 3-12, and \$35 for families of two adults/ two children or one adult/ four children. Fairy House tickets include full admission to all the Strawbery Banke Museum historic houses and to the Governor John Langdon House.

Inspired by local New Hampshire author Tracy Kane's Fairy Houses Series®, and produced by Friends of the South End, the annual Fairy House Tour attracts nearly 10,000 families and fairies each year. FOSE is currently seeking sponsors for the event. If interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Debra Smith, Event Manager at dcsmith238@comcast.net.

For more information about the event schedule, the Artist Invitational details or to volunteer or purchase tickets, visit <u>www.fairyhousetour.com</u>.

## About Friends of the South End

The Friends of the South End (FOSE) is a nonprofit corporation in the South End of Portsmouth, NH. FOSE's mission is to foster a cooperative, neighborly spirit; encourage preservation of the neighborhood's historic character; promote public safety; monitor and

disseminate information about important developments in Portsmouth and the South End; and protect and enhance the quality of life in the South End. Membership is open to others who share the goals of the organization. For more information or to become a member, please visit <u>www.friendsofthesouthend.org</u>.