

Press Release

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PRESCOTT PARK ARTS FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF THE FAIRY HOUSE TOUR PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH END



In partnership with Governor John Langdon House, The Gundalow Company and Strawbery Banke.

PORTSMOUTH, NH (August 5, 2022): Prescott Park Arts Festival is delighted to announce the return of Fairy House Tours, presented by Friends of the South End.

Join us for a rekindling of the beloved annual family-friendly outdoor event, Fairy House Tour this September on Saturday the 24th and Sunday the 25th from 10am - 3pm, rain or shine!

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FAIRY HOUSE TOUR

Come see hundreds of enchanting fairy houses on display on the grounds of the Strawbery Banke Museum, Governor John Langdon House, Prescott Park Arts Festival, and The Gundalow Company. Plus, enjoy fairy-inspired performances by the Southern New Hampshire Dance Theater and New Hampshire Theatre Project throughout the weekend. Presented by Friends of the South End, all proceeds benefit local schools and nonprofits.

"Even though the pandemic forced us to suspend the Fairy House Tour in Portsmouth for a couple of years, our commitment to area schools and nonprofits has remained steadfast. The return of this event is long awaited and will be joyfully received by all who are eager to get out and engage in family friendly events. This year's event is sure to fulfill this overwhelming need and so much more," explained Mary Thomas, Co-President Friends of the South End

This is a community event offering fun, food and activities for the whole family. The Arts Festival will have lots of fun kid swag at the Merch Booth. The Prop, the Arts Festival's onsite kitchen, will offer a special limited menu.

"We at the Arts Festival always enjoy being a part of the Fairy House Tour. It's wonderful to collaborate with our community partners like Friends of the South End, Gundalow, Strawbery Banke, and Governor John Langdon House in this special way," commented Courtney Perkins, Executive Director of Prescott Park Arts Festival. "We love bringing the community together and seeing families enjoying the park together, especially for such a great cause."

This year's Fairy House Tour is sponsored by McNally Software, Newburyport Bank, and Seacoast Dwellings, with the opportunity for more sponsors to get involved.

"If you've never been to the Fairy House Tour, it's a must to add to your calendar," **said Lloyd L. Hamm, Newburyport Bank President & CEO.** "There are fairy houses on display of course, but so much more including food and family activities. It's a wonderful event for adults and children alike, and the funds raised benefit local schools and nonprofits. That's something we're always proud to support, and we encourage others to do the same."

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Tickets are on sale NOW for the 2022 edition of the Fairy House Tour. Learn more by visiting FairyHouseTour.com.

Tickets are valid for entry on either Saturday, September 24 or Sunday, September 25. Each Fairy House Tour ticket includes admission to each of the historic museums and their grounds. This is a rain or shine event.

"An event of this size requires many hands to produce successfully. We are particularly excited by the early influx of volunteers from the University of New Hampshire, area non-profits and the beneficiary school PTO's. While more are needed, we can say with confidence, it's going to be a magical weekend...rain or shine! Together, we will create a magical event and ultimately, a better community," **shared Debra Smith, Event Manager, 2022 Fairy House Tour**





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FACT SHEET

Founded in 1974, the festival stays true to its mission of accessibility to the arts by offering all of its events with no fixed admission. The 2022 Fairy House Tour is presented by the Friends of the South End and offered in partnership with Governor John Langdon House, The Gundalow Company, and Strawbery Banke.

About Prescott Park Arts Festival

For nearly 50 years, Prescott Park Arts Festival has served the Seacoast community with family-friendly entertainment, inspiring artistic offerings, providing a public place to gather and share unique experiences. In an idyllic natural setting along the Piscataqua River in beautiful downtown Portsmouth, the Festival presents more than 90 arts events to nearly 150,000 people each season including a film series, music festivals and concerts, food festivals, dance, children's events and the signature summer musical. Accessibility is deeply rooted in the Festival's values and we proudly have a suggested donation model to ensure that everyone has access to these diverse, family-focused performances.

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About Friends of the South End

Friends of the South End (FOSE) is a nonprofit corporation, (501) (c) (4), dedicated to building community and preserving the unique character of the South End historic district of Portsmouth, NH. We advocate for the interests of the neighborhood and for the greater good of the city beyond.

http://www.friendsofthesouthend.org/

About Historic New England/Governor John Langdon House

Historic New England is the oldest and largest regional heritage organization in the nation. We engage diverse audiences in developing a deeper understanding and enjoyment of New England home life by being the national leader in collecting, preserving, and using significant buildings, landscapes, archives, stories, and objects from the past to today. https://www.historicnewengland.org/

About The Gundalow Company

The nonprofit Gundalow Company's mission "to protect the Piscataqua Region's maritime heritage and environment through education and action" is more important than ever. Thousands of students each year spend a few hours sailing onboard the world's only Piscataqua Gundalow. The Gundalow Company is committed to working in partnership with those who have been historically and are currently excluded from access to and stewardship of the local waterways.

https://www.gundalow.org/

About Strawbery Banke

Strawbery Banke's mission is to promote understanding of the lives of individuals and the value of community through encounters with the history and ongoing preservation of a New England waterfront neighborhood. We bring history and people together for delight, discovery, and learning.

https://www.strawberybanke.org/

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