

## Heritage Day Press Release

The Town of Poland will be joining in the celebration on May 29th at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Poland Spring Heritage Day. The event opens at 10 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. This family-friendly event is held on the beautiful grounds of Poland Spring Resort. Mark you calendars and do not miss this summer kick-off!

The free entertainment includes four different musical groups, The Bushwhackers Band from Boston, The Cantus Choir, Poland High School and the new offspring of Grassholes, as well as a Poland Players group doing some Shakespeare. The kids can enjoy a rock climbing wall, obstacle course, sack races, eight carnival games, a local-celebrity dunk tank, and the ever-popular doughnut-eating contest. And for those of you who wager, do not miss the Cow Patty Bingo.

The event boasts numerous activities for young and old alike. Tours of the historic properties will be offered in horse-drawn wagons, and exhibitions in blacksmithing, twitching and harrowing will be offered. There is a free "Magic of Water" show, as well as tours of the Maine State Building, All Souls Chapel, and the Bottling Museum and Springhouse.

There will be numerous fun golf games in which to compete, as well exhibits by the Sabbathday Shakers, Harvest Hill Farms and the Maine Wildlife Park, all partners of "The Gems of Route 26." [www.gemsof26.com](http://www.gemsof26.com)

Numerous local artists, craftsmen and community groups will be on hand and there will be food and drink galore, including fried dough, cotton candy, burgers, sausages and fries. If you would like to display your wares, you must reserve a space. Please call Linda at # 998-4589. All proceeds go to local charities and the Poland Spring Preservation Society.

So join the estimated 2,500 visitors that will be on hand for Heritage Day! There is no admission fee and there is ample parking for all. The rain date will be on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm.