

# Farmington Valley Visitors Association Newsletter

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## Farmington Valley Visitors Association

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### New FVVA Members

We're pleased welcome

Chris and Ron at  
Joe Pizza's 2 valley  
locations:

2 Wilcox Street  
Simsbury, 06070  
217-0312

and

140 Albany Turnpike  
Canton, 06019  
693-1265

Please also welcome  
Margie, owner of  
Nannies As Needed, LLC.,

your reliable source for daily,  
short term and emergency  
[baby sitting services](#) for you

Dear Farmington Valley,

We are here with the monthly Newsletter! Take a look at what September has to offer. You can navigate on the left side with "In This Issue", or scroll through. Enjoy!

### Office Highlights

The deadline for advertising in our 2011 Guide to CT's Farmington Valley is September 15th. Don't be left out. Showcase your business with a display ad. If you purchase a 1/2 or full panel, you'll receive "feature member status" on the Home Page of our website. Call us ASAP and reserve your spot!

### BROCHURES, BROCHURES, BROCHURES!

We have been inundated with requests for our guide and your brochures. We remain dangerously low. PLEASE call to check the status of your brochures. Feel free to just send or deliver 50-100 copies.

### RESTAURANTEURS:

We've received some of menus within the last few weeks, but we still need menu's from everyone. Please send or deliver 25 copies of your new Summer/Fall menus in an 8 1/2 x 11 format to the FVVA office so we can create our Menu Guides and distribute them to libraries and hotels. If you send/or deliever extra copies, we will put them in the brochure racks in our Office Lobby.

Our Monthly Newsletter is the perfect way to "get the word out" about your business. Free publicity about your news, sales, and events will be seen by over 600 individuals and businesses, and will be on the website for a month. Don't be left out! The deadline for the October Newsletter is September 15th.

### Member News Updates

The Simsbury Chamber of Commerce invites you to their 2010 Home Improvement Show, September 11th from 10 am to 4 pm on Iron Horse Boulevard. Learn invaluable tips and tricks from the "pros" plus the newest in products and services. For more information, call 661-7307.

The New England Air Museum has placed three additional historic aircraft on display: a one of a kind Doman Helicopter built in Danbury in the early 1950's, a beautifully restored Ryan PY-22

and your family.

They provide dynamic, energetic childcare, and have been caring for children since 1988. Stop by the office for their brochure or call 992-3280

[NanniesAsNeeded@aol.com](mailto:NanniesAsNeeded@aol.com)

## Haunted Miniature Golf

Ghosts, Goblins, Ghouls...

Get Ready..

**FVVA's 3rd Annual Haunted Miniature Golf at Farmington Miniature Golf & Ice Cream Parlor opens October 21st.**

If you'd like to be involved with the planning, or are just waiting for the opportunity to dress up in costume and help out in the evening, let us know! We'd love to include you as part of our "HMG" family. There are exciting surprises ahead!

**SAVE THIS DATE !**  
October 20th from

Trainer from WWII and a Chinese built MiG-15. The Russian MiG-15 was the Communist bloc's first operated jet fighter and was a worthy adversary during the Korean War. Since the Air Museum has just completed construction of a new 12,000 sq. ft. cold storage hanger, expect to see additional aircraft that have been in storage for years. For more information, call 623-3305.

The Simsbury Historical Society has become a Blue Star Museum participant, and will offer free admission to military personnel and their families throughout the year. In partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star families, more than 700 museums across America participate. For more information, call 658-2500.

My New Wardrobe in Riverdale Farms (Avon) has spectacular Spring & Summer merchandise sales. Clothing, shoes and more from 40-50% off and even more on higher clearance. Call 678-7087 for more information.

## Save these Dates!

FVVA's Historic Sites Committee announces it's Second Historic Barns/ Working Farms Tour on Saturday, October 16th. This seasons "tour" will showcase Flamig Farm, Tulmeadow Farm, Holcomb Farm, and a Tobacco Barn. The tour will leave from Iron Horse Boulevard promptly at 9:30 am and will return around 4:30 pm. Participants will travel in air-conditioned comfort on a Post Road Stage Bus. The tour includes lunch, and is \$35.00 per person. A Kick-Off Lecture by Todd Levine of the CT Commission on Historic Preservation is scheduled for Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 pm at the Simsbury Historical Society. Admission is free for tour participants, and \$5 for those unable to attend the tour. For more information, call FVVA at 676-8878.

The Avon Historical Society's annual "Cow Chip Raffle" will be held on October 16th at the Simmons' Family Farm on Tillotson Road in Avon. Well fed cows will be let loose on the grid, and they then will "let their chips fall where they may!" To participate, you need to purchase a "square" for \$5. Tickets will be available at Walmart from 8/28 to 9/18 from 10-2, at Avon Day on September 25th, through [www.avonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.avonhistoricalsociety.org) or by calling Sharon at 677-4690. You need not be present to win.

## September Events

**Happenings in the Farmington Valley  
Created by the Farmington Valley Visitors Association**

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

2 Holcomb Farm Potluck Social and Film Festival, Holcomb Farm,

5:30 to 8:30 pm.

FVVA invites you to a  
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP  
EVENING of Haunted  
Miniature Golf.

Learn the "in's and out's" of the course, compete against your friends, vie for the best costume and lowest score prizes. Refreshments, 18 holes of Haunted Miniature Golf, prizes, ice cream and more for just \$5 per person.

You'll be getting more information shortly, so keep your eyes open.

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Simsbury, 7:00pm, Free. Bring a dish to share, your own place setting and chair/blanket. Film begins at dusk, visit [www.holcombfarm.org](http://www.holcombfarm.org)

2 Join The Mark Twain House & Museum Executive Director, Jeffrey L. Nichols, as he discusses Jon Clinch's novel, *Finn: A Novel*, along with *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* at this free event at the Mark Twain House at 5 pm, 280-3136

3 Nathan Day performing at the New Hartford Farmers Market, On the Green in Pine Meadow, 4-7 pm

5 Journey Around Farmington, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 10 am, 677-4787

5 First Sunday Gallery Talk, "The Art of the Frame", Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 1pm, 677-4787

5 First Sunday Guided Estate Walk, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 2 pm, 677-4787

5 Hill-Stead Museum's FarmersMarket, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington 11 am-2 pm, 677-4787

10GregHoffman performing at the New Hartford Farmers Market, On the Green in PineMeadow, 4-7pm

10LunchtimeTrail Walks, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 12 pm, 677-4787

10NighttimeMoth Walk, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 7:30 pm, 677-4787

Hill-Stead Museum's FarmersMarket, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington 11 am-2 pm, 677-4787

11Home Improvement Show 2010, Simsbury Chamber ofCommerce, Iron Horse Blvd, Simsbury, 11am-4pm, 651-7307

12ArtLecture "The Art&Interiors of Hill-Stead", Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington 2-4:30 pm, 677-4787

12-16"The September Special" at ArtsExclusive Gallery, Simsbury, 651-5824 visit [www.arts-exclusive.com](http://www.arts-exclusive.com) for hours

14Lunchtime Trail Walks, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 12 pm, 677-4787

15 Preschool Art & Nature Adventures, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington 10 -11 am, 677-4787 RESERVATION REQUIRED

15 "Going Up in a Down Economy" Workshops, Old Avon Village, Avon, Workshop One, 9am-noon, Workshop Two, 1pm, \$35 for each workshop or \$45 for the day (includes lunch), Call 529-5579 or email [nfrede@aol.com](mailto:nfrede@aol.com)

17 Chris Sheehan performing at the New Hartford Farmers Market, On the Green in Pine Meadow, 4-7 pm

18 17<sup>th</sup> Century Connecticut Symposium, Stanley-Whitman House, Farmington, 9am-3:30 pm 677-9222

18&19 Simsbury Woman's Club Arts and Crafts Festival, Iron Horse Blvd. Simsbury, 10-5pm, Rain or Shine

19 Hill-Stead Museum's Farmers Market, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington 11 am-2 pm, 677-4787

19 Dinner on the Hill, Benefit Event, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington 4:30 pm, 677-4787, Purchase tickets online at Dinner on the Hill webpage

19 "Got Cider?" Demonstration on how to make sweet and hard

cider, just as the Colonists made it. **Adults only.** Registration Required, 1-2:30 pm Stanley-Whitman House, Farmington, 677-9222

24 Sweetheart Mountain performing at the New Hartford Farmers Market, On the Green in Pine Meadow, 4-7 pm

24 Lunchtime Trail Walks, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 12 pm, 677-4787

24 Evening Theme Tours, "Spiritualism", Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 5-7 pm, 677-4787

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Freedom Trail Tour hosted by the Farmington Historical Society, it will begin at the First Church of Christ Congregational at 10 am. Tour takes 2 hours. Please call 678-1645 to reserve space and purchase ticket.

25 Sam Collins Day, Canton's Town Celebration, on the field at Canton Spring Road, 10-4 pm

25 Avon Day, Avon's Town Celebration, on the field at Pine Grove School, 11-6:30pm

25 Tour of Old Farmington, take the pleasant walking tour of historic Farmington and hear the wonderful old stories about Farmington long ago, 1-3pm, Stanley-Whitman House, Farmington, 677-9222. **Registration by Sept 17th**

25 Greensward Getaway Walk, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 2pm, 677-4787

25 Smithsonian Day, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 10 am-4 pm, 677-4787, Attendees must present Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day Admission Card, download from

[www.smithsonian.com/museumday](http://www.smithsonian.com/museumday)

25&26 Avon Arts Association presents their 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arts & Crafts Show, Old Avon Village, Avon, 10am-5pm, Rain or Shine, Free Parking, Free Admission

26 Hill-Stead Museum's Farmers Market, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington 11 am-2 pm, 677-4787

28 Lunchtime Trail Walks, Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, 12 pm, 677-4787

29 Fall Brown Bag Lunch Series: "To Shaving Yer Face Ye Past Year" 12-1 pm, Learn about the role of the barber and their tools in Colonial America, Stanley-Whitman House, Farmington, 677-9222, Reservation requested but not required

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Sincerely,

Nancy Anstey and the Farmington Valley Visitors Association