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2010 Nantucket Festivals & Chamber Events

Chamber of Commerce's Daffodil Festival Weekend • April 23 - 25, 2010

From early-April to mid-May, over three million daffodils of every color, shape and size bloom on Nantucket Island. This blossoming, and the advent of spring itself, is the focal point of the Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce's Annual Daffodil Festival. The Festival's grand event, held is the Antique Car Parade, featuring over 100 daffodil-bedecked antique cars (pre-registration necessary for participation.) After winding through town and across the island to the charming village of Siasconset, participants join residents and visitors for the Daffodil Tailgate Picnic. Other highlights include the Nantucket Garden Club's Daffodil Show, The Annual Daffy Dog Parade, Children's Daffodil Parade and The Daffy Hat Pageant. Organized by Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce: 508-228-1700, NantucketChamber.org.

Nantucket Wine Festival • May 19 - 23, 2010

A multi-faceted exploration of food and wine emphasizing Nantucket's historic celebration of all things gastronomic. For over twelve years, Nantucket Island becomes host to over 100 wineries of international acclaim with special events including celebrity chef cooking demonstrations, seminars, auction and new Lunch Symposia. Come sip wine in grand homes and dine in Nantucket's world-class restaurants. 508-228-1128, NantucketWineFestival.com

Nantucket Film Festival • June 17 - 20, 2010

For over ten years, the Nantucket Film Festival has been renowned for its eschewing of Hollywood glamour and its focus on the substantive art of screen writing. The festival boasts independent films, celebrity panels and readings and the annual screenwriters tribute. 508-325-6274, NantucketFilmFestival.org

Nantucket Comedy Festival • July 27 - 31, 2010

A festive event bringing great comedy to Nantucket while supporting local charities. Hosted by funnyman Kevin Flynn and other notable comedians. 917-612-3597; NantucketComedyFestival.com

Sandcastle and Sculpture Day • August 21, 2010

Islanders and visitors create masterpiece sandcastles and sand sculptures on Jetties Beach. The contest lasts all afternoon and ribbons are awarded in various categories. Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce & Nantucket Island School of Design & Arts: 508-228-1700, NantucketChamber.org

Nantucket Arts Festival • 2010 Dates TBA

A week-long celebration of the cultural arts on Nantucket, featuring theatre, music, dance, visual arts and literary events. Venues available throughout the town of Nantucket. Nantucket Arts Council: 508-325-8588, NantucketArtsCouncil.org

Fall on Nantucket • September - November 2010

Celebrate the relaxed pace of Fall on Nantucket with a wide variety of fall events such as a Cranberry Harvest Festival, Nantucket Historical Association Harvest Fair and the Chamber of Commerce Chowder Contest (Oct. 16, 2010.) Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce: 508-228-1700, NantucketChamber.org

Nantucket Restaurant Weeks • Spring: June 7 - 13 & Fall: Sept. 27 - Oct. 3, 2010

Enjoy special pricing and unique menus at many of Nantucket's finest restaurants during Nantucket's Restaurant Weeks in the Spring and Fall. Three course dinners offered at \$25 and \$45 make these events not to be missed! N Magazine & Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce: 508-228-1700, NantucketRestaurantWeek.com

Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Stroll Weekend • December 3 - 5, 2010

Nantucket is particularly enchanting during the holiday season, when New England's finest traditions come alive for the Annual Christmas Stroll Weekend part of Nantucket Noel, a month-long celebration. The Stroll Weekend is a community holiday celebration attracting visitors from around the world. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive to the island via a Coast Guard vessel and ride up Main Street in a horse-drawn carriage accompanied by the Town Crier. Carolers in Victorian costumes, bell ringers, student choirs and other musicians perform on the Main Street stage as well as stroll through town performing, all the while visitors can enjoy Nantucket's unique shops and restaurants. Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce: 508-228-1700, NantucketChamber.org.