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Schiller Park celebration

## Living history stations among attractions

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It was a fairy tale wedding fit for the movies, when a young Columbus socialite married into Prussian royalty.

Amelia May Parsons, whose father George McClellan Parsons was a wealthy state legislator, married Prince Ernst Manderup Alexander zu Lynar of Prussia at Trinity Episcopal Church May 16, 1871.

As the legend goes, the two visited Schiller Park as part of small ceremony, where the prince planted an oak tree to commemorate the end of the Franco-Prussian War.

When the tree came down a century later, it was replaced with another one by Friends of Schiller, a group that helps maintain the park.

Such historical remembrances will be part of the living history stations at the day-long bicentennial celebration Sept. 9 in Schiller Park.

The weekend festivities will start at 7:15 p.m. Sept. 8 with the lighting of the Schiller statue.

"Reading about history is educational, visiting historic sites is interesting, but watching history come alive is transformational," said Katharine Moore, chairwoman of Friends of Schiller Park.

Creative emphasis will be added by Actors' Theatre of Columbus, whose offices are located in the caretaker's cottage in the park. The troupe will perform scenes from the various eras of the park's history.

"All of the moments we're going to enact, all of the little scenarios, were chosen from significant moments in the life of Schiller Park," said John S. Kuhn, artistic director of Actors' Theatre.

"I think it will be a fun experience for the audience to understand the history of this really unique park in Columbus."

LIVING HISTORY >> <NONE>



### Nice horsey

Alina Krishnasetty, 1, of Columbus looks at one of the life-sized chess pieces at the Columbus Commons Saturday, Aug. 25, in downtown Columbus. PAUL VERNON/THISWEEKNEWS

## Committee: Shield periodicals boxes on Third Street

By **GARY SEMAN JR.**  
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A group charged with beautifying South Third Street said one of the first orders of business is to clean up the unsightly periodicals boxes.

The German Village Society's streetscape committee laid out a few different scenarios in physically shielding the boxes from the roadway.

At a meeting Aug. 21, committee members said there are three clusters of the boxes along the commercial strip that are visually unappealing.

They're different colors and sizes, some are worn and others are empty.

Grass and weeds are growing around the receptacles, which are set so close to the road they can block some passengers from exiting automobiles.

So, the committee presented some ideas for decorative barriers that would their being viewed from passersby.

Suggestions included decorative wrought-iron fencing, colored panels or a trellis design that allows ivy to weave through the metal.

There was some discussion about using boxes similar to those that have been installed downtown but that scenario needed additional study, said Tim Bibler, who is chairman of the streetscape committee.

Bibler said he had called some of the periodicals vendors, but has little success contacting people in charge.

In some places, it appeared companies had installed newer containers but didn't remove the old ones, he said.

He said the committee isn't against the boxes, but wanted to display them "in a more presentable way like they did downtown."

To help defray the cost of the screens, the committee will apply for a slice of the Joseph A. Jeffrey Endowment Fund, administered by the Columbus Foundation, which goes toward beautification projects and other programs throughout central Ohio.

COMMITTEE >> <NONE>



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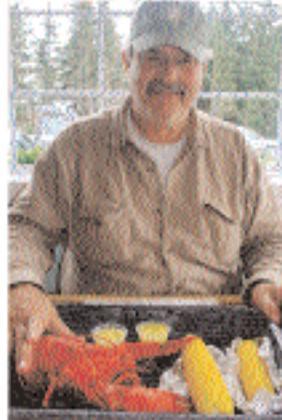


# New Hampshire and Maine: Quintessential New England

By Aaron Leventhal

Green mountain ranges, rocky coastlines, charming historic villages and picturesque seaports await the visitor to rural New Hampshire and Coastal Maine. Far from urbanization, congested highways and big box commercialism, these New England states will delight your senses and nourish your soul. Hike, sail, fish, whale watch, kayak, canoe, gallery hop and sightsee. Or just lay back and relax.

This past June, my wife Beth and I traveled through rural New Hampshire's White Mountain region and Coastal Maine. We stayed in hospitable bed and breakfast inns, explored the mountains and seacoast, visited a vast array of quality attractions and returned to Columbus energized by a truly memorable tour.



Travel writer Aaron Leventhal at Beal's Lobster Pier

was formerly a sea captain's house. Owned and managed by Jim and Fred, it has 15 guest rooms, gourmet breakfasts, outdoor pool, hot tub, and views of the harbor and Atlantic Ocean.

**Dining:** New England specialties abound, including boiled lobster, crab cakes, steamed clams, sea scallops, fresh fish, baked beans and blueberry pie. Our favorite was The Captain's Gallery on Beal's Lobster Pier, just a short walk from the

788-4823) is steps away from Camden Harbor. Built in 1835, the inn features 21 guest rooms, English-style gardens and meals prepared by award-winning chef and innkeeper Michael Salmon, who has cooked for the Beard House and Julia Child. Sumptuous breakfasts are included in the room fee, as well as complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the late afternoon. The chef prepares a different five-course dinner nightly.

**Dining:** The Lobster Found in nearby Lincolnville Beach is open daily for lunch and dinner, with a large menu; Manner's Grill overlooking the falls, serves breakfast all day and lunches of homemade soups, sandwiches and seafood platters. Around the corner from the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland is Café Miranda, open daily for dinner with an internationally inspired menu.

**What to do:** Begin your visit with a delightful two-hour windjammer sail aboard The Surprise. Captains Jack and Barbara Moore will entertain you with seaoning tales as you cruise past islands, lighthouses and wildlife in Penobscot Bay. Ride to the summit of Mount Battie in Camden Hills State Park for a spectacular view of the bay. There are



View from Franconia Inn, New Hampshire

dozens of quality art galleries and specialty shops in downtown Camden. Cellardoor Vineyards, in the rolling hillsides near Lincolnville Beach, has free wine tastings and a retail shop. The Farnsworth Art Museum in nearby Rockland has a nationally renowned collection of 19th and 20th century American art, along with the Wyeth Center, with a permanent exhibit of works by three generations of Wyeths, N.C., Andrew and Jamie.

**If you go:** I suggest flying into Manchester, N.H. This will save you four days of driving, lodging and other expenses. Rent a car at the airport and begin your trip with a visit downtown to the Currier Museum of Art, noted for its fine American and European collections.

**The White Mountain Region, New Hampshire** is New England's most mountainous region with Mt. Washington its highest peak at 6,288 ft.

**Where to Stay:** Franconia Inn (800-473-5299), features 35 cozy guest rooms, fine dining and the Rathskeller Lounge in a quiet, country setting just minutes away from all major natural attractions.

**Dining:** The Littleton Diner serves up comfort food near the landmark 1798 Littleton Grist Mill; Polly's Pancake Parlor in Sugar Hill is noted for its pancakes, waffles and French toast topped with pure maple sugar; and the Woodstock Inn Station and Brewery offers casual dining on its outside patio.

**What to do:** The Flume Gorge in Franconia Notch is famous for its 90-ft. granite walls and wooden stairways leading to waterfalls and wooded trails; Lost River Gorge in Kinsman Notch offers guided interpretive tours along glacial gorges; the Mt. Washington Auto Road takes visitors to the summit, or ride the 80-passenger Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway. Frost Place, the 1859 farmhouse of poet Robert Frost, offers tours and a nature walk featuring his poems.

**Acadia National Park, Maine,** on Mount Desert Island, is a day's drive through hilly countryside. Rooster's Roadhouse in the beautiful mountain village of Bethel, Maine, is an excellent stop for lunch. Stroll through its vibrant downtown with its collection of shops and galleries.

Acadia covers one-third of the island and is the only national park in the northeast. You'll find 130 miles of hiking trails, 45 miles of carriage roads open to bicyclists, sand and cobbles beaches, lakes, glacier-carved mountains and numerous quaint villages.

**Where to Stay:** Lindenwood Inn (800-307-5335), on the quiet side of the island in Southwest Harbor,

inn, where lobsters right off the boat are served on picnic tables overlooking the harbor. Café Drydock serves delicious, fresh seafood in Southwest Harbor's Village Center and Galyn's in Bar Harbor is popular for homemade soups, salads and a myriad of seafood dishes. In Acadia National Park, Jordan Pond House is noted for its formal afternoon teas and baked popovers served in the garden.

**What to do:** Begin with an hour-long narrated island tour on Old's Trolleys through Bar Harbor, once the summer playground of the rich and famous, and up to the summit of Cadillac Mountain; the Whale Watch Co. has daily cruises aboard a jet-powered catamaran with naturalists pointing out whales, seals, coveys, porpoises and seabirds; a Lulu Lobster boat ride offers a glimpse into the life and work of the Maine lobster fisherman.

Other attractions include Acadia Air Tours for scenic flights in vintage biplanes and gliders; Bar Harbor Brewing Co.'s daily beer and wine tastings; and Historic Harbor Walking Tours, for a two-hour, guided tour of Bar Harbor with tales of life during its glorious Victorian heyday. Bar Harbor's thriving downtown has dozens of galleries, shops, pubs and cafes.

**Maine's Midcoast,** with its jagged cliffs meeting the Atlantic Ocean's rocky coastline, is the state's most popular resort destination. Camden, a picturesque seaside village on Penobscot Bay, has attracted artists, writers and vacationers for centuries with its luxurious mansions, vibrant downtown and busy harbor. To its south is Rockland, claimed to be the "Lobster Capital of the World" and home of Farnsworth Art Museum. Freeport, home of LL Bean, boasts more than 100 factory outlets.

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