



This Deerfield Fair mural tells it all.

A Day at the Deerfield Fair Thursday, September 29, 2022

A Pictorial Review

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Yes, it that time of year! Peggy Tucker, her family and I went to the 145<sup>TH</sup> [Deerfield Fair](#) on a gorgeous, beautiful, and sunny fall day. The Fair began in 1876. It has happened every year in late September since then except for 1943, World War II and 2020, COVID-19. Here is our day.

We arrived. There was bumper to bumper traffic getting there, ample, guided parking, and pleasant long ticket lines. Everyone was happy to be there.



Senior Days - \$9.00 (65 and older, Thursday & Friday only, tickets purchased at GATE ONLY)

And just like in Arlo Guthrie's *Alice's Restaurant*, you could buy anything you want. This included huge shipping containers, weird stuffed animals, borderline distasteful tee shirts, signs and mugs, and caricature portraits.



Shipping Containers



Funny animals



John McCann's *The Fun-ny Side of Life* stand

Peggy posing for a different form of selfie

There was a moment of arms across the aisle, where Republicans and Democrats agreed on what a great event, the Deerfield Fair is. Both say vote this November 8.



Right, Republican, Liz Thomas, Londonderry and left, Democrat, Joan Hamblet, Portsmouth  
They were both from their respective party's booths. .

There were the huge variety of both tame and scary midway rides.



Then, there were wood cutting and wood working demonstrations.



Throughout the day and into the evening, there was amazing live, engaging and satisfying entertainment programs.



Bandstand Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals

Picture by Peggy Tucker

Farm Museum Performances



Harvest Stage



Relaxation Stage



The death defying The Flying Wallendas-Family Circus and High Wire Acts  
And, in the School Building. the Nottingham School shone.



Nottingham Art Gallery picture from *Knightly News*

And, of course, there were the horse events.



The Horse Show-riders with poise and precision   The Horse Pull with strong horses and great team coordination

Then there were fun to eat fair foods including the fried dough and chicken on a stick. And, there were some of the Fair's favorite eating spots.



The huge line for Sam, Joe & Eds

There was history there.



The [Civilian Conservation Corps](#) (CCC).

As evening came on, there was the pumpkin contest.



Pictures by Peggy Tucker

The Deerfield Fair continued its tradition as New England's Oldest "Family Fair" and a part of many generations who come every year.

At the end of the day everyone was tried. But we all had a great day.



In the dairy and beef area.

Here are reflections on my day at the Fair. First of all, there was too much to see and do in one day. It was both overwhelming and delightful the choices one has to make. In that same idea, there was too much great food to eat in one day. In the same theme, I was amazed at how many different shows and events were happening at the same time-impossible selections. I realized many of the booths, stands, concessions, and food trucks owners participated in a yearlong fair circuit. I still am terrified by watching the Flying Wallendas. I wished they used nets! The weather was perfect. I never saw so many motorized wheelchairs-so glad most everything was handicapped accessible. There were things for all ages. A great time was had by all.

The Fair runs from September 29-October 2, 2022.

