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Virginia's Upcoming Fall Festivals

by Kim Amboy

Fall is finally upon us! Why not celebrate the cooler temperatures and autumn colors by attending any one of our delightfully entertaining harvesttime festivals? Consider the following:

Virginia Beach Neptune Festival SEPTEMBER 25-27

Every year, hundreds of thousands fill 30+ boardwalk blocks for daily concerts on two stages, 200+ artisans at the Art & Craft Show, and 22 international sand sculptures at Neptune's International Sand Sculpting Championship. Other weekend events include Neptune's 8k Race, Grand Parade, Dock Dogs, Touch-a-Truck, Poseidon's Playground, Volleyball Tournament, Surfing Classic, Atlantic Regatta, Youth Art Show, and more!

<https://www.visitvirginiabeach.com/>



Alexandria Art Festival SEPTEMBER 26-27

This juried art festival showcases exceptional artists from across the country. Located in Alexandria's historic Old Town, the vibrant Eisenhower East district features parks, open spaces, and popular retail and entertainment venues. Recognized by Sunshine Artist Magazine as one of the nation's Top 100 Art Shows, the festival celebrates quality, diversity, and creativity in one of America's leading arts communities.



<https://visitalexandria.com/events/24th-annual-alexandria-art-festival/>



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<https://gravesmountain.com/apple-harvest-festival-first-3-weekends-in-october/>



Suffolk Peanut Fest OCTOBER 8 -11

The Peanut Fest is a huge event known for its family-friendly atmosphere, amusement rides and live music, as well as an abundance of fantastic events such as big air Doc Dogs jumping contests, art competitions, demolition derby and motorcycle rally, and so much more. Combined with fireworks, local and national entertainment, the Peanut Fest delivers a fun-filled weekend for all ages.

<https://www.suffolkpeanutfest.com/>

Richmond Folk Festival OCTOBER 9-11



As one of Virginia's largest events, the Richmond Folk Festival is a free, three-day celebration held along Richmond's historic riverfront. Among the events highlights are performing groups representing a diverse cultural array showcased on six stages.



<https://www.richmondfolkfestival.org/>

Urbanna Oyster Festival NOVEMBER 6-7

Downtown Urbanna plays host to the nation's oldest annual oyster celebration. This two-day event showcases over 50 food vendors, multiple parades, and historic tall ships, as well as some great live music, not to mention the Virginia Oyster Shucking Contest, where champion shuckers compete for speed and precision to advance to the national championship.

<https://urbannaoysterfestival.com/>



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Let's Go! Deltaville - Middle Peninsula Area

by Taylor Armstrong

Is there more to do in Deltaville than just fishing? You bet there is! While the fishing is exceptional on the Chesapeake Bay, land lovers can find plenty of fun and educational activities.

An excellent source of history and boat-building traditions can be found at the **Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park** (287 Jackson Creek Road). This 36-acre scenic waterfront location on the shores of Mill Creek is home to a variety of activities including interactive exhibits, a nature park, and a family friendly wooden boat building experience. The park offers walking trails, a pier, free creek cruise, kayak launch, and children's garden. The museum has an impressive display of boat replicas and plenty of information on the history of the Chesapeake Bay. Do you know how the Bay was initially formed? Visit the museum to discover the 35-million-year-old event. The pavilion, which is rentable for social events and even weddings, is surrounded by the beautifully landscaped waterfront and available year-round. www.deltavillemuseum.com.



Don't miss the opportunity to take a cruise on "Jenny May," available 9am-1pm, the fourth Saturday of the month, May-September. The park's tranquil backdrop is also home to the **Holly Point Farmers Market**, also on the fourth Saturday of the month, May-September, and boasts local veggies, fruits, honey, artisan cheeses, baked goods and many homemade items.

Seafood is always in abundance at **J&W Seafood Market** (16552 General Puller Hwy), a family tradition for more than 30 years that offers a wonderful assortment of fresh seafood, prepared foods, and a selection of fine wines, craft beers and gourmet items. Bring your cooler along for the trip because you will find plenty of goodies to take home. If you are planning on fishing or crabbing while in the area, they have you covered with a large selection of supplies and bait. www.jandwseafood.com.



Head to the **Deltaville Ballpark** (100 Ball Park Road) to see Virginia's oldest all wooden baseball stadium. Built in 1948, this nostalgic find hosts the semi-pro Deltaville Deltas. Concerts, festivals, community events, and weddings also take advantage of this historic site. Major renovations over the years have helped to preserve the small town feel of crab pot fencing and the beautifully landscaped grounds add to your baseball experience.



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INGREDIENTS:

- 4 thick cut bone-in pork chops, 1.5" to 2" thick
- ½ cup ketchup
- 3 tbsp honey
- 2 tbsp low sodium soy sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- ½ stick butter

DIRECTIONS:

Sear chops in an iron skillet on medium to high heat with butter and olive oil for 5 minutes on each side. Do not move chop until ready to flip. Place the entire skillet in a preheated 375-degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes until the internal temperature reaches 145 degrees. Place chops on a plate and rest for 5 minutes before slicing. While chops are in the oven, mix ketchup, honey, soy sauce and garlic in a saucepan and bring to a low boil. Remove from heat and set aside to serve alongside chops.



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH @ 11 AM - 3 PM

The **3rd Annual James River EcoFest** at the **James A. Buzzard River Education Center** is a celebration of nature, sustainability, and community. There will be a marketplace of artisans and vendors, activities, and information about sustainable living. (TheJamesRiver.org)



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH @ 5 PM

Country Jam III is back with fun for all, including line dancing, bounce houses, a mechanical bull, and corn-hole. Larry Fleet, John Morgan, Kelsey Hart, and more take the stage at the **Hanover Vegetable Farm**. (HanoverVegetableFarm.com)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH @ 6 PM - 9 PM

North America's largest interactive true crime murder mystery dinner show, **The Dinner Detective**, will be at the **DoubleTree Hotel** at 1021 Koger Center Blvd. (TheDinnerDetective.com)



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH @ 11 AM



Enjoy two fun-filled days of music, dance, food, and culture at the **43rd Festival of India** at the **Greater Richmond Convention Center**. There will be a cultural program, many different types of Indian cuisine, and vendors selling traditional Indian clothing, jewelry, and more. (TheFestivalOfIndia.org)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH @ 11 AM

Twisted Carrot Farm and the **Lakeside Farmer's Market** present the **Lakeside Fall Fest**, featuring plenty of local vendors, as well as food trucks, music, and a craft workshop. (TwistedCarrotFarm.com)



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH @ 11 AM

Get creative at **Artful Gatherings: Exploring Creativity Together** at the **Perkinson Center**. The art activities are designed for all ages and abilities. (PerkinsonCenter.org)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH @ 9:30 AM - 3 PM

The **30th Annual Glen Allen Day** at **Crump Park** will include over 100 vendors, food stands, bands and entertainment, and an area with children's activities. (GlenAllenRuritan.com)



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