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Dutchess County Fairgrounds Welcomes Spring with a Full Slate of Activities

Rhinebeck, NY – As springtime approaches in the beautiful and bucolic village of Rhinebeck, the Dutchess County Fairgrounds is once again a premier destination for Hudson Valley fair and festival goers. The multitude of activities scheduled for the upcoming season on the Fairgrounds' 144 acres is as varied as the weather.

On April 30, the Fairgrounds kicks off the season hosting the Autism Walk & Expo of the Hudson Valley.

A favorite for antique car enthusiasts is the **Rhinebeck Antique Car Show & Swap Meet** on May 5 – 7. Car collectors can search for lost treasures amongst the many swap meet vendors that have engulfed the grounds and spend hours strolling through the endless field of impeccable antique cars.

May 20 – 21 **The Northeast Outdoor Sports Show** will make its debut at the Fairgrounds. This is a show for those with a deep passion for anything and everything pertaining to the great outdoors. Fishing, Hunting, Boating, Camping, Cycling, Recreational Vehicles and Travel will be featured at this one of a kind show brought to the Hudson Valley. This event will also play host to various workshops, seminars, celebrities, children's activities and more! Memorial Day weekend May 27 and 28 **Barnstar Antiques at Rhinebeck** will transform the facilities into an antiques destination.

June 2 - 4, the **Country Living Fair** returns promising great shopping, seminars and demonstrations, delicious food and a chance to meet the editors of Country Living Magazine. June 9 – 11 the **Goodguys Rod & Custom Car Show** roars back into town for the East Coast Nationals. Cool Cars! Good People and Good Times! Looking for that one-of-a-kind, made in America gift? Be sure to mark your calendar for the **Rhinebeck Crafts Festival** on June 24 and 25 where some of the most acclaimed artists and makers will showcase their handmade wares and fine art to the public.

June 30 and July 1, experience the evolution of the motorcycle in all its three dimensional glory at the **Rhinebeck Antique Motorcycle Show**. Enjoy the spectacular shows, delicious eateries and magnificent Fairgrounds during this amazing weekend. July 29 **The Insane Inflatable 5K** extreme obstacle race is made up solely of inflatable obstacles that will challenge, surprise and leave you bouncing for more!

The **Dutchess County Fair** on August 22 through the 27, remains the second largest agricultural fair in the state. For six days, fairgoers eat, drink and can be amused by the antics of the hundreds of farm animals on Livestock Hill. The Fair features non-stop family entertainment and a thrilling midway. Hours are 10am to 10pm daily; for more information visit www.dutchessfair.com.

September events start on the 9th and 10th with the **Hudson Valley Wine and Food Festival**. Experience wines, distilled spirits, craft brews and gourmet specialty foods all in one beautiful location. Before heading home from the Wine and Food Festival, be sure to stop at **Potter Brothers Ski, Snowboard & Clothing Sale** that takes place on the fairgrounds that same weekend. You never know what off season bargains you may find. **The Color Run** returns for its second year on September 30th. This is a five-kilometer, untimed event in which thousands of participants, or “Color Runners” are doused from head to toe in different colors at each kilometer. It’s less about the 10-minute-mile and more about having the time of your life!

Barnstar Antiques at Rhinebeck is held October 7 and 8. The season ends with the popular and unique **NYS Sheep and Wool Family Festival**, October 21 and 22. This show presents hundreds of sheep, llamas and alpacas, crafts and fiber artists, cooking demonstrations, sheep dog herding and Frisbee dog shows and fleece to shawl competitions. Wineries and specialty foods, Two by Two Petting Zoo and the funny antics of Mad-Science are also featured during this fun-filled weekend.

Commenting on the 2017 season, Fair Manager, Andy Imperati said, “We always look forward to spring and to present our exciting line up of events to our community”.

For more information about any of the events at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds visit www.dutchessfair.com or call [845-876-4000](tel:845-876-4000).

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