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Annual Footsteps in History program extends cultural celebration

PAWTUCKET - The 3rd Annual Footsteps in History program, the year's largest showcase of the Blackstone River Valley's cultural and historical attractions, is extending its celebration over 24 weekends.

The new companion program called "24 * 24 * 24," features 24 planned events taking place over 24 weekends in the 24 communities of the Blackstone River Valley, and will be held in addition to the regularly scheduled Columbus Day weekend attractions. The program will run from now until Nov. 24.

"Based on our overwhelming success from last year and visitor feedback, we have decided to grow the program. We will now showcase one cultural or historical event or site during each weekend from now through November," said Lorraine Provencher, Footsteps in History coordinator.

"Visitors can explore a new Blackstone Valley treasure each weekend for the next 24 weeks, including concerts, tours, open houses, craft fairs, festivals, competitions, hay rides, auctions and more."

The Footsteps in History program, now in its third year, drew about 15,000 attendees in 2006, up 11,000 from its inaugural year.

Here is a sample of the other events visitors may enjoy during 24 * 24 * 24:

*Saturday, July 28, Mendon, Mass. - Helping Hands Day at Southwick's Zoo

Saturday, Aug. 4, Central Falls - Concert in the Park at Jenks Park

*Aug. 11 -12, Sutton, Mass. - 250th Celebration & Fiddle Concert at Waters Farm

*Sunday, Aug. 19, East Providence - Tour of Museum at Hunt House

*Monday, Sept. 3, Woonsocket - Open House at Museum of Work & Culture

*Sunday, Sept. 16, Pawtucket - 14th National Watermedia Competition at Slater Park

*Saturday, Sept. 22, Upton, Mass. - Craft Fair at Sweet William Farm

See footstepsinhistory.com for event details or pick up a brochure at area visitor centers. Call 1-800-454-2882 for more information.

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