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CAPON SPRINGS, WV



Columbus Day Weekend Highlights

Even though rain is needed as much this year as last: summer like sunny days are dominating the weather patterns once again this holiday weekend. Those who came Thursday were treated to a postcard perfect steak dinner on the hill. A picturesque sunset was pierced by the sight of the shining International Space Station cruising across the sky at the appointed 7:20pm. On Friday evening, the Meeting House was packed with 3rd & 4th generation families eager to get their chance at winning fabulous Capon food shop prizes. Glenn Austin called the numbers, providing his deep voice to the evening excitement. Jack Young cashed in his prize from winning the token hunt last year and served as guest caller.



On Saturday afternoon, the Spring House tour went off as scheduled as young and old saw the famous water at its source. As guests filed past the large pumpkin on the Main Front Porch; it gave them a second look for the "Guess the Weight" contest. All entries have to be turned in by 8:15pm Saturday to be eligible for the prize: a Capon T-shirt or hat of your choice. The winner will be announced at the old fashioned campfire sing-a-long and hot dog roast Saturday night.

On Sunday morning after breakfast, Capon's naturalist Fred Viers will lead guests on a hike along the Blue Trail—down Teaberry Hollow. Sunday ends with the 27th Annual Film Festival hosted by Capon guest Kevin O'Sullivan. This year's event features four sections: a Pixar threesome from the early years; a BBC duet about Planet Earth (grass and jungle); Crab Orchard Critters (a festival favorite) and In Memoriam featuring a sample of two gifted entertainers who left us too early this year- George Carlin, Cyd Charisse. (On Monday morning, don't forget to head to Hog Heaven for the feeding of the pigs.)



What is new in 2009?

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to come for a Capon style *mystery, history and mayhem weekend*? We are planning on having an exclusive adults only pre-opening weekend **April 24-26, 2009**. So here's your chance to help us make it happen. Spread the word, tell your friends, organize a group! If we get enough interest we will do it! Think how much fun it will be to have a mystery theatre troupe to provide the feature entertainment, a new Capon trivia Capon show to provide the history, and a 2009 version of the Caponchase adventure to provide the treasure hunt mayhem. Throw in a professional ghost hunt and this new weekend has the potential to be quite an amazing Capon experience.



There are no extra charges for these special activities and rooms will be assigned on a first come-first served basis. Reserve early to get your favorite place!

Renovations 2009

After tackling the Meeting House and rooms in the Fairfax last winter, this off-season's maintenance project involves redoing the interior of the Austin. The last of the guest lodging facilities to get a remodeling job, the Austin will be gutted out and enlarged in the back toward the Hygeia Bath House & Spa. The first floor back rooms will now have private porches and all rooms will have extra space in their sleeping and bathroom areas.



Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

10/9 FRANK CAESAR

10/11 HERBERT HUGHES –80TH

10/11 J.T. YOUNG

10/13 DENNIS MARQUIS



ANNIVERSARIES

10/10 John & Kelly Cook

10/12 Al & McKenzie Inigo-13th

10/12 Arnold & Sandra Ratner–
50th celebration

Family Gatherings



This weekend several families are represented by members of three generations: Adams, Baldwin, Bedner, Berube, Diepold, Dingfelder, Dykstra, Horst, Hughes, Lindeman, Kerstenstein, Moody, Perkins, Ratner, Rauh, Sella, Williams and Young. The Finneran and Riddle families are 4 generations strong!



Faith

“We often mistake confidence for faith. Faith is the inner spiritual knowledge of the Creative Force of the universe. It is an attribute of the soul. As God is, faith is.”

Lou Austin,
co-founder of Capon,
from an anthology of his work
compiled by his daughter
Claire Kay Austin Bellingham

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Golf Benefit



For the 5th straight year, Gail Oliver has organized a golf outing for Sunday afternoon to raise money for the Michael J. Fox Foundation, in celebration of the life of her mother, Dot Moorhouse. With visits of a month or more every Spring and Fall, Dot (affectionately known as “Mrs. Mo”) was the undisputed queen of Capon visits with 1492 nights spent here. Once again, best ball foursomes will enjoy a friendly battle for Apple Butter and non-golfers will socialize at the first tee, while raising money to find a cure for Parkinson's.

Apple Butter Making



From September 29th through October 9th, the Capon apple butter production was overseen by “snitter sisters” Lydia Hott and Ann Holliday. This year almost 750 pints and 85 gallons of regular apple butter were made. Due to the high demand last year, half pints of regular apple butter totaled 1210, almost twice as many as the year before.

The process begins with the “Peeling Crew” coring and peeling about **125 bushels** of Golden Delicious apples, grown at a local orchard. The apples are inserted onto the corer with one hand and the wooden handled crank is turned with the other, moving the knife blades around the apple, thus removing the skin. The apples drop into a barrel ready for the next step: “snitting” - cutting them up into small pieces.

The apples are washed and then gradually added to two huge copper kettles which are suspended over wood fires. The apples are stirred continuously with long wooden paddles for about eight hours. Vanilla and sugar are added. Then, while the apple mixture is still hot and bubbly, it is poured into glass jars and sealed.



Get a clue!



A Capon version of the popular board game Clue appeared in the food shop last Sunday night. The brainchild of Melissa McGready, Angela Zeman and Kathy Schultz, the same principle of using characters, locations and tools are applied to familiar Capon subjects. Melissa spent from this past June until late September building her prototype and she couldn't wait to unveil it during her visit with her two friends earlier this week.

The main difference between this family friendly version and the original is that no one gets killed. Instead, you must find where the character “Kay Pin” is, find out what she needs and who can help her. So, is she in the Ping Pong House looking for a golf club from Tom Austin? Try the game and see!