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**THE 56<sup>th</sup> OFFICIAL VERMONT MAPLE FESTIVAL**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

THE THEME: *Maple ~ The Heart of Vermont*

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Vermont Maple Festival's 2023 weekend is now in full swing planning. It's time to plan a trip and enjoy the Fifty-sixth celebration – fittingly, the theme is **Maple ~ the Heart of Vermont**. Let the Vermont Maple Festival launch you into the basics of maple and the host of ways that it can be used. 2022 was a remarkable year for syrup producers, and 2023 is looking great so let

Vermont Maple delight your taste buds in 2023. ***Vermont Maple the official Flavor of Vermont!***

Vermont Maple Festival will kick off at 12:00 Noon on April 28, 2023, with an Honor Guard presentation from ROTC Enosburg High School, National Anthem and Welcome. The announcement of the winners of the Maple Photo Contest, Sappy Art Contest, Window Contest and the 2023 Maple Festival Parade Marshal. The Mayor Tim Smith will be present to also join us for the annual Maple & Milk toast to celebrate the two largest agricultural businesses in the State. At the Exhibit Hall you will find the Maple Syrup contest winners & display, a Maple Store, Maple Cooking Contest winners & display and Festival Merchandise. Enjoy a cup of coffee with a Maple cream frosted donut or a Maple Creemee. There will be an education display along with Maple Cooking demonstrations. In the Taylor Park enjoy Maple Cream Frosted Doughnuts, Maple Creemee, Maple Cotton Candy and other maple value foods; Kids Activities and Face Painting; A dog show on Saturday in the park for family enjoyment; A fantastic Juggler & Fire show. Kids Center at the BFA Performing Arts will bring another great kids program from Yo Joe! What a guy! Along with a New open mic singing. The Youth Talent Show is on Friday night at the BFA Performing Arts Center, along with the Fiddlers Show on Saturday night. There is a craft show and Antique Show. The annual *Sap Run* on Sunday; Free Main Street Stage Entertainment all weekend featuring Quality Artist with Vermont's favorite *8084* on Saturday; Maple Syrup tasting at the Sugarhouse in the Park; St. Albans Historical Museum will be free & open to tour; Maple Cotton Candy and Maple additions to the Main Street vendors food court; Vermont's renowned Sugar-on-Snow; relax in the grand old Taylor Park with a newly re-built fountain and places to picnic; a downtown of intriguing restaurants & shops; wrapping up with our annual Parade at 12:00 NOON on Sunday with floats, bands and colorful costumed characters and talented local artist *Isaac French* on the Main Street stage after the parade. Carnival rides for the young!

With this return we will have a full version of the annual Vermont Maple Festival! Bring back the enjoyment of celebrating the first Agricultural crop of the year, Vermont Maple Syrup and Springtime in Vermont. The Festival has been a frequent subject of the media: television features, including Food Network, national news and magazine articles, and has been highlighted in books including *Amazing Festivals: Hundreds of Small-Town Celebrations* and *1000 Places in the U.S. and Canada to See Before You Die*.

Many of the events at the Vermont Maple Festival is free of charge, and handicapped accessible. Overnight accommodations are available in St. Albans, Enosburg Falls, Colchester and Burlington. There are many Bed & Breakfasts or Air B&B's around the area.

Tap into all there is to

***SEE, LEARN, SAVOR and DO at the Vermont Maple Festival!***

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