

20th Annual Margareta Days Festival & Craft Fair

June 19 & 20, 2026



*The 251st Anniversary of the First Naval Battle
of the Revolution
United States of America's 250th Birthday!*

**Festival Venue: Middle River Park in Machias
Craft Fair and Parking at Lee Pellon Center
FREE Admission to the Festival - Bring the whole family!**

Parking is at the Lee/Pellon Center, except for Handicapped Parking at Middle River Park Lot on the hill

Friday Evening, June 19, 2026

6:00 pm: Join the **Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine** as they raise the Liberty Pole and perform a skirmish between the Patriots and the Redcoats at Middle River Park overlooking Middle River!

MUSIC by the **Piscataqua Rangers Jr Fife & Drum Corps**. See them here: [Facebook.com/rangersfifeanddrum](https://www.facebook.com/rangersfifeanddrum)

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Visit the Festival Information Booth:

Located on the lawn between the Lee/Pellon Center and the Downeast Trail Riders train car.

9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Margareta Days Craft Fair

Held at the **Lee Pellon Event Center** and curated by **Machias Historical Society** Crafters, Historical Society and other Exhibitors

9:00 to 3:00 Colonial Day at Middle River Park

Visit the **Reenactors' Encampment** featuring demonstrations for all ages of colonial era tools, skills, weaponry, and food preparation. Demonstrations include blacksmithing, spinning, leatherwork for children, tanning hides, Astronomy, fire starting, primitive fishing, herbal practices, and alewife fishery.

Food: Meat pies by ARISE and Tex-Mex sandwiches and sides by Liberty Kitchen, Worcester Balsam Farm

9:00 am: Parade for all in view of Middle and Machias Rivers.

Join the Machias Historical Society Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine, Piscataqua Fife & Drum Corps, visiting Reenactors and Community members.

Parade starts at Dunkin Donuts, moves up the Rail Trail to Middle River Park

9:45 am: Revolutionary War Reenactors present a skirmish between the Patriots and the Red Coats with music provided by the **Piscataqua Rangers Jr Fife & Drum Corps**

10:00am - 2:00 pm: Carriage Rides by Whispering Pines Stable

10:30 am: Welcome Ceremony, followed by a prayer delivered by the Reverend and Mrs. James Lyon, first minister to Machias, reenacted by Ray and Patricia Estabrook

12:00 Noon: Historic ballads presented by Stephen Sanfilippo

1:00 pm: Revolutionary War Reenactors present a skirmish between the Patriots and the Red Coats with music provided by the **Piscataqua Rangers Jr Fife & Drum Corps**

1:45 pm: Speakers describing historical events will add to the festivity!

“The Battle of the Margareta”

“Reverend James Lyon”

“Eddy’s Rebellion”

“Life and Times of Ephraim Chase”

“Hannah and Rebecca Weston”

Local Events to Enjoy!

June 20, 2026 - Noon - 3:00 pm: Tours of the historic Burnham Tavern Museum by Hannah Weston Chapter DAR

June 20, 2026 - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm: Visit the “Battle of the Margareta” exhibit at the Gates House Museum at 344 Port Road, Machiasport, Maine

June, 2026 - The first of the Kitchen Summer Concert Series (tba)

See updates to this schedule on our webpage at

www.machiashistoricalsociety.com