May Shakespeare Festival

May has been proclaimed "**Shakespeare Month in New London**" by the New London Selectmen. The proclamation commemorates a month-long series of Shakespeare-related events in town, culminating in the production of ***Othello*** at the Colby-Sawyer theater by the NorthEast Shakespeare Ensemble.

Don't Miss The Celebration!
Here's the Schedule:

Saturday, May 1 May Day Festival on the New London Town Green
11:45 am - Parade along Main Street to Town Green

Noon - Rites of May (Morris dancers)
Procession of the May Queen and her Court
Homage to the new Queen
(Bagpipes, soft pipes and fiddle)
Shakespeare Madrigals (Kearsarge Chorale)
Crowning of the May Queen
Coronation Celebrations
(Morris dancers, Bagpipes)
Dancing around the May Pole
Children of May (Morris dancers)
Making of May Day Baskets
Children's Games
Renaissance music (Members of the Kearsarge Community Band)
ChocolateFest

Saturday, May 8
Shakespeare, the New World and the Flowering of our Mother Tongue.
11 am to noon, New London Town Office Crook Room, Co-sponsored by Adventures in Learning and the NorthEast Shakespeare Ensemble
Morris Edwards, a NESE Board member who has done several courses on English history for Adventures in Learning, will discuss how Shakespeare's plays and the founding of America propelled English into the world's richest and most dominant language. English tea and biscuits (cookies) will be served.
Admission is Free.
Call 526-7718 for reservations.

Saturday, May 15
Screening of the entertaining comedy, "Shakespeare in Love"
4 to 6 pm, New London Town Office Crook Room
Hosted by the Center for the Arts
Winner of Best Picture and six other Academy Awards, the movie finds a young Will Shakespeare struggling with writer's block until he regains his muse by falling in love with a young actress. A treat for the entire family. English tea and biscuits will be served.
Admission is Free.
Call 526-4444 for reservations.

Friday, May 21
Gala Opening Night of *Othello* at the Sawyer Center Theater
The Center for the Arts will be hosting a gala dinner before the opening night performance, followed by a post-performance Champagne and dessert reception and Meet-the-Actors party. For information on the gala dinner and reception, call the Center for the Arts on 526-4444.

May 21 through 30
Eight Performances of *Othello* at the Sawyer Center Theater
Imagine the thrill of seeing *Othello*, Shakespeare's ageless tragedy of love, jealousy and betrayal, performed locally by an outstanding cast of experienced Equity actors! That's the treat in store, starting on May 21. Evening performances begin at 8 PM, with matinees on May 23, 26 and 30 starting at 2 PM.
Tickets for *Othello* are only $25 and are available from the Box Office at 526-8600.

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May Is Shakespeare Month In New London

NESE press release

The Town of New London has proclaimed May "Shakespeare Month in New London" to commemorate a month-long series of Shakespeare-related events in town, culminating in the production of *Othello* at the Sawyer Center theater by the NorthEast Shakespeare Ensemble (NESE).

Othello opens on Friday, May 21, and runs for eight performances through Sunday, May 30. The events are being organized by the Center for the Arts, which promotes and sponsors the fine and performing arts in the Lake Sunapee region, in conjunction with Destination New London and NESE.

Marcus Naylor plays Othello.

Festivities begin on Saturday, May 1, with the popular English custom of celebrating May Day with singing and dancing around a tall, flower-bedecked May Pole on the New London Town Green. New London will become the Olde London of Shakespeare's time for the day with a parade, the crowning of a May Queen, and dancing around a May Pole.

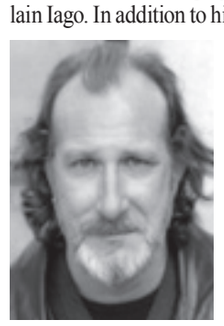
Bagpipers and Morris dancers will perform in their traditional costumes, choristers from the Kearsarge Chorale will sing Shakespeare madrigals, and members of the Kearsarge Community Band will play Renaissance music from the gazebo. Youngsters will be taught how to dance around the May Pole and will be further entertained with a variety of games and traditional May Day Basket-making.

In addition, the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its popular ChocolateFest at nearby Colby-Sawyer College.

The celebrations continue on Saturday, May 8, with a presentation entitled *The Impact of Shakespeare and the New World on Our Mother Tongue* in the Town Office's Crook Room, starting at 11 AM. Co-sponsored by NESE and Adventures in Learning, the 45-minute presentation will be given by Morris Edwards, a NESE board member who has done several courses on English history for Adventures in Learning. He will discuss how Shakespeare's plays and the founding of America propelled English into the world's richest and most dominant language. English tea and biscuits (cookies) will be served.

On Saturday, May 15, the Center for the Arts will host a free showing of the entertaining comedy, *Shakespeare in Love,* in the Town Office's Crook Room, starting at 4 PM with English tea and biscuits. Winner of Best Picture and six other Academy Awards, the movie finds a young Will Shakespeare struggling with writer's block until he regains his muse by falling in love with a young actress.

Finally, on Friday, May 21, the Center for the Arts will be hosting a gala dinner before the Opening Night performance of *Othello,* followed by a post-performance champagne and dessert reception and Meet-the-Actors party. The cast for Shakespeare's ageless tragedy of love, jealousy, and betrayal is headed by experienced Shakespearean actors Marcus Naylor, who has the title role, and Jefferson Slinkard, who plays the arch-villain Iago. In addition to his Shakespeare roles, Mr. Naylor has appeared at the Kennedy Center and in productions of *Law and Order.* Mr. Slinkard has directed and acted in several Shakespeare plays, including *Twelfth Night, The Tempest, Much Ado About Nothing,* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream.*


Jefferson Slinkard plays Iago.

Evening performances of *Othello* begin at 8 PM, with matinees on Sunday, May 23; Wednesday, May 26; and Sunday, May 30 starting at 2 PM. Tickets, which only cost $25, may be ordered from the Box Office at 526-8600. For information on the gala dinner and reception, call Center for the Arts on 526-4444.

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