

Planning for 2020 Yankee Homecoming has begun. Each year many, many dedicated volunteers have come together and put their creative talents and minds to work to bring Yankee Homecoming to life. This has been happening for 63 years. Think about that. What started as celebration to bring the folks back home, and entice new tourists to visit, has mushroomed into an amazing nine day festival and celebration for all.

Some of these folks have been at it for over 30 years and beyond. A big thanks goes out to Margette Leanna, who has organized the Art of the Mall for over 40 years. Volunteers like Margette, choose to give back to their community. If you ask them, they will tell you it's because it's fun. It is. There is nothing like seeing a festival come together that showcases the best of us, and know that you have played a part.

We need all kinds of volunteers. There are jobs big and small. If you only have an hour, we have something for you to help with. If you'd like to work with a group of friends, we can help you do that to. No offer of help is too small and ALL ideas will be considered!

Join us on Wednesday, October 16th from 6-8pm upstairs at Michael's Harborside to learn about all the possibilities and opportunities, meet other volunteers, ask questions and share your ideas so we can build upon what started out in 1958 as a *National Pilgrimage Back East* and let's make this a year to remember.

Let's all work together to welcome folks home and make this year's celebration something very special. I look forward to seeing you on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Gratefully,

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