

2023 Grifton Shad Festival 51st Anniversary

Schedule of Activities and Events

January 2023

Jan. 1st Shad Fishing Contest begins

February 2023

Feb. 18th Fish Stew Cook-off, 11am at Depot

March 2023

Mar. 20 – 24, Coloring Contest

April 2023

April 1st Miss Grifton Shad Queen Pageant,
Grifton School Auditorium, 7pm

April 11th Fishy Tales Story Telling Contest
Grifton School Media Center, 6pm

April 13-15th Fun Time Amusement & Rides
Thursday, 13th, 5pm – 9pm, Wrist Bands \$15
Friday, 14th, 5pm – 10pm Wrist Bands \$20
Saturday, 15th, 10am – 10pm, Tickets Only

April 14 – 16th, Shad Shack – T-shirts & Novelty
Items For Sale
Thursday, 13th 5pm. – 8pm
Friday, 14th 5pm – 8pm
Saturday, 15th 9am– 8pm

April 13 – 15th Mo's Pub & Entertainment
Thursday, 13th 8pm – 10:30pm Local's Night
featuring Lonnie Britton
Friday, 14th 4pm – 11:30pm
Saturday, 15th 1pm – 11:30pm

April 14-15th Market Place & Craft Vendors –
Lawn at First Citizens Bank

April 14– 15th Food Vendors – Queen Street and
Town Commons

April 14th Shad-O (bingo) School Cafeteria, 7pm –
9pm, Great Prizes!

April 14th Musical Entertainment, Grifton Train
Depot

6:30pm – 8:30pm Don Cox Band
9pm – 11pm Bad Addiction Band

April 15th

10am Parade Reviewing Stand
Opening Remarks, Mayor Pro Tem, Claude
Kennedy; Commentary by John Moore, MC
Introduction of Grand Marshal

10:30am Grifton Shad Festival Parade

11:45am Presentation of Parade Trophies by
John Moore, Master of Ceremonies
Presentation of Fishing Trophies by Randall
Hart, President, Grifton Shad Festival

10am – 4:30pm Helicopter Rides by Total
Flight Solution at River Road/Horse Stables

10am – 3pm Petting Zoo and Pony Rides by
Briley Farms, Queen Street

10am – 5pm Antique Tractor Show by Gerald
Cuttington, Queen Street

12 Noon, Musical Entertainment presented by
Joseph Scott, Parade Reviewing Stand

12 Noon, Grifton Shad Festival Fish Stew
presented by Lion's Club, Town Commons

12 Noon – 6pm Sky High Entertainment, Queen
Street. Stilt walking by Sky, Juggling & Bubble
Entertainment, LED Robot Stilt Walking, Fire
Juggling Show

12 Noon, 2pm & 4pm Protown BMX Stunt Team
West Queen Street

12:30pm -1:30pm. - Dinosaur Meet and Greet by
Ed's Dinosaurs Live, McCrae Street

1:30pm & 3:30pm - Circus Stella, Town Commons,
Circus Acts and Rescued Dogs

2pm – 5pm Shad Toss, between bank and depot

2pm – 5pm Dunking Booth, Queen Street

2pm – 6pm Gospel Music by Anthony Gonzales

Throughout the Day – Captain Jim Is Magic,
Queen Street, High Energy Magic and Sword
Swallowing

April 15th Entertainment

Grifton Depot and Queen Street

1pm - 2pm Authentic Mexican Dance Team

2pm - 3:45pm Open Mic

4pm - 5:30pm Morgan & Company

6:30pm - 8:30pm Donald Thompson Band

8:45pm - Drawing for Raffles

9pm - Fire Works!!***

9:10pm -11:00pm Coastline Band

April 15th and 16th

Grifton Shad Festival Art Show, Shad Shack
Building, 6851 Pitt St., Downtown Grifton.

April 15th Noon – 5pm

April 16th 1pm – 4pm

Grifton Civic Center

12 Noon – 5pm Historical Museum

April 16th, Community Church Service
9am, Creekside Overlook Park (by town landing)
Bring a chair & enjoy the fellowship & the view.
Service by Pastors Michael King and Jamie
Haddock

***Fireworks April 15th at 9pm. It is best to safely
secure pets indoors with a TV or radio on to soften
loud noises ***

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE: Signs will mark the
way. You can use the free shuttle to and from
activities. Additional parking will be available on
Main Street.