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Entertainment abounds: folk

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SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL A friendly, smartly programmed little fete, with lots of family-fun ways to learn about being green. Headliners include Patty Larkin, Vance Gilbert, Sol y Canto, Dar Williams, Crooked Still, and Mark Erelli. June 6-7. Camp Hamilton, Coventry, R.I. 401-228-7930, www.apeiron.org/slf2009

NEW BEDFORD SUMMERFEST No local event more invitingly covers the folk waterfront, from urban to Celtic, folk-rock to sea chantey. Speckled along New Bedford's historic waterfront, it's a browser's delight. Headliners include Richard Shindell, Maria Muldaur, Tim Eriksen, Ellis Paul, Bua, and Louis Killen. July 3-6, downtown New Bedford. 508-979-1568, www.newbedfordsummerfest.com

LOWELL FOLK FESTIVAL The country's largest free folk festival offers a vast smorgasbord of roots styles, and locally made ethnic snacks, making it an ideal family day trip. Headliners include Sierra Hull, Zydeco rocker Rosie Ledet, gospel group The Brotherhood, and Quebecois masters Genticorum. July 24-26, downtown Lowell. 978-970-5000, www.lowellfolkfestival.org

FALCON RIDGE FOLK FESTIVAL No regional festival feels more like the Boston folk scene on a busy Saturday night. Headliners include Kathy Mattea, Eileen Ivers, Janis Ian, Folk Arts Quartet, and Girlyman. July 23-26, Dodds Farm, Hillsdale, N.Y. 866-364-0366, www.falconridgefolk.com

PODUNK BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL Despite its urban setting, there's lots of room for jamming, along with a bevy of bluegrass greats, including Alison Brown, Bearfoot, Dailey & Vincent, Del McCoury, and Rhonda Vincent. July 30-Aug. 2. Martin Park, E. Hartford, Conn. 860-528-1458, www.podunkbluegrass.net

FOLK FESTIVAL 50 Due to conflicts with last year's producers, the name is not available, but in all other ways, this is the Newport Folk Festival the world has loved for 50 years. Founder George Wein is back in business, with a crack lineup including Pete Seeger, Neko Case, the Decemberists, Joan Baez, the Avett Brothers, Gillian Welch, Judy Collins, Billy Bragg, Mavis Staples, Iron & Wine, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, and Balfa Tojours. Aug. 1-2, Ft. Adams State Park, Newport, R.I. 401-848-5055 www.folkfestival50.com SCOTT ALARIK■

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