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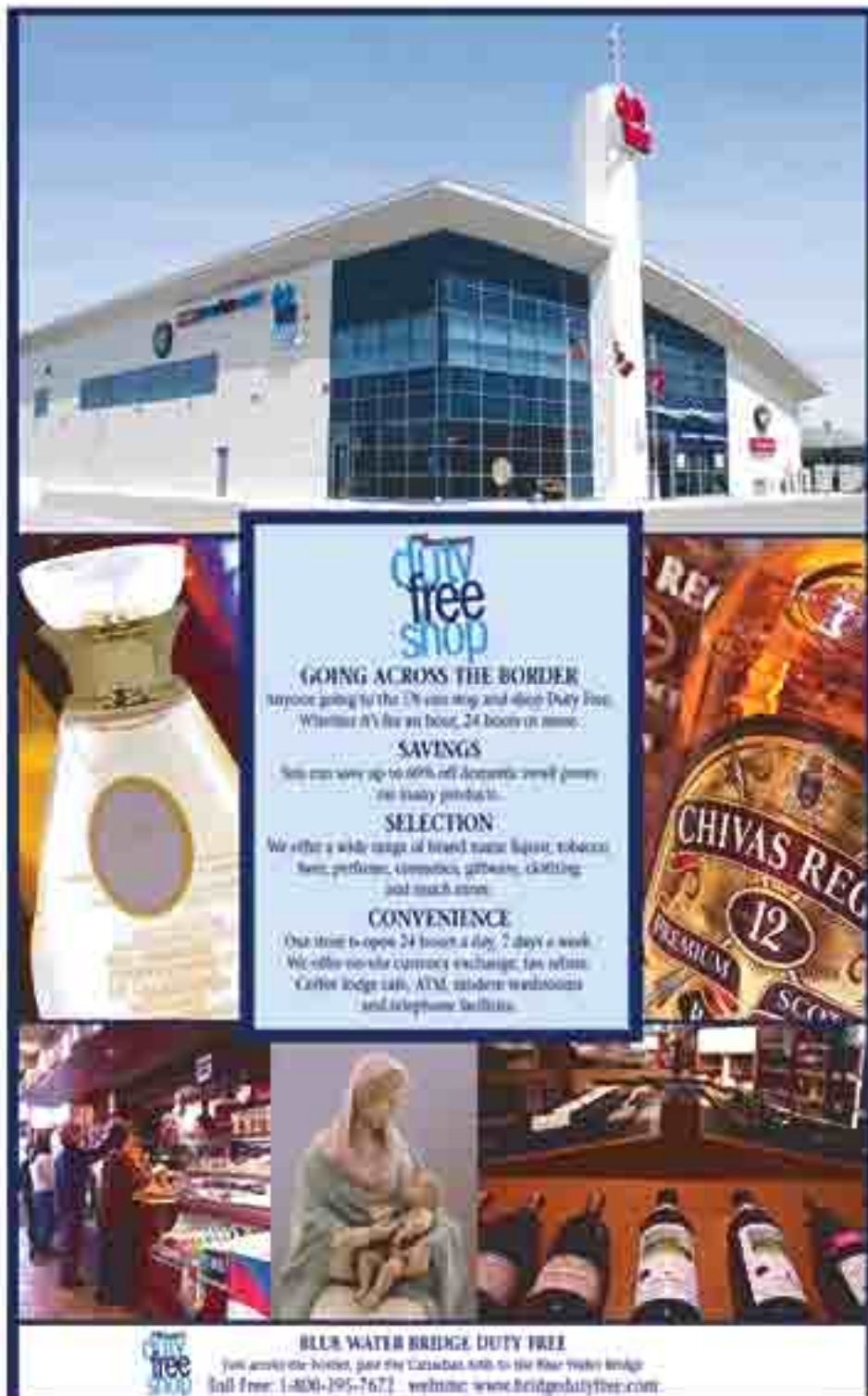
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Come - celebrate with us!

Ontario finds a reason to celebrate in every season. Savour the dazzling array of Ontario festivals, events and fairs from world-renowned to unique and local.

Throughout the province of Ontario, there are over three thousand festivals and community events staged each year. No wonder, Ontario is a favourite destination of festival and event goers thanks to the variety of events and celebrations that reflect its diversity through the arts, sports, or history.

Whatever makes you laugh, smile or just have a feeling of enjoyment, Ontario's events will entertain you!

The Festivals & Events in Ontario guide, April 2005 - March 2006 edition offers both residents and visitors a chance to explore the unique and familiar. It is chock full of many favourites that continue to fascinate and captivate people from all over the world every year.

Come to Ontario where there's always something to celebrate.

how to use this guide

Festivals and events can be easily located in the guide by date, by type of event in the **Experience Index pages 116 to 126**, and by event location in the **Regional Index pages 105 to 115**.

The months of the year are colour-coded to help you search for the event of your choice by date.

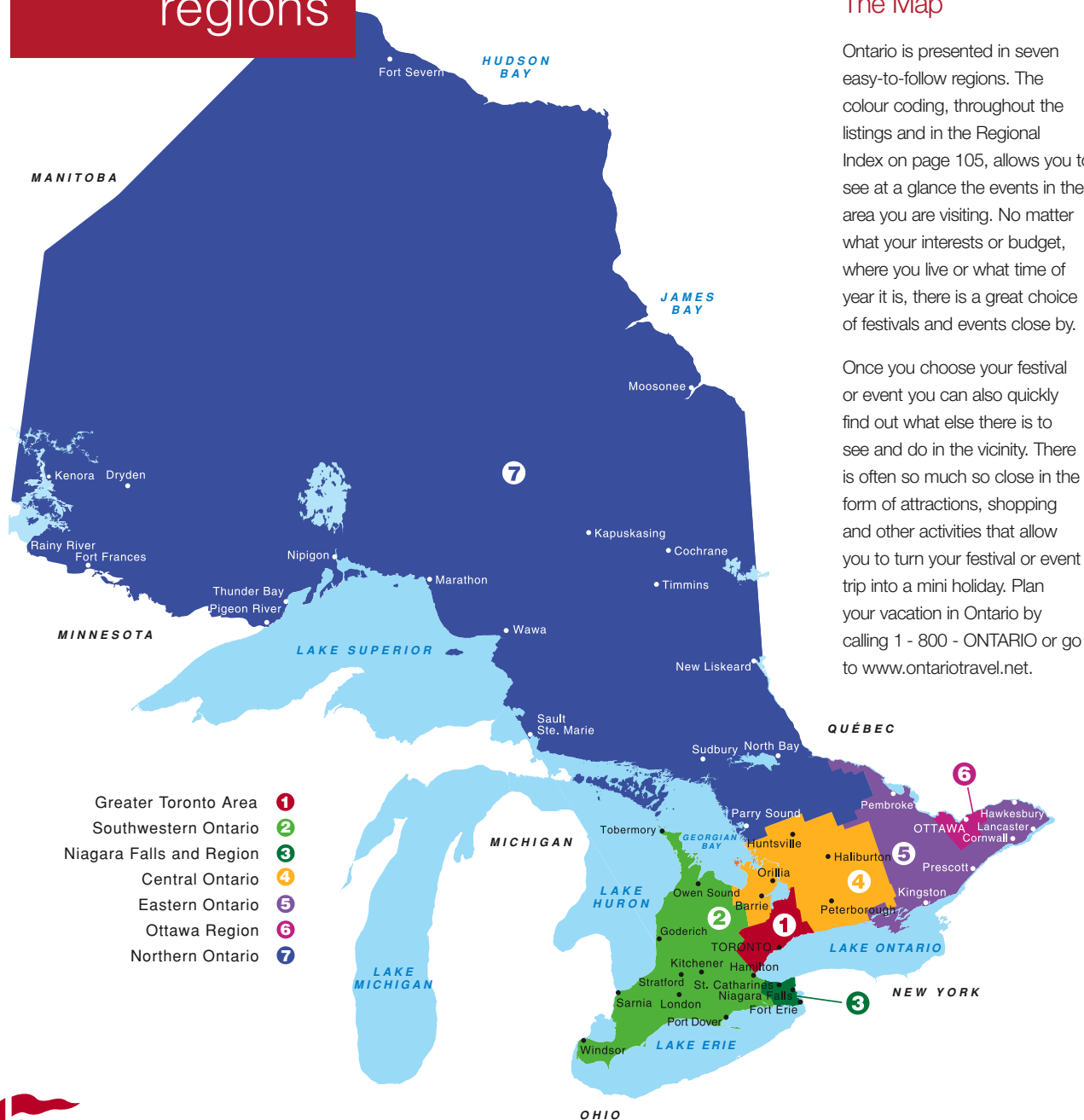
 april	 september
 may	 october
 june	 november
 july	 winter - december to march 2006
 august	

Festivals and events are selected for inclusion based on their tourism value.

Some Ontario events are colour-blocked within the months they occur. These events have been selected as one of the Top 50 Events in Ontario (see page 103).

These symbols help to identify if the event is wheelchair accessible, which region in Ontario it is located (see page 6), if it is a member of Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO), and if it is motorcoach friendly.

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The Map

Ontario is presented in seven easy-to-follow regions. The colour coding, throughout the listings and in the Regional Index on page 105, allows you to see at a glance the events in the area you are visiting. No matter what your interests or budget, where you live or what time of year it is, there is a great choice of festivals and events close by.

Once you choose your festival or event you can also quickly find out what else there is to see and do in the vicinity. There is often so much so close in the form of attractions, shopping and other activities that allow you to turn your festival or event trip into a mini holiday. Plan your vacation in Ontario by calling 1 - 800 - ONTARIO or go to www.ontariotravel.net.

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This guide has been developed by Festivals & Events Ontario in partnership with the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation to assist you with timely, easy to use information about festivals and events that take place throughout the year. Festivals & Events Ontario is a membership driven, not for profit organization.

Please share your thoughts with us on how we could improve the guide and make it more useful to you. As well, contact Festivals & Events Ontario for further event listings throughout the year.

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Spring Captivates

Now is the time to say goodbye to winter grey and welcome the fresh green of spring. As the



soil awakens, the weather warms and the sap rises, sample sweet maple treats at the **Elmira Maple Syrup Festival**

or in **Vanier** at **Sugar Fest**. And, the spring air is graced by the uplifting sounds of musical notes at **Guelph's Spring Music Festival** and **Pembroke's Valley Festival**, or **Brockville's Lions Club Music Festival**. **Doors Open Ontario** begins its summer long offering of the best in heritage and architecture in small town Ontario.



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Apr 1 - 3, Craft-ex *Sudbury, Northern Ontario*

The north's largest and best quality arts and craft show. Featuring over 100 exhibitors from throughout Canada.

T: (705) 673-5588

W: www.dacshows.com 7

Apr 2, Elmira Maple Syrup Festival *Elmira, Southwestern Ontario*

Many activities occur including: a pancake breakfast, pony rides, exploring the sugar bush, quilt and craft sales, toy show and sale, a pancake flipping contest, Megamutts Dog Show and so much more. FREE.

T: 1-877-969-0094

W: www.elmiramaplesyrup.com 2

Apr 2, Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny *Port Hope, Central Ontario*

25th annual, 10km river race down the Ganaraska River is for kayaks, canoes, and crazy crafts. Food booths, entertainment and lots of fun for the entire family. FREE.

T: (905) 885-2522

W: www.porthope.ca 4 ★

Apr 2, Halton's 5th Annual Eco Festival *Oakville, Greater Toronto Area*

"Improving our environment, health and community". Meet 100+ exhibitors, 20+ workshops, kids eco-fun, presentations and more at Oakville's Glen Abbey Rec Centre, 1415 Third Line. Admission: \$7, kids 1-12 free.

T: (905) 849-5501

W: www.haltonecofest.ca 1

Apr 2 - 3, Maple Madness Maple Syrup Festival *Paisley, Southwestern Ontario*

Unique Maple Syrup Festival complete will full historical encampment, horse drawn wagon rides, pancakes and real maple syrup, demonstrations, games, activities and lots more.

T: (519) 364-1255

W: www.svca.on.ca 2

Apr 2 - 10, Sugar Fest *Vanier, Ottawa Region*

Sugarfest is a festival where you can find different activities that are sure to reach

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different age groups. Our program consists of school visits, Sunday brunch, country night, lumberjack competition, clowns, hayrides, music, story telling, FREE.

T: (613) 745-3216 6 ★

Apr 2 - 3, Sweetwater Harvest *Midland, Central Ontario*

Taste it! Smell it! See it run! Learn all about it... and join in the fun! A maple syrup celebration - come and celebrate the sweet arrival of spring.

T: (705) 526-7809

W: www.wyemmarsh.com 4

Apr 3, Red Cross Dessert Festival *Brockville, Eastern Ontario*

Various Dessert competitions including corporate, schools and public. Dessert demonstrations during the day, silent auction and live auction of the winning desserts. Admission \$5. Free parking.

T: (613) 342-3523 5

Apr 13 - 17, Reel World Film Festival *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Reel World Film Festival, a new and exciting celebration of excellence and diversity in film and video, returns to Toronto for its 5th year.

T: (416) 598-7933

W: www.reelworld.ca 1

Apr 16 - May 7, 24th Annual Orillia Perch Festival *Orillia, Central Ontario*

Fun family fishing derby with great cash and product prizes. Adult and children's categories. Special OPP Kids Day! Lake Simcoe and Couchiching. Headquarters at Tudhope Park. Just Fish to Win!

T: (705) 326-4424

W: www.orillia.com 4 ★

Apr 16 - 17, Delta Maple Syrup Festival *Delta, Eastern Ontario*

Maple Syrup Festival - all you can eat pancakes, local market set up throughout the village, parade. Admission: \$6-\$7. Free parking.

T: (613) 928-2800 5

Apr 16 - 17, Home Expo & Outdoor Recreation Show *Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario*

Largest home show in Grey Bruce region, with over 130 display booths and 10,000 visitors annually. Features Tech Expo, a Consumer Electronics Trade Show, guest celebrities, seminars and contests.

T: 1-888-675-5555

W: www.oshomeexpo.com 2



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Apr 17 - 26, Brockville Lions Club Music Festival*Brockville, Eastern Ontario*

Competitive music festival for young individuals, choirs and bands. 3 locations. Stars of the festival concert on April 26, 7pm- 9pm, admission \$8 at BAC.

T: (613) 345-5052
W: www.brockville.com/lions ♿ 5

Apr 22 - 24, Aurora's Living in Style - Home Show*Aurora, Greater Toronto Area*

Over 150 exhibitors featuring home furnishings, kitchens and decorating ideas. New this year-children's section-"kids stuff". Back by popular demand food and wine section. Something for everyone.

T: (905) 727-7262
W: www.aurorachamber.on.ca ♿ 1 ★

Apr 22 - 24, Creative Sewing and Needlework Festival*Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area*

It's about learning, creativity and making it yourself. Hundreds of exhibits, activities and lectures by industry experts. Supplies and tips to sew, knit, quilt, embroider, scrapbook, do it yourself decorate and more!

T: 1-800-291-2030
W: www.csnf.com ♿ 1

Apr 22 - 24, Kiwanis Dance Festival of Sudbury*Sudbury, Northern Ontario*

25th Kiwanis Dance Festival of Sudbury features amateur dance students from three years old to 21 years of age. Entrants compete for monetary awards, recognition and professional adjudications.

T: (705) 566-7774
W: www.kiwanisclubofsudbury.com ♿ 7

Apr 22 - 24, Sudbury Sportsman Show*Sudbury, Northern Ontario*

North's largest Sportsman Show featuring everything from water craft, to docks, fishing

and hunting, outfitters, lodges, clothing and much more!

T: (705) 673-5588
W: www.dacshows.com 7

Apr 23, Doors Open Guelph*Guelph, Southwestern Ontario*

To celebrate Guelph's rich architectural heritage, 12 of Guelph's finest buildings, many of which are not generally open to the public - open their doors for free public tours. FREE.

T: (519) 836-3280
W: www.city.guelph.on.ca/doorsopenguelph 2

Apr 23 - Oct 31, Doors Open Ontario*Province Wide, Greater Toronto Area*

Doors Open Ontario builds civic pride and community vitality in Ontario by raising awareness of the province's built, cultural and natural heritage. FREE. See ad on pg. 17.

T: (416) 325-5015
W: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca 1 ★

Apr 23 - May 7, Port Dover Perch Derby*Port Dover, Southwestern Ontario*

Thousands of dollars worth of tagged fish to be caught. Junior and senior division, early bird draws, daily prize draws and grand prize draws. Fishing fun for everyone!

T: 1-866-834-1726
W: www.portdover.ca ♿ 2

Apr 23 - 24, Sudbury Antique Show*Sudbury, Northern Ontario*

Sudbury's only antique show and the best! Over 25 quality dealers.

T: (519) 576-5896 ♿ 7

Apr 24 - Sep 18, The Valley Festival*Pembroke, Ottawa Region*

Classical Music Concert Series throughout the Ottawa Valley. Featuring the Festival Chorus and Orchestra with special guest soloists. Mervin Fick - Artistic Director. Classical music at it's county best.

T: (613) 732-9996
W: www.valleyfestival.ca 6

Apr 26 - May 1, Open Ears Festival*Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario*

Open Ears Festival is a festival devoted to new music and sound arts, and is held every

other spring in Kitchener. Sound installations open April 23, concerts and events from April 26-May 1.

T: 1-800-265-6959
W: www.openears.ca ♿ 2

Apr 28 - May 10, Alberta Scene*Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

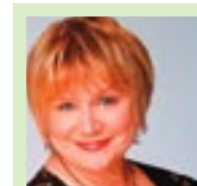
Where Alberta comes to the Nation's Capital. We're bringing in over 600 established and emerging Alberta artists to perform at more than 95 events in any one of 19 venues across the National Capital Region.

T: (613) 947-7000
W: www.nac-cna.ca 6

Apr 29 - May 1, Folklore Festival*Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario*

Travel the world in 48 hours right here in Thunder Bay. Dazzling international entertainment, exhibits, and foods, visual artists, and an activity-packed children's area make this a family festival.

T: (807) 622-3710
W: www.folklorefestival.ca ♿ 7

Apr 29 - May 15, Guelph Spring Festival*Guelph, Southwestern Ontario*

Canada's premiere classical music festival. 2005: Music of Enchantment - Mary Lou Fallis, Eve Egoyan, Tafelmusik, Toronto Consort, The Fairy Queen, Passport to Music

and more. Weekends: various venues. FREE. Photo: Canada's 'foremost musical comedienne' Mary Lou Fallis premieres her new show, *Primadonna Does More...With Less*, at the Guelph Spring Festival on April 30.

T: 1-877-520-2408
W: www.guelphspringfestival.org ♿ 2 ★ 🚌

Apr 30, Festival of the Maples*Perth, Eastern Ontario*

Come and celebrate the arrival of spring at the Perth and District Festival of the Maples. Fun for the whole family! Tempt your palate at the food and wine showcase - enjoy the entertainment and much more! FREE.

T: (613) 267-3200
W: www.perthchamber.com ♿ 5 🚌

Apr 30 - May 1, Wasaga Beach Home and Garden Show*Wasaga Beach, Central Ontario*

Over 60 exhibitors specializing in products and services for home renovating, decorating, landscaping and gardening. Speakers, demos, kid's activity area - something for everyone!

T: (705) 429-3211
W: www.wasagabeach.com ♿ 4 ★

Apr 30, Wayzgoose*Grimsby, Southwestern Ontario*

Join us for our annual festival celebrating the bookarts; including paper making, book binding, paper marbling, calligraphy, print making and much more! FREE.

T: (905) 945-3246
W: www.grimsby.ca ♿ 2

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July 6 - 9, 2005

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August 25 - 28, 2005

Snowbirds Air Show
August 31, 2005

Doors Open Brant
September 24, 2005

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Fresh Air Focus

Enchant your senses with an explosion of Ontario's vibrant springtime blossoms. Turn your eyes



skyward and witness the return of the tundra swans to Grand Bend. Delight in the vibrant palette of colours at the renowned

Canadian Tulip Festival in **Ottawa** and at **Lilac Festivals** in **Hamilton** and **Lindsay**. Vibrant colours are also captured in dazzling patterns of fabric lovingly sewn at the **Waterloo County & Area Quilt Festival** and **Stratford's The Quilt, A Breast Cancer Support Project**. The Victoria Day weekend heralds the

start of black fly season, and what better way to celebrate than with **South River's Great South River Black Fly Hunt**.



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May 1 - 31, Contact Toronto Photography Festival *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Contact is a month long festival of photography exhibitions and events held throughout the Greater Toronto Area in May. The festival presents work by diverse national and international participants. FREE.

T: (416) 539-9595

W: www.contactphoto.com 1

May 1 - 31, Festival of Birds *Leamington, Southwestern Ontario*

More than 150 special events, hikes and birding programs.

T: (519) 322-2365

W: www.pc.gc.ca/pelee 2

May 1 - 31, May is Museum Month/Mais Mois des Musées *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Ontario's museums are featuring hundreds of exciting exhibits and events during May 2005. Events and exhibits will take place at museums, art galleries and heritage sites all across the province.

T: 1-866-662-8672

W: www.museumsontario.com 1 ★

May 1, Spring Kite Fly *Oil Springs, Southwestern Ontario*

Kite flying for all ages - prizes, games, crafts to make. Museum and outdoor buildings open. Celebrate "May is Museum Month". Light refreshments available.

T: (519) 834-2840

W: www.timewellspent.ca 2

May 4, A Noteworthy Spring - 8th Annual Arts and Craft Show *St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region*

A great opportunity to shop for Mother's Day gifts! Find us at Market Hall, King and James Sts., downtown St. Catharines 9am-4pm. Admission: \$2. A juried show sponsored by Chorus Niagara.

T: (905) 227-7248 3 ★

May 4 - 5, Canadian Mining and Industrial Expo *Sudbury, Northern Ontario*

The largest show of its type in Ontario - in the heart of mining country. This show attracts exhibitors from throughout the world.

T: (705) 673-5588

W: www.dacshows.com 7

May 5 - 14, 1000 Islands Jazz Festival *Brockville, Eastern Ontario*

A series of jazz concerts presented at the Brockville Arts Centre and other Downtown Brockville venues. Admission: \$23 per concert.

T: (613) 498-0310

W: www.brockvilleconcert.ca 5

May 5 - 23, Canadian Tulip Festival *Ottawa, Ottawa Region*



A Celebration of Peace and Friendship, millions of tulips create an exotic mosaic of colour and beauty. 2005 will commemorate the 60th Anniversary of

the end of WW II, the opening of the Canadian War Museum and Ottawa's 150th Anniversary. See ad on back cover.

T: 1-800-668-8547

W: www.tulipfestival.ca 6 ★

May 6 - 7, Brockville Community Multicultural Festival *Brockville, Eastern Ontario*

Enjoy continuous entertainment of music and dance from around the world. Visit the many display booths. Sample delicious ethnic foods. Bring the kids to the children's show on Sat. Door Prizes.

T: (613) 342-1469

W: www.c360.ca/brockville/bmc 5

May 6 - 8, Kick it Up! *Hamilton/Burlington, Southwestern Ontario*

RBG's Kick it Up! Life is Good Festival for 50+ May 6-8 (Mother's Day) RBG Centre/Hendrie Park. This festival will celebrate the life is good notion and introduce or re-introduce how to put a little zest in your step!! Are you Kick'n it UP?!!

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca 2 ★

May 7, 12th Annual Dream Auction *Brockville, Eastern Ontario*

This one-day event will be televised through Cogeco and held at the 1000 Islands Mall on Mother's Day Weekend. Hundreds of unique and wonderful items to bid on at our live and silent auctions. FREE.

T: (613) 345-3295

W: www.girlsinc-uppercanada.org 5

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May 7, 'Blossoms & Blackflies': A Spring Garden & Nature Exhibition

South River, Northern Ontario

The Blossoms and Blackflies Exhibition kicks off the Great South River Black Fly Hunt. The exhibition features artisans, garden suppliers, and a stage show featuring seminars and presentations.

T: (705) 386-2573

W: www.blackflyhunt.ca ♿ 7 ★

May 7, Church-Key Brewing Spring Festival

Campbellford, Eastern Ontario

The annual spring revival features a variety of musicians and locally produced food, and of course, Church-Key's award winning ales. A great time to get outside and celebrate the hallmark of spring! FREE.

T: 1-888-653-1556 5

May 7 - 8, Four Winds Kite Festival

Woodbridge, Greater Toronto Area

The Toronto Kite Flyers take to the sky with their spectacular kites. Lots of activities and BBQ.

T: (905) 832-2289

W: www.kortright.org ♿ 1

May 7, Maple Festival and all that Jazz

Bowmanville, Central Ontario

A celebration of the maple syrup crop with producers on-hand selling maple syrup and maple syrup products. And "all that jazz" includes live jazz entertainment and a lot of other interesting stuff. FREE.

T: (905) 623-2997

W: www.bowmanville.com ♿ 4

May 7, Polish Kashub Festival

Wilno, Eastern Ontario

An outdoor celebration of Polish Kashub heritage and culture in Canada's oldest Polish settlement. Beer tent, Polish dancers in costume, step dancing, live music all day, home made Polish food. FREE.

T: (613) 756-7890

W: www.wilnovillager.on.ca ♿ 5

May 7 - Jun 4, The Great South River Black Fly Hunt

South River, Northern Ontario

Great South River Black Fly Hunt is kicked off with the Black Fly piñata and the five week hunt ends with the "Official Weigh-In". Cash prizes and World Champion Black Fly Hunter Title on the line. FREE.

T: (705) 386-2573

W: www.blackflyhunt.ca ♿ 7 ★

May 7 - 15, Toronto Jewish Film Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The second largest Jewish film festival in North America, it presents the best international features, documentaries and shorts on themes of Jewish culture and hosts guests from around the world.

T: (416) 324-9121

W: www.tjff.com ♿ 1

May 8, Mother's Day - Welcome Back Celebration

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Celebrate Mother's Day at an on-street festival with a fashion show, Mother-Daughter Look-Alike Contest, live music, farm animals, horse-drawn carriage rides, ceremonial opening of outdoor market, more. FREE.

T: (613) 562-3325

W: www.byward-market.com ♿ 6 ★



May 8, Waterfalls Walk

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Put on your hiking boots, bring along a camera and get ready to view two of the area's most breathtaking waterfalls. Admission: adults \$5; and children \$2. Level of ability is moderate to difficult.

T: 1-888-319-4722

W: www.conservationhamilton.on.ca 2

May 11 - 15, Sante: The Bloor-Yorkville Wine Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Sante: The Bloor-Yorkville Wine Festival is an annual celebration of great wine and great food set in Toronto's renowned Bloor-Yorkville district.

T: (416) 928-3553

W: www.santewinefestival.com 1

May 12 - 14, New Music North 2005

Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

A three concert series of contemporary chamber music featuring guest and local performers presenting recent compositions by living composers from Canada and abroad.

T: (807) 768-8085

W: www.geocities.com/newmusicnorth ♿ 7

May 13 - 14, Chelmsford Fiddle and Stepdance Festival

Chelmsford, Northern Ontario

Fiddleworks welcomes you to the Chelmsford Fiddle and Stepdance Festival to be held at the Club 50 in Chelmsford on May 13-14, 2005. Entertainment, cash prizes for competitors, and much more!

T: (705) 855-9239

W: www.fiddleworks.cjb.net ♿ 7

May 13 - 29, Niagara Folk Arts Festival

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

The 37th annual Niagara Folk Arts Festival is one of Canada's oldest heritage festivals. Events include multicultural open houses, great food, craft bazaar and family entertainment. FREE.

T: (905) 685-6589

W: www.folk-arts.ca ♿ 3 ★

May 14 - 20, Bird Migration Awareness Week

Picton, Eastern Ontario

Eastern Ontario's very own "Point Pelee", in Prince Edward County, boasting 340 species. Daily guided tours, "Concert For the Birds", bird sightings board. Lots of accommodations.

T: (613) 476-5072

W: www.naturestuff.net 5

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May 14, Springfest

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

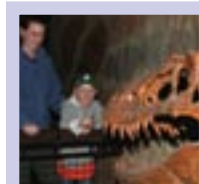
Celebrate the brilliance of Canada's cultural mosaic with a lively mix of homegrown talent in the performing arts. Dance, gospel music, folk music are combined to entertain adults and children alike. FREE.

T: (416) 954-0544

W: www.pdp.ca 1 ★

May 17 - 23, Dinomobile

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area



Come out to Chinguacousy Park's Curling Club lot to see the Royal Ontario Museum's sixty-foot long mobile dinosaur gallery. Reconstructions of full size dinosaurs

and habitats with sound effects!

T: (905) 874-2315

W: www.city.brampton.on.ca 1 ★

May 18 - 20, Keepsake Craft Show

Sudbury, Northern Ontario

Over 70 juried exhibitions.

T: (519) 576-5896 7 ★

May 19 - 29, Waterloo County & Area Quilt Festival

Various Locations in Waterloo County, Southwestern Ontario



Thousands of quilts on exhibit for 11 days in May! Quilt shows, museums, galleries, quilt shops, fashion shows, merchant mall and workshops. One of Ontario's Top 50 Events.

See ad on pg. 14. Photo: Waterloo Heritage Quilt - Bertha Bacher, Hexagon Trip Around the World

T: 1-888-804-7909

W: www.waterlooqueiltfestival.com 2 ★

May 20 - 23, 2005 Freestyle Kayaking Pre-World Championships

Beachburg, Ottawa Region

The Ottawa Kayak School and Wilderness Tours plays host to the world's best freestyle kayakers. Victoria weekend for the Freestyle Kayaking Pre World Championships. Spring flood, translates into the world's best whitewater. FREE.

T: (613) 646-2291

W: www.ottawakayak.com 6 ★

May 20 - 29, 20th Annual Fish Kincardine Salmon Derby

Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario

Ploy the waters of Lake Huron and bring home the big one! Boat package for first place salmon.

T: (519) 396-9466

W: www.fishkincardine.com 2

May 20 - Sep 4, Falls Fireworks & Concert Series

Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region

Canada's longest running fireworks series will light up the skies every Fri., Sun. and holiday at 10pm, preceded by our Coca Cola Concert Series at 8pm. It's the perfect family outing! FREE. See ad on pg. 64.

T: 1-877-NIA-PARK

W: www.niagaraparks.com 3 ★

May 20 - 22, Frankford Riverfest

Frankford, Eastern Ontario

Fireworks, canoe races, tractor races, music and amusements rides. Fun for all! FREE.

T: (613) 398-6200

W: www.quintwestchamber.on.ca 5

May 20 - Nov 7, The Quilt: Exhibition and Auction

Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

Exhibition of over 100 donated handmade quilts on display daily until Nov. 7, auction is at the Avon Theatre in Stratford Nov. 12. This weekend is Under the Covers in Stratford includes many related events.

T: (519) 272-2588

W: www.thequilt.com 2 ★

May 20 - Oct 23, The Quilt: A Breast Cancer Support Project

Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

A spectacular selection of handmade donated quilts from across Canada in support of everyone affected by breast cancer. Downtown Stratford, 55 Downie St.

T: (519) 272-2588

W: www.thequilt.com 2 ★

May 20 - 22, Victoria Day Weekend at Mosport

Bowmanville, Greater Toronto Area

Kick off the summer season with a great racing and camping weekend at Mosport. Plenty of exciting racing, playgrounds, shower facilities and kids 12 and under are free with a paid adult.

T: 1-800-866-1072

W: www.mosport.com 1

May 21 - 23, 24th Spring Craft Show

Buckhorn, Central Ontario

There will be approximately 125 exhibitors. Among the many crafts on display will be jewelry, designer clothing for adults and children, wooden toys, porcelain dolls, and many varieties of woodcraft.

T: 1-800-300-9767

W: www.kawartha.net/~bait1 4 ★

May 21, 9th Annual Busker Contest and Festival

Lakefield, Central Ontario

Come out and watch buskers compete in downtown Lakefield. Cash prizes. Festive atmosphere. Buskers welcome - must register. FREE.

T: 1-888-565-8888

W: www.lakefieldontario.com 4 ★

May 21 - 22, Doors Open Gravenhurst

Gravenhurst, Central Ontario

Celebrating our heritage as the first town in Muskoka! Gravenhurst is opening historic sites that are traditionally closed to the public. Doors Open Gravenhurst, a great way to celebrate Victoria Day. FREE.

T: (705) 687-4432

W: www.gravenhurstchamber.com 4 ★

May 21, MayFest

Bancroft, Central Ontario

MayFest 'Let It Grow on You!' is an environmental festival that draws a wide range of exhibitors and attendees. The purpose of the event is to showcase environmental products and services. FREE.

T: (613) 332-6960

W: www.bancroftdistrict.com 4

May 21 - 29, RBG's Celebrate the Blooms - Lilac Festival

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

RBG's Celebrate the Blooms - Lilac Festival May 21-23, 28-29 RBG Centre and Arboretum/ Lilac Dell. Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens and revel all that is Lilacs!! Celebrate with us the world's largest collection of lilacs! FREE.

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca 2 ★



May 21 - 23, Sheep Shearing Festival
Ottawa, Ottawa Region

It's time for the sheep to be shorn. Ever wonder where all the wool that was used to make your favourite sweater came from? Come to the Sheep Shearing Festival and find out! Enjoy a family event!

T: (613) 996-7812

W: www.agriculture.technomuses.ca ♿ 6

May 21, The Teddy Bear Caper
Fergus, Southwestern Ontario

A fun filled day for the whole family, with all kinds of different contests and prizes, lots of live entertainment, the Great Teddy Bear March, the Teddy Bear Picnic and a big sidewalk sale! FREE.

T: (519) 787-1384

W: www.teddybearcaper.com ♿ 2

May 21 - 29, Up the Garden Path
1000 Islands Region, Eastern Ontario

A self-guided free tour of artists' homes, studios and gardens. Two weekends: May 21-22 and May 28-29. Some sights have handicap access. FREE.

T: (613) 659-3874 ♿ 5

May 22, Demolition Derby and Fireworks
Dresden, Southwestern Ontario

Demolition derby and fireworks Victoria Day weekend. Light refreshments available, licensed area. Entry forms available for derby on line website dresdenfair.ca.

T: (519) 683-6194

W: www.dresdenfair.ca ♿ 2

May 23, 13th Annual Fiddlers' Contest
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Fiddle music will fill the air as musicians aged 7 to 77 compete for the title of Grand Champion at Black Creek's 13th Annual Fiddlers' contest.

T: (416) 736-1733 x5400

W: www.blackcreek.ca ♿ 1

May 23, Firefighters 10 Mile Road Race
Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

One of the oldest running races in North America. The 72nd edition takes place on the Victoria Day Monday in beautiful Thunder Bay on a fast flat course. Come and enjoy our "northern" hospitality.

T: (807) 622-5592

W: www.10mileroadrace.org ♿ 7

May 25 - Sep 13, Waterfront Program
Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

The Waterfront Program offers continuous line-up of stage performances, special events and workshops from May through mid-Sept. These events take place in Centennial Park and/or Dow People Place. FREE.

T: (519) 332-0330

W: www.city.sarnia.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

May 26 - 29, Espanola Paper Festival
Espanola, Northern Ontario

A 3-day event for all ages. Music, children's entertainment, Marble Eye Fishing Tournament, face painting, arts and crafts and much, much more! Share in the celebration of our fine paper town! FREE.

T: (705) 869-1540

W: www.town.espanola.on.ca ♿ 7 ★

May 26 - 28, Prince Edward County Authors Festival
Picton, Eastern Ontario

Three days of literary readings with 20 of Canada's finest writers. Includes a festival dinner at Picton's historic Crystal Palace featuring readings between courses.

T: (613) 476-3037 ♿ 5

May 27 - 29, 3rd Annual Cottage and Country Living Show
Lakefield, Northern Ontario

A business trade show for the whole family with a silent auction, food court, Sat. beer garden and free parking. Admission: adults \$3 and children under 12 free.

T: 1-888-565-8888

W: www.kawarthalakes.net ♿ 7

May 27 - 29, Bruce Peninsula Orchid Festival
Tobermory, Southwestern Ontario

A chance to discover the beauty, diversity and preservation of wild orchids on the Bruce Peninsula. Special emphasis is on conservation of orchids in their natural habitats.

T: (519) 596-2444

W: www.orchidfest.ca 2

May 27 - 29, Carassauga Festival
Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrating 20 years! Experience the city's cultural diversity as you travel to various pavilions. Food, entertainment and fun! Passport \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Children 12 and under are free!

T: (905) 615-3010

W: www.carassauga.com ♿ 1 ★

May 27 - 29, Colborne/Cramahe Apple Blossom Tyme Festival
Colborne, Central Ontario

Stage shows, street fair, pancake breakfast, tractor and car shows, soapbox derby, midway, parade, contests, dog shows and children's activities. Halfway between Toronto & Kingston, Hwy 401, Exit 497. FREE.

T: (905) 344-7845

W: www.appleblossomtyme.com ♿ 4 ★

May 27 - 28, Gregor's Crossing Medieval Faire
Chatham, Southwestern Ontario

Recreation of a Medieval Faire and Knights of Valour Jousting Tournament. Fri. educational day, Sat. open to public, Sat. evening Kings Feast. Learn and live the true facts about medieval life.

T: (519) 354-5248

W: www.thewishcentre.org ♿ 2

May 27 - 28, RetroFest
Chatham, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy a fun filled weekend of classic cars, music and nostalgia. Come out for a 50s, 60s rock and roll concert, Elvis impersonators, themed menus and more. Grab your poodle skirts and leather jackets. FREE.

T: (519) 352-8387

W: www.downtown-chatham.com ♿ 2 ★

May 28 - 29, 17th Annual Model Railway Show
Midland, Central Ontario

With over 17 layouts to see and 60 tables of vendors to buy from it is the largest show north of Toronto and a fabulous family event. Admission: family \$9; adults \$4; seniors \$3; and children \$1.

T: (705) 526-2067 ♿ 4

May 28, 2005 Doors Open - Brockville 1000 Islands
Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Historic sites, commercial buildings, churches, museums, parks and gardens open their doors to the general public with free admission and special events. Some evening events have admission charges. FREE.

T: (613) 498-3003

W: www.heritagefdn.on.ca ♿ 5

May 28 - 29, 5th Annual Lilac Festival
Lindsay, Central Ontario

A great family day in a beautiful lilac park with demonstrations of flower arranging, painting, pruning and much more! FREE.

T: (705) 328-3337 4

May 28 - 29, Amherstburg Garden Tour & Fair
Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

This is our 20th annual self-guided Garden Tour of ten private gardens and 4th annual Garden Fair. The fair, at the Amherstburg Arena, host over 70 vendors of plants and other garden related items.

T: (519) 736-7262

W: www.fmhs.ca 2

May 28, Christie Classic Antique Show
Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's favourite antique show with over 300 dealers. Browse or buy that special something from 8am-5pm, rain or shine. Food vendors provide lunch or a light snack. Admission: \$8.

T: (519) 824-1842

W: www.conservationhamilton.ca 2

May 28, Doors Open 2005
Prescott, Eastern Ontario

Fort Wellington will be part of the region's Doors Open event. Special exhibits and behind the scenes tours will be offered for free admission. The evening Candlit Tour at 8pm is \$5 per person. FREE.

T: (613) 925-2896

W: <http://www.pc.gc.ca> ♿ 5

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May 28, Doors Open St. Marys
St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario

St. Marys, 2nd Annual Doors Open event is Sat., May 28 from 10am-4pm. 12 local sites have been selected. Come and get inside seldom-seen buildings or receive free admission to others! FREE.

T: 1-800-769-7668

W: www.townofstmarys.com ♿ 2

May 28 - 29, Doors Open Toronto
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Doors Open Toronto is a free, annual weekend event coordinated by the City of Toronto's Culture Division. The program allows visitors access to over 100 architecturally significant properties. FREE.

T: (416) 338-0496

W: www.doorsopen.org 1

May 28, Emergency Services Muster, Games and Parade

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy a fired up day that will feature antique and modern fire trucks, police cars and ambulances, public and fire safety demonstrations, competitions and a parade of historical vehicles. FREE.

T: (519) 748-1914

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/door ♿ 2

May 28, Fruit Wine and Food Festival
Bowmanville, Greater Toronto Area

Culinary tourism at its finest. Sample a variety of fruit wines that are matched with delectable delights. Advanced tickets \$8 per person, at door \$10 per person. Proceeds go to Big Brothers and Sisters.

T: (905) 263-2396

W: www.archibaldsestatewinery.com ♿ 1

May 28 - 29, Ontario Volleyball Tournament
Wasaga Beach, Southwestern Ontario

Ontario Volleyball Association Tournament - Beach Area 1, the main beach area. See the OVA website for more info.

T: (705) 429-3844

W: www.wasagabeach.com 2 ★

May 28 - 29, Victorian Tea

Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

Victorian afternoon tea with all the trimmings, served in the Historic Park House parlour by maids in period costume.

T: (519) 736-2511

W: www.parkhousemuseum.com ♿ 2

May 29, Caledon Triathlon

Caledon, Greater Toronto Area

The 5th Annual Caledon Community Fun Triathlon, Duathlon and Kids of Steel Race. Held on the grounds of the Caledon Central P.S. (Kennedy Rd. and Charleston Sdrd. one concession east of Hurontario St.). FREE.

T: (905) 838-2662

W: www.c3online.ca 1

May 30 - Jun 3, Children's Groundwater Festival

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

The Waterloo Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival is a hands-on, interactive event with over 40 activity centres that are educational and fun for students.

T: (519) 748-1914

W: www.cwec.ca ♿ 2

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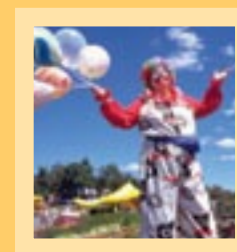
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Historical Happenings

Festivals devoted to food, song and adventure flourish under the warm June sun. History buffs



can witness the past unfold at faithful re-enactments of War of 1812 battles or enjoy the stirring military music and spectacle at **Fort**

Henry's famous Sunset Ceremonies.

Spend an afternoon in the 19th century at a pioneer village and see first hand the adventures and challenges faced by early settlers.

The **Blind River White Pine Cultural Festival** entertains and educates. Glistening blue waters entice crowds at the **Oakville**

and Mississauga's **Waterfront Festivals**, and **Cambridge's Riverfest and Dragon Boat Races.**



June

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Jun 1 - 5, Ottawa International Children's Festival*Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

A five-day festival celebration of the performing arts for young audiences and their families. The festival features the finest in theatre, dance, arts and music from highly acclaimed international and local artists.

T: (613) 241-0999**W:** www.ottawachildrensfestival.ca ♿ 6**Jun 1 - Sep 25, Westben Concerts at the Barn***Campbellford, Central Ontario*

A 400-seat timber frame barn hosts world-class music from full orchestra and opera to international soloists. Weekend matinee Main Series and Intimate Music of the night concerts from Bach to Broadway.

T: 1-877-883-5777**W:** www.westben.on.ca ♿ 4 🚗**Jun 2, Fit For Generations***Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario*

Fit For Generations is an event designed to showcase the activities of all generations and the importance of being fit at any age. There will be games, displays, interactive time and a 20-minute workout. FREE.

T: (905) 545-9955 ♿ 2 ★**Jun 2 - 5, Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival***Orangeville, Southwestern Ontario*

Join us for our 3rd annual festival of music, food and fun! We have an incredible line up of award winning and local blues and jazz artists who will play their heart out for you. Don't miss it! FREE.

T: (519) 941-7875**W:** www.orangevillebluesandjazz.ca ♿ 2**Jun 3 - 5, Brigden Pull and Shine***Brigden, Southwestern Ontario*

Truck show and shine competition. Grand National Pro Stock/Super Farm/Trucks and modified tractors stock demos as well as

attendance by the Southwestern Ontario Tractor Pullers Association.

T: (519) 864-1134**W:** www.brigdenpullandshine.org 2**Jun 3 - 5, Dundas Buskerfest***Dundas, Southwestern Ontario*

Buskerfest is a hilarious high jinks of jugglers, stilt walkers, comedians and buskers from around the world. Big band street dance, fire show, arts and crafts, international food court, children's area and more! FREE.

T: (905) 627-1287**W:** www.downtowndundas.ca ♿ 2 ★**Jun 3 - 5, Red Rock Annual Trout Derby***Red Rock, Northern Ontario*

Annual Lake Trout Fishing Derby. Camp on the shore of Lake Superior at Red Rock Marina Park. Three fun filled days of fishing and many great prizes to be won!

T: (807) 886-2284**W:** www.redrocktownship.com 7**Jun 3 - 5, Streetsville Founders' Bread and Honey Festival***Streetsville, Greater Toronto Area*

This annual festival features three days of activities including a main stage and kids stage, carnival midway, Sat. morning parade, craft and baking contest, consumers market and free bread and honey.

T: (905) 816-1640**W:** www.breadandhoney.com 1 ★**Jun 4 - 19, 44th Annual Welland Rose Festival***Welland, Niagara Falls and Region*

The Welland Rose Festival is a celebration of community pride and heritage. Enjoy events such as a Lobsterfest, Art Show, Fashion Show, Fishing Derby, Rose Show, Carnival, Craft Show and Grand Parade! FREE.

T: (905) 735-8696**W:** www.wellandrosefestival.on.ca ♿ 3 ★**Jun 4, Billy Bishop Heritage Day***Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario*

Billy Bishop Heritage Day celebrates, an event for the whole family. Special museum exhibit opening, exhibits, re-enactors, era music, gift shop sale and BBQ.

T: (519) 371-0031**W:** www.billybishop.org 2**Jun 4, Celebrate Barrie***Barrie, Central Ontario*

Barrie's community festival featuring free hands-on activities for kids, inflatable rides, live performances on 2 stages, historical re-enactments, exotic pet displays, petting zoo and more. FREE.

T: (705) 739-4285**W:** www.city.barrie.on.ca ♿ 4 ★**Jun 4, Concession Street Festival***Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario*

Free access to the festival, including free pony rides, free petting zoo, free inflatable jumpers, and free face painting. Over 100 arts and crafts, 24 ethnic food fair, 2 stages with continuous entertainment. FREE.

T: (905) 388-5482**W:** www.concessionstreet.com ♿ 2 🚗**Jun 4 - 5, Craft Fest 2005***Brampton, Greater Toronto Area*

100+ quality crafters showcasing, "Made in Canada" handmade crafts, large variety including country, home decor, tole painting, wood accessories, jewelry, sewing, clothing something for everyone.

T: (519) 843-1794**W:** www.showsource.ca ♿ 1**Jun 4, Downtown Buskers & Street Festival***Cobourg, Central Ontario*

Downtown Street Festival. 4 stages of buskers, dog show, children's area, NHL autograph signing and much more. Fun for the whole family. FREE.

T: 1-888-262-6874**W:** www.cobourgtourism.ca 4 ★**Jun 4, Edison Fest***Vienna, Southwestern Ontario*

Parade, craft vendors, children's activities, spaghetti eating contest, "Light Bulb" River Race, music jam session, soap box derby contest, live entertainment in the park, food vendors.

T: (519) 866-5521**W:** www.bayham.on.ca 2**Jun 4, Norval Riverfest***Norval, Southwestern Ontario*

Outdoor festival focusing on environment, ecology and the Credit River.

T: (905) 877-7119**W:** www.riverfest-norval.com 2

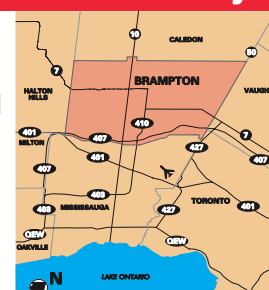

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Jun 4, Oshawa Children's Festival
Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

A one day event featuring entertainment, games, displays, food and soft drinks, activities for children and information gathering for parents/guardians of all services available in Oshawa - from health to recreation, education, etc. Memorial Park. FREE.

T: (905) 576-5088

W: www.downtownoshawa.ca  

Jun 4, Stoney Creek Canada Flag Day Festival

Stoney Creek, Southwestern Ontario

A celebration and parade for the creation of the Canadian Flag, and for the community and its various organizations. Held in conjunction with the re-enactment of the 1812 Battle of Stoney Creek. FREE.

T: (905) 664-4000

W: www.stoneycreekcanadaflagday.701.com 

Jun 4, Sydenham Challenge Dragon Boat Festival
Wallaceburg, Southwestern Ontario

Dragon Boat racing on the historic Sydenham River. \$500 per team, proceeds from this event will go to the Breast Buddies (breast cancer) Dragon Boat team and United Way Chatham-Kent. FREE.

T: (519) 628-5456

W: www.unitedway.chatham-kent.on.ca 

Jun 5, 7th Annual Corn Flower Festival
Rosemont, Southwestern Ontario

Attention glassware collectors and enthusiasts. Join us to celebrate Corn Flower Festival. View the museums' extensive collection. Take in identification clinics, consignment sale and special presentations. Admission: \$10.

T: 1-877-941-7787

W: www.dufferinmuseum.com  

Jun 5, Aviary Spring Fair
Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Beautiful birds to visit, entertainment, children's activities, great food and much more! Bring the whole family! FREE.

T: (905) 546-4842

W: www.friendsoftheaviary.ca 

Jun 5, Byward Market Auto Classic
Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Over 100 vintage, classic and high performance cars are on display throughout Ottawa's Byward Market. Admire the vehicles as you stroll through the market, then vote for your favourites. FREE.

T: (613) 562-3325

W: www.byward-market.com  

Jun 5, Wye Marsh Run
Midland, Central Ontario

Wye Marsh Run.

T: (705) 526-7809

W: www.wyemarch.com 

Jun 8 - 12, 31st Annual Mudcat Festival
Dunnville, Southwestern Ontario

Giant parade, fireworks, midway, dances, musical acts, egg drop, catfish races, magic acts, community lane, ecumenical church service, kids fishing derby. Something for everyone and its mostly free. FREE.

T: (905) 774-3183

W: www.linemap.com/dunnvillechamber 

Jun 9 - Aug 28, Port Hope Festival Theatre
Port Hope, Central Ontario

Capitol Theatre Summer 2005: June 9-25, Born Yesterday - Comedy; June 30-July 16, Dial 'M' for Murder; July 21-Aug. 6, One for the Pot - Farce; Aug. 16-28, My Fair Lady - Musical.

T: 1-800-434-5092

W: www.capitoltheatre.com   

Jun 10 - 12, Aurora Fair and Horse Show
Aurora, Greater Toronto Area

Superdogs, petting zoo, pig and duck races, police dog demo, reptiles, birds of prey, horses, horses and more horses, stage shows all day, jugglers, one man band and "The Aurora Idol" competition.

T: (905) 713-6773

W: www.aurorafair.ca 

Jun 10 - 12, Brockville Celtic Festival
Brockville, Eastern Ontario

A three-day celebration of Celtic cultures and heritage. Food vendors. Live entertainment in the band shell. Children's activities. Admission charged. Free parking.

T: (613) 341-8884

W: www.brockvillecelticfestival.com  

Jun 10 - 12, Great Canadian Outdoor Expo
Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's first and only 'Outdoor Outdoor' Expo - set in the great outdoors! Camping, cottage,

backyard, food, games, gardening, pet, sportsmen, water, wheels!! Try-it, buy-it!

T: (519) 822-2668

W: www.greatcanadianoutdoorexpo.com   

Jun 10 - 12, Lambton Central Rodeo
Petrolia, Southwestern Ontario

Rodeo sponsored by Dodge. National High School Rodeo. Breakfast on Sun. morning.

T: (519) 844-2531 

Jun 10 - 12, Mopar Canadian Nationals
Grand Bend, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's biggest drag race event. Featuring top fuel dragsters, pro mods, alcohol funny cars and mountain motor pro stocks. Plus, jets and other show vehicles.

T: (519) 238-7223

W: www.grandbendmotorplex.com 

Jun 11, 12th Annual Antique and Classic Car Show

Gravenhurst, Central Ontario

Gravenhurst Chamber presents giant car show on the shores of Gull Lake with more than 500 antique vehicles on site. Prizes, music, great food and free t-shirts for the first 100 car owners on site!

T: (705) 687-4432

W: www.gravenhurstchamber.com  

Jun 11, 13th Annual Bobcaygeon House Tour
Bobcaygeon, Central Ontario

Sponsored by the women from the Anglican and United Churches. Tickets include map and dessert. Tickets \$12 per person.

T: (705) 738-1055 

Jun 11 - 12, Art and Craft Fair
Burlington, Southwestern Ontario

A selling place for artists and artisans who produced high quality art and crafts of paintings, sculptures, photography, leather goods, clothing, pottery, glass, woodwork, garden ornaments, etc.

T: (905) 632-7796

W: www.burlingtonartcentre.on.ca  

Jun 11, Black Gold Days
Bothwell, Southwestern Ontario

Discover Bothwell of the 1890s at the Oil Museum. Historical re-enactors, guided nature walks, pottery lessons, crafters, historic walks and much more. Off Hwy #2, Bothwell. Worth the ride!

T: (519) 695-2096  

Jun 11, Cambridge Arts Festival
Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

11th Annual Cambridge Arts Festival, beginning at 10am. The event provides a much-anticipated venue for local artists including painters, poets, writers, musicians, crafts persons, etc. Don't miss it! FREE.

T: (519) 740-4681  

Jun 11, Cambridge Riverfest and Dragon Boat Races

Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

This is family fun day filled with events that include water activities and many children's activities. Held in Dickson and Riverbluffs Parks. FREE.

T: 1-800-749-7560

W: www.cambridgeriverfest.com  

Jun 11 - 12, FAME: Fitness and Model Expo
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Largest annual international fitness event in Canada. Consumer expo with hundreds of exhibitors, shopping, seminars, workshops, demonstrations, entertainment and the FAME 2005 World Championship competitions.

T: (905) 709-9676

W: www.FAME2005.com  

Jun 11, Georgetown Highland Games
Georgetown, Greater Toronto Area

Traditional mix of events with piping, highland dancing and heavyweight competition. Spectacular mass bands 1pm and 5pm. Several children's activities.

T: (905) 584-5440

W: www.georgetownhighlandgames.com  

Jun 11 - 12, Hamilton International Tattoo
Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

The Hamilton International Tattoo is held in June of each year to celebrate our rich cultural and military heritage and features dancers, international military bands and of course the pipes and drums.

T: (905) 523-1753

W: www.hamiltontattoo.ca  

Jun 11 - 12, In Search of Moby Pike
Iroquois Falls, Northern Ontario

The Moby Pike fishing tournament is a 2-day catch & release event. Featuring \$10,000 in cash and prizes, along with a kid's day celebration and a Kop for Kids event. A dinner is included in entry fee.

T: (705) 232-4500

W: www.iroquoisfalls.com 

Jun 11, Kids Funfest*Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario*

Sarnia's 10th Annual Children's Festival. Over 85 activities which includes play areas, entertainment, displays, demonstrations, mascots, rides, information areas and much more! FREE.

T: (519) 332-0330**W:** www.city.sarnia.on.ca 2 ★**Jun 11, Midland Dragon Boat Festival***Midland, Central Ontario*

Originating in China, dragon boat racing has evolved into a modern day race which features corporate and community teams racing over 500-metre course in friendly competition. Second Annual Event. FREE.

T: (705) 527-6465**W:** www.midlanddragonboat.ca 4**Jun 11 - 26, Niagara Falls Vintage Festival***St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region*

Join more than 30 internationally acclaimed Ontario wineries at one of Canada's premier spring events, as we present the first taste of Niagara's award-winning wines. Over

40 different events. See ad on pg. 75.

T: (905) 688-0212**W:** www.niagarawinefestival.com 3 ★**Jun 11 - 12, Wheels and Tracks in Motion***Barrie, Central Ontario*

Historical construction and farm equipment displays. Live demonstrations by HCEA members. Vintage trucks, road graders, rock crushers, cranes, steam engines and more. Family event. Admission: \$4 per person.

T: (705) 728-3721**W:** www.county.simcoe.on.ca 4**Jun 11 - 12, Windfall Ecology Festival***Newmarket, Greater Toronto Area*

WindFall Ecology Centre is producing the 4th annual Windfall Ecology Festival June 11-

12. This high profile regional event attracted 10,000 visitors in 2004. FREE.

T: (905) 895-1926**W:** www.windfallcentre.ca 1**Jun 12, Donkey Day***Guelph, Southwestern Ontario*

Donkey day is an afternoon in the country for animal lovers of all ages. Donkey and pony rides, singers, dancers, natural horsemanship demonstrations, great food, boutique, tombola, wagon rides and more!

T: (519) 836-1697**W:** www.donkeysanctuary.ca 2**Jun 14 - 19, Canadian Film Centre's Worldwide Short Film Festival***Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

WSFF showcases the best of Canadian and international short films. Screenings include competition programmes, celebrity shorts, midnight mania, sci-fi shorts and country spotlights. Short is Good!

T: (416) 445-1446**W:** www.worldwideshortfilmfest.com 1**Jun 14 - 18, Mississauga International Children's Festival***Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area*

Mississauga International Children's Festival 10th Anniversary! Sparking imaginations inspiring creativity. The very best in Canadian and international theatre, puppetry, dance and storytelling. FREE.

T: (905) 306-6141**W:** www.kidsfestival.org 1 ★**Jun 15, Senior's Day***Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario*

Doon Heritage Crossroads invites seniors over 55, for a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Musical entertainment, horse drawn wagon rides and a sing a long in church. FREE.

T: (519) 748-1914**W:** www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doon 2**Jun 16 - 19, Burlington Sound of Music Festival***Burlington, Southwestern Ontario*

Burlington's Sound of Music Festival is a free summer music festival that is diverse and appealing to audiences of all ages. A broad spectrum of music is presented over 4 days, including jazz, folk, rock, pop, big band, country, blues and more. FREE.

T: (905) 333-6364**W:** www.soundofmusic.on.ca 2 ★**Jun 16 - 26, Ottawa Fringe Festival***Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

Come join us for our ten-day celebration of the arts! With a wide selection of happenings in theatre, music, visual arts and busking you will find something for both young and old on the Fringe!

T: (613) 232-6162**W:** www.ottawafringe.com 6**Jun 17 - 18, 5 Span Jam Country Music Festival***Pakenham, Eastern Ontario*

The 10th Annual 5 Span Jam, Fri., June 17, 8pm-midnight. Sat., June 18, 2pm-midnight. Tickets \$10. Located at the Stewart Community Centre.

T: (613) 256-1077**W:** www.mississippimills.ca 5**Jun 17 - 18, Beamsville Strawberry Festival***Beamsville, Niagara Falls and Region*

Kick off Fri. night with bed races downtown Beamsville and Sat. at the Fairgrounds for live entertainment, crafters, strawberry food vendors, kids zone and a great car show! FREE.

T: (905) 563-0034**W:** www.strawberryfest.ca 3**Jun 17 - 19, Guelph Multicultural Festival***Guelph, Southwestern Ontario*

Enjoy foods from around the world, music and dancing, cultural displays, bands, contests and children's activities. Fireworks at dusk on June 19. Riverside Park. FREE.

T: (519) 836-7482**W:** www.gdmc.org 2 ★**Jun 17 - 19, Innisfil Summerfest***Innisfil, Northern Ontario*

10th annual waterfront festival featuring craft, food and retail vendor, midway and games. Live entertainment all weekend long. A fun filled family event.

T: (705) 436-5066**W:** www.areaproductions.com 7**Jun 17 - 19, Markham Village Music Festival***Markham, Greater Toronto Area*

The Markham Village Music Festival. Features six stages of musical entertainment, more than 100 craft and food booths, plus Children's Village in Morgan Park. Lots of fun for the whole family! FREE.

T: (905) 472-2022**W:** www.markham-festival.org 1 ★**Jun 17 - 19, Mississauga Waterfront Festival***Port Credit, Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area*

Exciting three day affordable, family festival featuring world class entertainment, carnival, children's village, petting zoo, vendors, buskers, great food, dog show, licensed area, and much more.

T: (905) 891-0002**W:** www.mississaugawaterfrontfestival.com

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Jun 17 - 19, Prince Edward Curling Club Antique Show & Sale*Pictou, Eastern Ontario*

Prince Edward Curling Club 41st Annual Antique Show and Sale Fairgrounds, Main St. East, Pictou. Fri. 5pm-9pm, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 11am-4pm. Admission: \$3; \$5.50 weekend pass available, lunch available, new dealers welcome.

T: (613) 476-6956 5**Jun 17 - 19, Spring Boat, Cottage and Outdoor Show***Orillia, Central Ontario*

Fantastic in water selection of new and pre-owned private and dealer boats. Land displays, vendors and safety demonstrations. Port of Orillia, Lake Couchiching. FREE.

T: (705) 326-4424**W:** www.orillia.com 4 ★**Jun 17 - 19, The Great Canadian Fly-In Air Show***Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario*

Air show including static displays all weekend. Flying performances Sat. and Sun. afternoon. Music concerts all weekend long. Food and beverages available.

T: (519) 542-6599 2**Jun 17 - 18, Village Festival***Georgetown, Greater Toronto Area*

Downtown kicks off the summer season and the Farmers' Market with a festival of fun and entertainment. Arts and crafts vendors are intermingled with sidewalk sales, and farm produce. Entertainment is provided by buskers and street entertainers. FREE.

T: (905) 873-4970**W:** www.downtowngeorgetown.com 1 ★**Jun 18, 2nd Annual Dragon Boat Art & Craft Show***Welland, Niagara Falls and Region*

This unique art and craft show is in conjunction with the Annual Dragon Boat Races on the old Welland Canal. Come enjoy the races. FREE.

T: (905) 732-5337**W:** www.wellandheritagecouncil.com 3

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www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum

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www.guelph.ca/museum

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www.the.super8.com/guelph08073

Guelph & District

Multicultural Festival

June 17, 18, 19, 2005
www.gdmc.org

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www.visitguelphandwellington.ca/festivalfun

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 18 - Aug 20, Blind River White Pine Cultural Festival *Blind River, Northern Ontario*

Dragon boat races, community days, lumberjack show, horse pulls, Canada Day beach bash, kite festival, comedy/musical performances, fiddle/step dance, soap box derby, truck mud derby. FREE.

T: (705) 356-2251

W: www.blindriver.ca/festivals ♿ 7 ★

Jun 18, Brampton Folk Festival

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area



Family-oriented festival set in scenic Gage Park located in downtown Brampton. Includes great music, craft vendors, Morris dancers, food, a beer tent, and plenty of children's

entertainment. FREE.

T: (647) 233-3655

W: www3.sympatico.ca/bramptonfolk/home.htm ♿ 1

Jun 18, Experience Brampton Tourism

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Brampton's Tourism Attractions and Events showcase for you to enjoy. Children's activities and entertainment for all. 9am-2pm Main St South and City Hall. FREE.

T: (905) 874-3601

W: www.tourismbrampton.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 18, Fresh Ayr Festival

Ayr, Southwestern Ontario

Join us for a day of fun as Ayr celebrates her 181st birthday! This year's theme is "celebrating our heritage". FREE.

T: 1-800-749-7560 ♿ 2 ★

Jun 18 - 19, Kitefest

Wasaga Beach, Central Ontario

Kitefest features single, dual line, sport and traction kites. Also features kite demos. FREE.

T: (705) 429-2477 ♿ 4

Jun 18 - 19, Sail and Canvas

Bayfield, Southwestern Ontario

Bayfield's fine artisans and Maritime pleasures sharing a canvas theme. Mingle with accomplished artists, saunter and shop our treasures, enjoy spectacular sunsets and lovely beach. FREE.

T: (519) 565-5755

W: www.bayfieldchamberofcommerce.on.ca ♿ 2

Jun 18 - 19, Soar with Legends

Mount Hope, Southwestern Ontario

Aircraft from the collection of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum are displayed indoors and in the air (weather permitting). Vintage aircraft rides and food will be available for purchase.

T: (905) 679-4183

W: www.warplane.com ♿ 2

Jun 18 - 19, Spencerville Art Show & Sale

Spencerville, Eastern Ontario

Local artists display their work in a beautifully restored old stone mill. Paintings, drawings, photography and sculptures. FREE.

T: (613) 658-5885

W: www.spencervillemill.com ♿ 5

Jun 18, Strawberry Festival

Niagara-On-The-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

Delightful family celebration of the Strawberry Harvest. Located on the beautiful grounds of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Fresh strawberries, strawberry desserts, strawberry jams and live music. FREE.

T: (905) 468-1950

W: www.niagaraonthelake.com ♿ 3 🚗

Jun 18, The Reminiscence Festival 2005

Fergus, Southwestern Ontario

Come out to The Reminiscence Festival - A Celebration of Memories and step back into the past and re-live the 50s, 60s and 70s at the 2005 encore performance! Enjoy the live music, food and fun!

T: 1-866-500-6652

W: www.remfest.com ♿ 2 ★

Jun 18, UpTown Country

Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

Put on your cowboy boots, grab your cowboy hat and c'mon down to the street. 3rd annual country music festival, highlighting some of the best country artists performing today. FREE.

T: (519) 885-1921

W: www.uptowncountrywaterloo.com ♿ 2

Jun 18, Wasaga Beach Fun Run*Wasaga Beach, Central Ontario*

Car show featuring models from 1979 or earlier. Held at the main beach area. FREE.

T: (705) 429-3847**W:** www.wasagabeach.com ♿ 4 ★**Jun 18, Welland Dragon Boat Festival***Welland, Niagara Falls and Region*

Start summer with a splash! Welland Dragon Boat Festival, Sat., June 18, Races, arts and crafts show, food and drink! Call to enter a team. FREE.

T: (905) 735-8085**W:** www.wellanddragonboatfestival.com ♿ 3**Jun 19, 6th Annual Rocklyn Classic Car Show***Rocklyn, Southwestern Ontario*

6th Annual Rocklyn Car Show! FREE.

T: (519) 986-2811**W:** www.greyhighlands.ca ♿ 2**Jun 19 - 25, Fiesta Week***Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area*

Starts with the Father's Day parade and concert in Memorial Park, downtown Oshawa. 15 ethnic and cultural pavilions at various venues in Oshawa offering stage shows, food, drink and heritage displays. Admission: \$8 adults; and \$6 seniors.

T: (905) 725-1624 ♿ 1 ★**Jun 19, Ice Cream Social***Lindsay, Central Ontario*

Old fashioned Ice Cream Social set amidst the historical setting of Victoria Park, fresh ice cream, games, activities, entertainment, carriage rides and more. Free, with nominal fee for some activities.

T: 1-866-747-2010**W:** www.kawarthalakesevents.com ♿ 4 ★**Jun 19, Tea on the Bluffs***Oakville, Greater Toronto Area*

English Party in the Garden of the Sovereign House Museum set against a view of Lake Ontario and Bronte Harbour.

T: (905) 825-5552 1 ★**Jun 20 - 26, Pride Week***Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Pride Week, an annual mosaic of cultural events that celebrates, empowers and supports the diverse and delightful lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, intersex and queer community. FREE.

T: (416) 927-7433**W:** www.pridetoronto.com ♿ 1 ★**Jun 21, National Aboriginal Day at Sainte Marie Among the Hurons***Midland, Central Ontario*

Share a tribute to Canada's First Nations with special on-site exhibits, presentations, and displays at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons.

T: (705) 526-7838**W:** www.sainte Marie among the hurons.on.ca

♿ 4

Jun 22 - 26, Tapestry*Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario*

An event for the whole family to enjoy. Music, entertainment and food. This event starts the beginning of the Multicultural Festival. FREE.

T: (519) 741-2308**W:** www.tapestrycelebrations.com 2 ★**Jun 23 - 26, Canadian Aviation Expo***Oshawa, Southwestern Ontario*

The Canadian Aviation Expo is Canada's Largest Aviation Trade Show and Fly-in. It's everything aviation with over 250 exhibits, 100s of aircraft, a daily aerial demonstration and aircraft rides.

T: 1-866-309-9537**W:** www.canadianaviationexpo.com ♿ 2 🚗**Jun 23 - 26, Festival de la St. Jean Baptiste de la region de Kapuskasing***Kapuskasing, Northern Ontario*

The best and biggest Festival de la St-Jean Baptiste in the province! Past performers include La Chicane, Eric Lapointe and Zachary Richard. Fun for the entire family. You should not miss this!

T: (705) 335-8461**W:** www.stjeankap.com 7 ★**Jun 23 - 30, Festival franco-ontarien***Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

Stay tuned for the 2005 edition, as the Festival franco-ontarien celebrates its 30th anniversary with 30 years of Franco-Ontarian songs: that's something to sing about when you tune into the Franco!

T: (613) 755-2553**W:** www.ffo.ca ♿ 6 ★**Jun 23 - 26, Lucknow Strawberry Festival***Lucknow, Southwestern Ontario*

Slo-pitch tournament, youth soccer tournament, antique car show, craft and vendor market. June 26, pancake breakfast, children's games, fun activities planned for everyone. Dance Sat. evening. FREE.

T: (519) 529-7422**W:** www.strawberrysummerfest.com ♿ 2 ★**Jun 23 - Jul 3, Ottawa International Jazz Festival***Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

A celebration of jazz music, featuring an outstanding line-up of jazz musicians from across Canada and around the world. The festivities include concerts, jam sessions, Family Day and much more.

T: (613) 241-2633**W:** www.ottawajazzfestival.com ♿ 6 ★**Jun 24 - 25, Downtown Brockville Busker Festival***Brockville, Eastern Ontario*

Annual Busker Festival in the Downtown core of Brockville. Variety of buskers entertain people of all ages. FREE.

T: (613) 345-3269**W:** www.downtownbrockville.com ♿ 5**Jun 24, Franco-Fete 2005***Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

June 24 - Franco-Fete celebrates at harbourfront with all francophones and francophiles. Featuring well-known musical artists from the francophone communities. FREE.

T: (905) 257-9627**W:** www.franco-fete.com ♿ 1**Jun 24 - Aug 28, L'echo d'un peuple***Casselman, Eastern Ontario*

Le'echo d'un peuple, large-scale production featuring over 1000 characters in the space of two hours will cover four centuries of francophone history in North America and Ontario.

T: (613) 443-3335**W:** www.franco-scenies.ca ♿ 5**Jun 24 - Jul 10, MooseFest***Dryden, Northern Ontario*

MooseFest is a 2 week festival with events for the whole family including a hog and rod car and bike show, teddy bear picnic, walleye masters tournament, Canada Day celebrations and much more!

T: (807) 223-2622**W:** www.moosfest.ca ♿ 7**Jun 24 - 26, Oakville Waterfront Festival***Oakville, Greater Toronto Area*

This three day family festival delivers all the best the season has to offer: fireworks, live outdoor concerts, children's village, craft show, dog show, theme park and more. Free shuttles through out Oakville.

T: (905) 847-7975**W:** www.oakvillefestival.com ♿ 1 ★**Jun 24 - 26, Strathroy Hometown Turkey Festival***Strathroy, Southwestern Ontario*

Midway rides, car show, vendors, games, egg dropping, turkey tent, entertainment, food and always lots of fun.

T: (519) 245-5369**W:** www.turkeyfest.ca 2 ★**Jun 24 - 25, Tall Ships - Oakville Waterfront Festival***Oakville, Greater Toronto Area*

All Ships Cruise on Lake Ontario. Ticket cost includes lunch and/or dinner. Entertainment on board and evening cruises includes fireworks display.

T: (905) 825-2245**W:** www.butterflys.ca 1 ★**Jun 24 - Jul 3, TD Canada Trust Toronto Downtown Jazz Festival***Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Toronto's premier Jazz festival! More than 1500 international musicians perform all across the city at various outdoor stages at Nathan Phillips Square and local concert halls, clubs, and restaurants. FREE.

T: (416) 928-2033**W:** www.torontojazz.com ♿ 1 ★**Jun 24 - 26, Women's Outdoor Weekend***Manitowlin Island, Northern Ontario*

All inclusive camping weekend including food, yoga, circle dancing, astronomy, orienteering, outdoor cooking, drumming, wood chip carving, campfires, nature hikes, swimming, mini putt and nature crafts.

T: (705) 859-2470**W:** www.gordonspark.com 7**Jun 25 - 26, Annual Festival of Our Lady of Fatima***Chatham, Southwestern Ontario*

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is a yearly event put on by the Portuguese community of Chatham Kent. There is a dance Sat. night and on Sun. a procession, mass, dinner and dance. All are welcome. FREE.

T: (519) 355-1475 ♿ 2

Jun 25, Beyond the Garden Gate*Port Hope, Central Ontario*

Port Hope Garden Tour (rain or shine) 10am-4pm. Tickets \$15. Sponsored by the Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.

T: (905) 885-7929

W: www.porthope.ca ♿ 4 ★

Jun 25 - 26, Big Rig Show & Shine*Barrie, Central Ontario*

\$7500 in prizes. Bring your family and friends, and stay in our on-site convenient campgrounds, excellent food and beverages. Vendors show and shine competitors and general public all welcome to attend.

T: (705) 487-3663

W: www.burlscreek.com ♿ 4

Jun 25, Christmas in June*Orillia, Central Ontario*

Decorated boat contest and beautiful illuminated boat parade free to viewing public. Turkey buffet dinner with proceeds to local charity. Port of Orillia, Lake Couchiching. FREE.

T: (705) 326-4424

W: www.orillia.com ♿ 4 ★

Jun 25, Downtown Collingwood Art Walk*Collingwood, Central Ontario*

Visit downtown Collingwood as we bring art to the street. Experience great Canadian artwork in Collingwood's historic downtown and watch as artists create original works of art. FREE.

T: (705) 445-5595

W: www.downtowncollingwood.com ♿ 4 ★

Jun 25, Garden Festival*Mt. Brydges, Southwestern Ontario*

Country Garden Festival this is your opportunity to stroll through and enjoy all of our themed garden features, browse the wares of dozens of garden related and craft vendors, seminars, refreshments. Admission: \$2.

T: (519) 264-2716

W: www.dowdingwatergardens.ca ♿ 2

Jun 25, Hamilton Highland Games*Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario*

Annual Highlands Games featuring highland dance competition, pipes, and drums, clan tent, heavy events, and vendor row. FREE.

T: (905) 524-5886

W: www.hamiltonhighlandgames.com ♿ 2

Jun 25 - 26, Kitchener-Waterloo**Multicultural Festival***Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario*

Every summer this community celebrates ethnic diversity and all its wonder. Join us between noon-8pm in celebrating the beginning of summer and all that Canada has to offer at this great family event. FREE.

T: (519) 745-2531

W: www.kwmc.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jun 25 - 26, Nortel Ottawa Dragon Boat Race*Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

This two-day Dragon Boat Festival includes 180 teams a multicultural component including two days of live entertainment, concessions, exhibitors, beer garden, children's area and charity fundraising. FREE.

T: (613) 238-7711

W: www.dragonboat.net ♿ 6

Jun 25, Orchid Festival*Lanark, Eastern Ontario*

Celebrating the blooming of Canada's largest native colony of Showy Lady's Slipper Orchids. Guided tour to and of Purdon Conservation area. Arts, artisans, music, and food. FREE.

T: 1-866-559-9154

W: www.lanark-highlands.com ♿ 5

Jun 25 - Aug 27, Peterborough Summer Festival of Lights*Peterborough, Central Ontario*

Concerts start at 8pm followed by fabulous firework displays every Wed. and Sat. evening at Del Cray Park. Past performers include Gordon Lightfoot, John McDermott and Blue Rodeo. FREE.

T: (705) 742-7777 x4612

W: www.festivaloflights.ca ♿ 4 ★

Jun 25, PoultryFest Niagara*Smithville, Niagara Falls and Region*

Visit the "Poultry Capital of Canada", for a family-oriented festival built around food and fun! Craft show, car show, poultry show, competitions, education, live entertainment, kids and teen zones. FREE.

T: 1-877-957-3751

W: www.poultryfest.ca 3

Jun 26 - Jul 10, Newmarket Summer Festival*Newmarket, Greater Toronto Area*

Police Day in the park, pancake breakfast, family events and fireworks! Downtown Newmarket on Main and Water Sts. FREE.

T: (905) 895-5193

W: www.newmarket.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 26, Strawberry Social*Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area*

Clarkson was once the strawberry capital of Canada. Come celebrate this tasty tidbit of history! Enjoy buggy rides, strawberry shortcake and more, including a visit from Queen Victoria!

T: (905) 822-1569

W: www.museumsofmississauga.com ♿ 1

Jun 26, SuperiorFinn Juhannus Arts Festival*Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario*

"Celebrating of our Finnish heritage with the Arts". Juhannus is the celebration of the summer solstice for "the land of the midnight sun" and now too for "the land of Nanibijou". FREE.

T: (807) 964-2941 7 ★

Jun 27 - Aug 28, Hamilton Port Days*Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario*

Hamilton Port Days celebrates the waterfront with exhibits, boat rides, food, entertainment, interactive games and fun for the entire family. A weekend on the waterfront! FREE.

T: 1-800-263-2131

W: www.hamiltonport.ca ♿ 2

Jun 27 - Sep 5, Summer Flower Festival at Cullen Garden*Whitby, Greater Toronto Area*

The 36-acres of grounds and miniature village are ablaze with beautiful floral colours. Topiary Gardens and Perennial Gardens, and daily entertainment.

T: (905) 686-1600

W: www.cullengardens.com ♿ 1 ★ 🚌

Jun 28 - Sep 10, Blyth Festival*Blyth, Southwestern Ontario*

Award-winning live Canadian theatre that reflects a rural southwestern Ontario audience - music, drama, comedy and spectacular outdoor theatre. 5 productions in 2005 including two world premieres.

T: 1-877-862-5984

W: www.blythfestival.com ♿ 2 🚌

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 28 - Jul 2, UNISONG

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

UNISONG ... a special choral experience in Ottawa for Canada Day - a massed unity choir from all across Canada! A chance for choristers from across Canada to meet and sing for each other! FREE.

T: 1-800-267-8526

W: www.abc.ca ♿ 6 ★

Jun 30 - Jul 3, Brockville Riverfest

Brockville, Eastern Ontario

An action packed fun filled family weekend festival. Children's activities, food vendors, live entertainment. Great Raft Challenge on St. Lawrence River. Admission: \$2 - \$4.

T: (613) 342-8975

W: <http://www.brockvilleriverfest.ca> ♿ 5

Jun 30 - Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations

Goderich, Southwestern Ontario

Fireworks over Lake Huron on June 30 (rain date July 1) at dusk. Free Canada Day picnic in Court House Park followed by the Canada Day Parade and many other special events. FREE.

T: (519) 524-6600

W: www.town.goderich.on.ca ♿ 2

Jun 30 - Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations

Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

Displays and general entertainment, parade to Canatara, ethnic food booths, car displays, entertainment. Fireworks at 10pm. FREE.

T: (519) 332-0330

W: www.city.sarnia.on.ca 2 ★

Jun 30 - Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations

Campbellford, Eastern Ontario

Campbellford starts Canada Day on June 30 with fireworks and dance at the fair grounds 7pm. July 1 in Old Mill Park 8am. Pancake Breakfast, Teddy Bear parade, Duckie races, displays, kids games etc. FREE.

T: 1-888-653-1556

W: www.visitcampbellford.ca ♿ 5

Jun 30 - Jul 4, Friendship Festival

Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Region

Celebrating the shared history and heritage of the Niagara in Southern Ontario and Western New York. The 19th year for the event features free concerts, fireworks, midways, crafts and family fun! FREE.

T: (905) 871-6454

W: www.friendshipfestival.com 3 ★

Jun 30 - Jul 3, It's Your Festival

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's 137th birthday celebration featuring, 150 arts & craft booths, 25 food booths serving food of the world, Midway, local and international performers, Ontario Youth Talent Search and much more! FREE.

T: (905) 525-2297

W: www.hamiltonfolkarts.org ♿ 2 ★

Jun 30 - Jul 3, Jewel in the Wilderness Festival - A Celebration of our Heritage

Elliot Lake, Northern Ontario

There are many events including a Western Jamboree, fireworks for Canada Day, beach party, high school business, and many events for everyone. Call for more information. FREE.

T: (705) 848-7730 ♿ 7

Jun 30 - Jul 4, Stargazing Manitoulin

Manitoulin Island, Northern Ontario

Astronomy camping weekend in the dark sky sanctuary at Gordon's Park including a wine and cheese welcome reception, guided public observing sessions, swap meet, information sharing session and nature hike.

T: (705) 859-2470

W: www.gordonspark.com 7

july

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO



Summer Sizzles

Ontario is absolutely bursting with fun summer festivals to suit every fancy. Get caught up in **Canada Day** festivities



and fireworks that greet the summer on July 1st. It's not summer without the popular **Fergus Truck Show**. Surf the net – volleyball, that is, at popular sand-filled tournaments along **Wasaga Beach** and

Sauble Beach. Water draws people to the **Norseman Floatplane Festival in Red Lake** as well as to **Port Colborne's Canal Days and Marine Heritage Days**. Experience the world in one place at numerous colourful multicultural festivals - the **International Villages Festival in Brantford** or **Toronto's Caribana**. The plaintive sound of the pipes beckons you to the **highland games in Kincardine** and a dozen other Scottish

communities in Ontario. Music is everywhere – **Ottawa's Cisco Systems Bluesfest**, **Toronto's Downtown Jazz Festival** and the **Beaches International Jazz Festival**, **Guelph's Hillside Festival** and **Fort Erie's Friendship Festival**.



Jul 1, Canada Day
Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Kick off your celebration of Canada's birthday by watching the colourful parade of marching bands, flag-bearers and ribbon-twirlers. Enjoy dynamic and outrageous activities and performances. Enjoy buskers, games, workshops and more.

T: 1-800-645-1867

W: www.capitaleducana.gc.ca 6 ★ 🚗

Jul 1, Canada Day and Dominion Day Celebrations

Bobcaygeon, Central Ontario 4 ★
Brampton, Greater Toronto Area 1 ★
Brantford, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Burlington, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Caledon, Greater Toronto Area 1 ★
Caledonia, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Chatham, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Cobourg, Central Ontario 4 ★
Collingwood, Central Ontario 4 ★
Espanola, Northern Ontario 7 ★
Fenelon Falls, Central Ontario 4 ★
Gravenhurst, Central Ontario 4 ★
Hanover, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Hastings, Eastern Ontario 5 ★
Jordan, Niagara Falls and Region 3 ★
Kawartha Lakes, Central Ontario 4 ★
Kinmount, Central Ontario 4 ★
Kirkland Lake, Northern Ontario 7 ★
Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Lindsay, Central Ontario 4 ★
London, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Midland, Central Ontario 4 ★
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region 3 ★
Oakville, Greater Toronto Area 1 ★
Perry Sound, Northern Ontario 7 ★
Port Burwell, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Port Dover, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Port Perry, Central Ontario 4 ★
Prescott, Eastern Ontario 5 ★
Priceville, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
Red Rock, Northern Ontario 7 ★
Richmond Hill, Greater Toronto Area 1 ★
Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario 7 ★
St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★
St. Thomas, Southwestern Ontario 2 ★

Sudbury, Northern Ontario 7 ★
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area 1 ★
Unionville, Greater Toronto Area 1 ★
Welland, Niagara Falls and Region 3 ★
Whitby, Greater Toronto Area 1 ★

Jul 1 - 4, 2 Nation Celebration
Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region

Celebrate the birth of "2" great Nations at the only bi-national wonder in North America. Activities and performances from music to interactive fun and spectacular fireworks finish the event. FREE.

T: 1-877-NIA-PARK

W: www.niagaraparks.com 3 ★ 🚗

Jul 1 - 24, 25th Annual YMCA Erie Great Salmon & Pickerel Hunt

Erieau, Southwestern Ontario

25th year for this derby. Food and beverage tents on the weekends. Thousands in prizes. Join the fun and support the youth in our community. A 20lb'er won the salmon division last year. FREE.

T: (519) 352-0950 x107 2

Jul 1 - 3, 6th Annual Kincardine Scottish Festival

Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario

Gather on the shores on Loch Huron and thrill to the sights and sounds of Scotland. Pipe bands, highland dancing, British car show, and Celtic music all weekend long!

T: 1-888-232-7952

W: www.kincarinescottishfestival.com 2 ★

Jul 1 - 2, Canada Day Strawberry Festival
Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Canada Day fun for the whole family, pancake breakfast, live entertainment, inflatables, strawberry picking, dog show, winery and farm market.

T: (905) 838-2990

W: www.downeysfarm.on.ca 1 ★

Jul 1 - 3, Cobourg Waterfront Festival
Cobourg, Central Ontario

Along the lakefront, an annual exhibition of fine arts and crafts, midway and live entertainment. Don't miss the weekend's Canada Day Parade and fireworks extravaganza over the harbour.

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.waterfrontfestival.ca 4 ★

Jul 1 - 3, Optimist Canada Day Weekend Event
Arthur, Southwestern Ontario

Friday Night - Business/family ball tournament - Pavilion dance. Saturday - men's and mixed ball tournament, horseshoes, kids activities,

pavilion dance. Sunday - Mixed ball, pavilion, 50/50 draw. FREE.

T: (519) 848-3294 2

Jul 1 - 2, Owen Sound Celebrates Canada Day
Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

Live entertainment, games and attractions for kids and families. Annual event in Kelso Beach Park with spectacular fireworks display to cap the festivities.

T: (519) 376-4440

W: www.e-owensound.on.ca 2

Jul 1 - Sep 5, Summer Festival Season
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Free festivals every weekend, all summer long! July 1, Labatt Blue Canada Day; July 2-3, Extravaganza; July 8-10, Beats, Breaks & Culture; July 15-17, All Over the Map; July 22-24, Dim Sum; July 29-Aug. 1, Stella Artois Hot & Spicy Food Festival; Aug. 3-7, Masala! Mehndi! Masti!; Aug. 12-14, T.O. Twang; Aug. 9-21, Kick Up Your Heels; Aug. 6-28, Alexander Keith's Kitchen Party; Sept. 2-5, Without Borders: Eastern Europe. FREE.

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.harbourfrontcentre.com 1 ★ 🚗

Jul 1 - 4, Summerfest and Bikers Reunion
Temiskaming Shores, Northern Ontario

A family Canada Day Celebration including music, dances, sidewalk sales, bikers parade, bikers show and shine, children's activities and much, much more. FREE.

T: (705) 647-5709

W: www.temiskamingshores.ca 7 ★

Jul 1 - Sep 5, Unionville Summer Concert Series
Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Lots of jazz, swing, opera, big band and much more. Join us all summer long! Weekends from Canada Day to Labour Day. See web site for schedule. FREE.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com 1 🚗

Jul 2 - 4, "Fanfayr" on the Lake Juried Art and Crafts Show
Kingston, Eastern Ontario

This juried Arts and Crafts Show celebrates its 23rd Anniversary in Confederation Park, 10am to dusk. Over 80 artists and craftspeople from Ontario and Quebec working in a wide variety of mediums. FREE.

T: (613) 549-7006

W: <http://home.cogeco.ca/~gmcgrath6/fanfayr04/index.html> 5

Jul 2 - 3, Blues, Brews and BBQ Festival
Collingwood, Central Ontario

What is better than the latest and greatest in

live blues entertainment, a beer tasting show and a barbecue competition? A favourite at the Village at Blue Mountain!

T: (705) 445-0231

W: www.bluemountain.ca 4 ★

Jul 2 - 3, Canalfest
Merrickville, Eastern Ontario

Celebrating the heritage of the Rideau Canal and surrounding area.

T: (613) 269-2229

W: www.realmerrickville.ca 5

Jul 2, Charlie's Indian Motorcycle and Car Show
Campbellford, Northern Ontario

Hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts gather along the banks of the Trent Severn Waterway to view Charlie's personal collection of heritage cycles. FREE.

T: 1-888-653-1556 7

Jul 2, Cobourg Highland Games
Cobourg, Central Ontario

The skirl pipes and swing of tartan kilts await at this spirited summer weekend festival that celebrates all things Scottish.

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.cobourgtourism.ca 4

Jul 2 - 3, Cottage Country Art Show and Sale
Bala, Central Ontario

View the works of established Muskoka artists at Bala Legion, on Maple St. in Bala. FREE.

T: (705) 762-5663

W: www.muskokalakeschamber.com 4

Jul 2, Forbes Park Music Festival
Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

Free family fun to enjoy! A playbill that entertains children throughout the day and great quality music into the evening. FREE.

T: (519) 654-9001 2

Jul 2 - 3, Warkworth Western Weekend
Warkworth, Northern Ontario

The Dodge Rodeo comes to Warkworth with live rodeo events, including bull riding and 'mutton bustin' for the kids. Fun family events you won't want to miss.

T: (705) 924-1311 7

Jul 3 - Aug 28, Bustles, Beaus and Biscuits Festival
Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy tea and homemade tea biscuits on our Victorian Bandstand. Fashion show of different eras each day at 2pm. Tour through some of Ontario's oldest buildings. Runs from 12:30pm-4pm, each Sun. and holidays.

T: (519) 621-8851

W: www.conservationhamilton.ca 2

Jul 3, Mike Burwell Memorial Niagara Triathlon *Welland, Niagara Falls and Region*

The Mike Burwell Memorial Niagara Triathlon, triathlon and duathlon.

T: (905) 732-5566

W: www.burwelltriathlon.com 3

Jul 3 - Sep 4, The Sun Times Harbour Nights Concert Series *Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario*

A weekly concert series highlighting the best and brightest of musical entertainers in the Owen Sound area. Every summer Sun. evening at 7pm behind the Marine and Rail Museum. FREE.

T: 1-888-675-5555

W: www.city.owen-sound.on.ca 2

Jul 5 - Aug 23, Jazz in the Park *Wasaga Beach, Central Ontario*

Jazz in the Park is an eight-week concert series that runs every Tues. at 7pm, on Nancy Island. Every week a different band is featured. FREE.

T: (705) 429-3847

W: www.wasagabeach.com 4 ★

Jul 5 - 25, Tooney Tuesdays *Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario*

Live entertainment for the whole family to enjoy every Tues. in July.

T: (519) 741-2558

W: www.kw-visitor.on.ca 2 ★

Jul 6 - 9, Brantford International Villages Festival 31st Anniversary *Brantford, Southwestern Ontario*

Celebrate Brantford unity in diversity with our celebrating nations: Polish, Warsawa, Polonaise, Kanata, Iroquoian, Dutch, Hungarian, Latin, American, German and British Villages, youth plus others.

T: 1-800-265-0710

W: www.brantfordvillages.ca 2 ★

Jul 6 - Aug 31, Fresh Wednesdays *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

A shopping mecca offering an incredible selection of fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables,

baked food and more. To complement the market, Fresh Wednesdays features live musical performances. FREE.

T: (416) 338-0338

W: www.toronto.ca/special_events 1 ★

Jul 6 - Aug 31, Music in the Park *Bancroft, Central Ontario*

Runs every Wed. night featuring a local music group performing in the band shell. Come see why we are "the most talented town in Ontario!". FREE.

T: (613) 332-1513

W: www.bancroftdistrict.com 4

Jul 6 - 10, Niagara International Music Festival *St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region*

This festival is proud to be held annually in the beautiful Niagara region of Canada. This festival welcomes choirs, bands, and orchestras from Europe, the U.S. and Canada.

T: 1-800-267-8526

W: www.abc.ca 3 ★

Jul 6 - 17, Toronto Fringe Festival *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Toronto's largest theatre festival, situated in Toronto's Annex neighbourhood. Featuring over 125 Ontario, Canadian and international performing companies. Uninjured. Unexpected. Unforgettable.

T: (416) 966-1062

W: www.fringetoronto.com 1

Jul 6 - 31, World Famous Sunset Ceremonies *Kingston, Eastern Ontario*

See the Fort Henry guard perform military music, drill and big-bang artillery in this hour and a half evening performance each Wed. night during at 7:30pm with a fireworks finale!

T: (613) 542-7388

W: www.forthenry.com 5

Jul 7 - 10, Alfred Western Fair *Alfred, Eastern Ontario*

Continuous entertainment; music, song and dance.

T: (613) 679-1385 5

Jul 7 - Aug 25, Concerts in the Park *Richmond Hill, Greater Toronto Area*

Join us for an enjoyable evening of live music at Mill Pond Park. The 30th Annual season of the Concerts In The Park Series boasts an exciting lineup of performers each Thurs. in July and Aug. FREE.

T: (905) 771-5507

W: www.richmondhill.ca 1 ★

Jul 7 - 10, Essex Fun Fest *Essex, Southwestern Ontario*

A weekend of fun and entertainment for the whole family - featuring live entertainment on stage, youth talent show, parade, car show, sidewalk sales, lawn mower races, craft & food vendors and more! FREE.

T: (519) 776-7336

W: www.townofessex.on.ca 2 ★

Jul 7, Festival des arts de Moonbeam Arts Festival *Moonbeam, Northern Ontario*

Art exhibition, paintings, sculptures, wood crafting and much more. Some private collections and some for sale. Regional and local artists, usually around 40. The talent is remarkable. FREE.

T: (705) 367-2145

W: www.moonbeam.on.ca 7

Jul 7 - 10, Sunfest '05: A Celebration of World Cultures *London, Southwestern Ontario*

Sunfest celebrates its 10th anniversary as Canada's premier summer festival of the global arts. It features over 25 top world music and dance ensembles and more than 75 food and craft exhibitors. FREE. See ad on pg. 39.

T: (519) 672-1522

W: www.sunfest.on.ca 2



"A Celebration of World Cultures"

July 7 - 10, 2005

Victoria Park, London, Ontario, Canada

Music, Dance, Food & Crafts from around the world

!Free Admission!

FIVE STAGES including THE JAZZ VILLAGE



More than 25 different acts

INTERNATIONAL GUEST PERFORMERS

NATIONAL GUEST ARTISTS (Representing Various Cultures)

Jul 7 - Aug 25, Tasty Thursdays *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

This weekly event provides an opportunity for visitors to sample Toronto's renowned international cuisine. Best of all, meals are \$5 or less. Munch on your lunch and listen to the noon hour concerts. FREE.

T: (416) 338-0338

W: www.toronto.ca/special_events 1 ★

Jul 7 - Aug 25, Thursday Nights is Astronomy Nights at Gordon's Park *Manitoulin Island, Northern Ontario*

Two hour session including an orientation into astronomy, review of planets, northern lights etc, instructions on the use of a planisphere and how to star hop and viewing through "8" Dobsonian Telescope.

T: (705) 859-2470

W: www.gordonspark.com 7

Jul 8 - 9, 19th Annual Huronia Open Old Time Fiddle and Step Dance Contest *Penetanguishene, Central Ontario*

Whether you're a musician, dancer or just a toe-tapping enthusiast, come enjoy the fun of this cultural celebration of old time music in a concert format.

T: (705) 549-2400

W: www.huroniaopen.com 4



"A Celebration of Latin American Culture"

Sept. 2 - 4, 2005

Labour Day Weekend

Victoria Park, London, Ontario, Canada

!Free Admission!

More than 20 different acts





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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 8 - 31, 26th Elora Festival
Elora, Southwestern Ontario



Glorious music in and around the village of Elora. A Gambrel barn and beautiful old churches are the settings for music celebrated for its uncompromising quality and richness.

T: (519) 846-0331
W: www.elorafestival.com ♿ 2 🚌

Jul 8 - 17, 28th Annual Folklore Festival
Welland, Niagara Falls and Region

This 10-day event kicks off with the World Ball - a parade of Welland's Cultural Diversity. Followed up with open houses at all the cultural halls in Welland offering food, music and dance.

T: (905) 732-5337
W: www.wellandheritagecouncil.com ♿ 3

Jul 8 - 10, 4th Annual Holstein Rodeo Weekend
Holstein, Greater Toronto Area

A family weekend of rodeo events on a working ranch. Events include; rodeo, steak barbeque dinner, dance with live bands and Sunday breakfast.

T: (905) 890-0466
W: www.holsteinrodeo.com ♿ 1 ★

Jul 8 - 10, Belleville Waterfront and Ethnic Festival
Belleville, Eastern Ontario

20th Anniversary of the Belleville Waterfront Festival. Enjoy our waterfront and multicultural diversity, with many activities and entertainment for the whole family. See ad on pg. 43.

T: (613) 962-2597
W: www.bellevillewaterfrontfestival.com ♿ 5 ★

Jul 8 - Sep 9, Brockville Ghost Walks
Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Discover Brockville's haunted past by moonlight! Every Fri., July 8-29, 2 1/2hr "Haunted Walk" offered at 8:30pm \$12; Aug. 5-Sep 9 haunted 1 1/2hr "Creepy Walk" \$9 offered at 8pm.

T: (613) 498-3005
W: www.heritagefdn.on.ca 5

Jul 8 - 10, Canadian Open Country Singing Contest

Simcoe, Southwestern Ontario

30th Annual Canadian Open Country Singing Contest. Over 200 contestants from across Canada compete in 11 categories for cash, prizes and recordings.

T: (519) 426-3714
W: www.cocsc.com ♿ 2 ★

Jul 8 - 10, Canterbury Folk Festival
Ingersoll, Southwestern Ontario



We celebrate the diverse cultural differences present in our community as well as feature a multitude of talent from folk music, dancing, workshops and crafts. Come join

us. FREE. See ad on pg. 41.

T: (519) 485-5763
W: www.canterburyfolkfestival.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jul 8 - 10, Carabram
Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Non profit groups representing a country or region host a Pavilion representing their culture and heritage through entertainment, costumes, culturally significant displays, food and drink.

T: (416) 452-4917
W: www.carabram.org 1 ★

Jul 8 - 17, Cisco Systems Ottawa Bluesfest
Ottawa, Ottawa Region

This internationally acclaimed festival offers a spectacular explosion of blues, roots and popular music on multiple stages in the heart of Canada's capital. The site at Ottawa City Hall offers food concessions and is fully licensed.

T: 1-866-258-3748
W: www.ottawa-bluesfest.ca ♿ 6 ★

Jul 8 - 9, Haliburton Highland Games
Haliburton, Central Ontario

Ceilidh Friday night at the Haliburton Legion. Events all day Sat. in Head Lake Park, Haliburton. Gates open 9am, parade down Main St. at 11am.

T: 1-800-461-7677
W: www.haliburtonhighlandgames.com 4 ★

Jul 8 - 10, Manitoulin Art Tour
Manitoulin Island, Northern Ontario

The annual Manitoulin Art Tour is a popular self guided-tour, featuring visual artists in unique studios across the beautiful Manitoulin

Island. Tour maps are available at local tourism centres. FREE.

T: (705) 368-1873 7

Jul 8 - 10, Molson Indy
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Don't miss the 20th running of the Molson Indy! Toronto's largest 3-day sporting event, featuring the drivers and teams of the Champ Car World Series and hometown hero Paul Tracy.

T: (416) 872-INDY
W: www.molsonindy.com ♿ 1 ★

Jul 8 - 10, OK Tire North Shore Challenge Drag Race
Elliot Lake, Northern Ontario

NHRA Canadian Drag Racing, concert, midway, car show, RIP section, food vendors, various other vendors' displays.

T: 1-800-461-4600
W: www.elliottlakedragway.com ♿ 7

Jul 8 - 10, Parry Sound Sportbike Festival
Parry Sound, Northern Ontario

Join this annual gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts. Highlights include: trials demonstrations, poker run, SuperMoto Race, manufacturers' EXPO, show 'n shine! Great spectator and ride sport!

T: (705) 746-2101
W: www.townofparrysound.com ♿ 7

Jul 8 - 9, Porquiss Blues Festival
Porquiss, Northern Ontario

True blues music at its best. The longest running blues festival in Northern Ontario. Friendly hospitality, fresh air and great music. This is the 8th annual event and will be the biggest and best.

T: 1-800-524-8880
W: www.iroquoisfalls.com ♿ 7

Jul 8 - 10, RBC Aquafest
Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario



Each year the City of Hamilton hosts an exciting summer festival called RBC Aquafest! Currently entering its 15th year, this family-oriented, waterfront event features something

for the entire family in a setting that is scenic and picturesque. FREE. See ad on pg. 41.

T: (905) 546-2424
W: www.aquafest.ca ♿ 2 ★



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Jul 8 - 10, Sarnia Kinsmen Ribfest
Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

Rib vendors from as far as Florida and Alabama compete. As well as, a children's talent show and free musical entertainment.
T: (519) 542-5485 

Jul 8 - 10, St. Marys Stonetown Heritage Festival
St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario

St. Marys Ontario, the "Stonetown", once called the "best kept secret in Ontario" by a Montreal reporter, hosts the annual Stonetown Heritage Festival. Music and events for all ages! FREE.
T: 1-800-769-7668
W: www.townofstmarys.com  

Jul 8 - 10, Sunsplash Festival
Belle River, Southwestern Ontario

Belle River's Sunsplash Festival has something fun for everyone! The weekend features a parade, car show, carnival, refreshment tent, vendors, crafters and entertainment at our new waterfront park. FREE.
T: (519) 728-4624
W: www.lakeshoreontario.com  

Jul 9 - 10, A Summer Affair - A Weekend of Arts & Music
Meaford, Southwestern Ontario

Fine arts by local artisans for sale in a picturesque harbour setting with live auctions and jazz. A weekend affair for the whole family in cooperation with Doors Open Meaford. FREE.
T: (519) 538-1640
W: www.mdcc.ca 

Jul 9, Alcatel HOPE Volleyball BeachFest
Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Alcatel HOPE Volleyball BeachFest is the largest charity beach volleyball tournament in the world and Ottawa's premiere summer fundraising event. 10,000 players and up to 20 thousand spectators.
T: (613) 237-1433
W: www.hopehelps.com  

Jul 9, Dorset Kid's Town Dock Fish Derby
Dorset, Central Ontario

A fishing derby for kids 12 and under accompanied by an adult. Lots of prizes. Registration fee \$2. Register between 9am-10am, judging 9am-9:30am, prizes 11am.
T: (705) 766-9968
W: www.geocities.com/yosemite/meadows/8900/index-rec.html 

Jul 9, Dragon Boat Festival
Port Perry, Central Ontario

Palmer Park, Downtown Port Perry. Discover the treasures and pleasures of downtown Port Perry. FREE.
T: (905) 985-4971
W: www.downtownportperry.com 

Jul 9, Garden & Cottage Tour
Muskoka, Central Ontario

Enjoy your self-guided passport tour of local gardens and cottage homes in Muskoka, rain or shine. Passport price of \$20 includes afternoon tea. Passports available through Muskoka Lakes Chamber.
T: (705) 762-5663
W: www.muskokalakeschamber.com 

Jul 9, History Under the Trees with the Waterloo Historical Society
Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Join the Waterloo Historical Society for informal talks and presentations on the history of the Region of Waterloo.
T: (519) 748-1914
W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/door/ 

Jul 9, Hottest Yard Sale Under the Sun
Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

The Hottest Yard Sale Under the Sun. 8am-4pm. Stroll and browse tables of bargains from our unique downtown merchants. Visit Man's Land, amusements, children's yard sale area, and local demonstrations. FREE.
T: (519) 376-9225
W: www.owensoundia.com  

Jul 9, John Burns Memorial Fishing Derby
Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Catch the Big One and win great prizes for children and adults. Prizes for the largest northern pike, largemouth bass and, for children, panfish. Bait and boat rentals are available.
T: 1-888-319-4722
W: www.conservationhamilton.ca 

Jul 9 - 10, Ridgeway Summer Festival
Ridgeway, Niagara Falls and Region

Uptown Ridgeway family weekend. Crafts, 100 musical chairs, auction, pancake breakfast, jugglers, clowns, karaoke, wildlife displays, Town Crier, live music, car show, street dance, beer tent and more. FREE.
T: (905) 894-1720
W: www.vaxxine.com/ridgeway  

Jul 9, The Blue Mountains Chili Cookoff
Town of The Blue Mountains, Southwestern Ontario

Hosted at the Village at Blue Mountain, our 21st annual Chili Cookoff will again feature dozens of teams competing for the Ontario Provincial Chili Championship. It's an important Rotary fundraiser! FREE.
T: (519) 599-6469
W: www.tcroty.ca 

Jul 9 - 10, Thunder Fest Super Weekend
Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

Outdoor event with ethnic food booths and beer tent! Many entertainers, including the Hot Rods and the Thunder Bay Legends. Also a chance to win a trip to Europe! FREE.
T: (807) 623-2415
W: www.davincicentre.com 

Jul 9 - Sep 10, Uptown Jazz Festival
North York, Greater Toronto Area

Two day jazz festival with Canadian crafts

international foods, beer, wine garden in uptown Toronto. Mel Lastman Square in North York. FREE.

T: (905) 889-6567

W: www.uptownjazzfestival.com  

Jul 9 - 10, Unionville Celtic Feis
Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Celtic music and entertainment all weekend long, including an Irish Feis on Sun. See the traditional Irish Dance competitors. Failte! FREE.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com   

Jul 9 - 10, Wasaga Beach Studio Art Tour
Wasaga Beach, Central Ontario

Art Studio Tour is a home tour. Artists open their homes for participants to view and purchase art. This event features local artists.
T: (705) 429-3847
W: www.wasagabeach.com 

Jul 10, Antique Show in the Park
Port Perry, Central Ontario

This annual antique show takes place under the big tent in Palmer Park at the waterfront in Port Perry. Antique and collectibles vendors from across Durham Region and Kawartha are featured.
T: (905) 985-3589
W: www.durham.net/~ssh-chin  



Celebrate Summer!

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Belleville WATERFRONT & Ethnic Festival

visit: bellevillewaterfrontfestival.com

Jul 10, Homes, Gardens and Music Tour
Cobourg, Central Ontario

8th Annual tour of heritage homes and elegant gardens in Northumberland Cobourg area. Live music and light refreshments throughout the afternoon. Fundraiser for Horizons of Friendship.

T: 1-888-729-9928

W: www.horizons.ca 4

Jul 10, SCENE Music Festival

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

(S.C.E.N.E.) St. Catharines Event for New music Entertainment. The Scene Festival takes place the 2nd Sun. of July every year and has become one of Canada's largest independent music festivals.

T: (905) 347-3118

W: www.scenemusicfestival.com 3

Jul 10, Through the Garden Gate

Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario

12pm - 5pm. Tickets \$10 each and available at Henry's gift shop, Jeromes flowers, Quinn florist, Robsons' greenhouse.

T: 1-866-546-2736

W: www.sunsets.com/kincardine 2 ★

Jul 12 - 17, Wendover Western Festival

Wendover, Eastern Ontario

Open-aired concert under large tents. Music, dancing, bingo, live theatre.

T: (613) 673-5070

W: www.festivalwesternwendover.com 5

Jul 13 - 17, Capital Classic Show Jumping Tournament Festival

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

International jumping event with family entertainment. Petting zoo, classic car show, demonstrations, arts and crafts sale and show and food concessions.

T: (613) 591-9726

W: www.capitalclassic.ca 6

Jul 14, Antique Car Show

Morrisburg, Eastern Ontario

See antique and classic cars from a variety of clubs throughout the region on display just

outside the gates of historic Upper Canada Village. You can even enter the People's Choice Awards. FREE.

T: 1-800-437-2233

W: www.uppercanadavillage.com 5

Jul 14 - 16, Bayfest Concert Weekend

Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's premier summer concert event! Complete listing of artists available Apr. 2005. 2004 performers included: ZZ Top, Bryan Adams, Tragically Hip...There are alcoholic and non-alcoholic areas.

T: 1-888-869-0506

W: www.sarniabayfest.com 2

Jul 14 - 24, Beaches International Jazz Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Canada's premier free music festival. BIJF plays host to over 100 different bands playing on rooftops, street corners, balconies and main stages. On 2004, BIJF attracted over 900,000 festival goers! FREE.

T: (416) 698-2152

W: www.beachesjazz.com 1 ★

Jul 14 - 16, Blenheim Cherry Festival & Sidewalk Days

Blenheim, Southwestern Ontario

Blenheim Sidewalk Sale Days and Cherry Festival, midway rides, games, cherry pit spit and pie eating contest, and live outdoor entertainment, 3-days of fun, excitement and cherries galore. FREE.

T: (519) 676-2022

W: www.chatham-kent.ca 2 ★

Jul 14 - 17, Bluesfest International Windsor

Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

11th annual blues/roots music festival held on the scenic banks of the Detroit River. Grammy and Juno award winners grace the stage. Kidsfest all day Sat. Rib cook-off all weekend, Harley show Sun.

T: (519) 259-4316

W: www.thebluesfest.com 2

Jul 14 - 17, Cornwall Lift-Off

Cornwall, Eastern Ontario

Kinsmen Cornwall Lift-Off is an annual hot air balloon festival located in Lamoureux Park. It includes outdoor concerts, fireworks, midway, vendors, balloon rides and much more! FREE.

T: 1-800-937-4748

W: www.lift-off.ca 5

Jul 14 - 17, Festival de l'original

Hearst, Northern Ontario

Moose calling competition, Archery competition, "Moosestock" (huge rock concert), rifle and arch exhibition, Hunter's triathlon, moose tracks rally and many more.

T: 1-800-655-5769

W: www.festivaldeloriginal.com 7 ★

Jul 14 - 17, Festival du Loup de Lafontaine

Lafontaine, Central Ontario

Taking place on the third weekend in July in the village of Lafontaine. The French Canadian festival celebrates the music, cultural and history of the French population in Huronia.

T: (705) 533-3361

W: www.festivalduloup.on.ca 4

Jul 14 - 17, Kingston Buskers Rendezvous

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Street performers from around the world perform - jugglers, acrobats, singers, magicians, comedians, fire-eaters and more hit the streets for the 17th edition of this world-class buskers festival. FREE.

T: (613) 542-8677

W: www.kingstonbuskers.com 5 ★

Jul 14 - 16, Rotaryfest, The Sault's Summer Festival

Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario

Three days of family fun on the St. Marys River. Wheels on the Water car show, parade, The Stage, Homeniuk Rides, RBC Financial Group PlayZone, soap box derby, water floor and roving entertainment. FREE.

T: (705) 945-1279

W: www.rotaryfest.com 7 ★

Jul 14 - 16, Valley Fest

Renfrew, Ottawa Region

In beautiful downtown Renfrew, 3-day fun filled event with non-stop live music, crafts, kids area, beer tent, food vendors, and more. Fun for the whole family. Free parking and merchants sale. FREE.

T: (613) 432-3047

W: www.valleyfest.ca 6 ★

Jul 14 - 16, Wingham Fun Fest

Wingham, Southwestern Ontario

Three fun days. Don't miss the famous Rib-off competition, jail and bail ambassador contest and much more. FREE.

T: (519) 357-4990

W: www.wacc.on.ca 2

Jul 15 - 16, 30th Annual Thamesville Threshing Festival

Thamesville, Southwestern Ontario

Annual Festival of fun, events, midway, car show and entertainment. Food and refreshments. Best parade in Southwestern Ontario! Great family event, something for everyone! Don't miss it!

T: (519) 692-4882 2

Jul 15 - 17, 43rd Annual Summer Show

Bracebridge, Central Ontario

Two hundred sensational artists and craftspeople from Muskoka and across Canada show and sell their original and handmade work to over 30,000 enthusiastic people.

T: (705) 645-5501

W: www.muskokaartsandcrafts.com 4

Jul 15 - 17, Athens Farmersville Exhibition

Athens, Eastern Ontario

An old time country fair featuring Case Tractors plus a display of working steam engines, vintage machinery, cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Also featuring one of Eastern Ontario's best craft fairs, \$8/wnd.

T: (613) 924-9680

W: www.athenslions.com 5

Jul 15 - 17, Bluesfest London

London, Southwestern Ontario

Licensed blues, roots music festival featuring Grammy and Juno Award winners and Rock and Roll Hall of Famers held downtown. Food and merchandise on-site. An annual community fundraising event.

T: (519) 259-4316

W: www.thebluesfest.com 2

Jul 15 - 16, Cambridge Highland Games

Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

Come and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Cambridge Highland Games! Bring your "clan" - it takes place at Churchill Park on the evening of the Fri., July 15 and Sat., July 16.

T: (519) 241-4906

W: www.cambridgehighlandgames.org 2

Jul 15 - Aug 1, Caribana

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

It began as an expression of the aspirations of the Caribbean community in Toronto. Great food, arts and crafts, entertainment and fun. Come visit the largest cultural festival in North America.

T: (416) 466-0321

W: www.caribanafestival.com 1

Jul 15 - 17, Casino Rama World Series of Fastball
Orillia, Central Ontario

See 8 of the best Fast-Pitch Softball teams in the world compete for the prestigious Casino Rama World Series of Fastball Championship.
T: (705) 329-7250
W: www.pmihrm.com/casino-rama/main.htm

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Jul 15 - 16, CayugaFest*Cayuga, Southwestern Ontario*

We provide affordable family fun connected with riverfront activities, arts and crafts, performers, games, rides, parade, homecoming and historical events, specialty foods, displays, buskers, etc. FREE.
T: (905) 772-6008

W: www.cayugachamber.ca ♿ 2

Jul 15 - 17, Chocolate and Railway Festival
Smiths Falls, Eastern Ontario

Music, native display, trains, radio controlled boats, canoe tours, food vendors, artists and artisans, displays, senators street tour, big parades! After hours bands, and lots and lots of chocolate! FREE.
T: (613) 283-4124

W: www.chocolate-railway-fest.ca ♿ 5

Jul 15, Coastal Steel Kids of Steel Triathlon
Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

Fun, challenging sporting event for children ages 4-16. Children swim, bike and run. Distance varies depending on racer's age. FREE.
T: (807) 768-9243

W: www.thunderbaytriathlon.com ♿ 7

Jul 15 - 17, Country Good Times*Wilberforce, Eastern Ontario*

Come and enjoy an old fashioned fair complete with flea market, rides and Sunday pancake breakfast. FREE.
T: (613) 332-1513

W: www.bancroftdistrict.com 5

Jul 15 - 17, Credit Village Outdoor Art Show
Port Credit, Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Over 50-juried artists from across Southern

Ontario showcase a variety of media including watercolour, acrylic, oil, pastel, photography and mixed media. FREE.

T: (905) 278-7742

W: www.portcredit.com ♿ 1 ★

Jul 15 - Aug 7, Festival of the Sound*Parry Sound, Northern Ontario*

The Festival of the Sound, an annual 3 1/2 week summer classical music festival held in the Georgian Bay town of Parry Sound, brings together music lovers and musicians of international renown.

T: 1-866-364-0061

W: www.festivalofthesound.on.ca ♿ 7

Jul 15 - 17, Finnigan's Fish Festival*Tobermory, Southwestern Ontario*

A family affair, fun for everyone (not a fishing event). Horse & Buggy rides, treasure hunt, scavenger hunt, Antique Motorcycle Show and much more. Watch our website for updates www.tobermory.org

T: (519) 596-2452

W: www.tobermory.org ♿ 2

Jul 15 - 17, Fish Fest*Port Dover, Southwestern Ontario*

Annual celebration of our commercial fishing heritage at the harbourfront. Live music, boat parades, fireworks, cardboard boat races, tub pulls, tote races, "Bathing Brutes" and "Beauties" contests, refreshments, midway, and much, much more. FREE.
T: 1-800-699-9038

W: www.portdover.ca ♿ 2

Jul 15 - 17, French Dressing Jeanswear International Dragon Boats Festival*Windsor, Southwestern Ontario*

The international Dragon Boats Festival is a three-day celebration of life, in support of breast cancer. Fri. - speaker series. Sat. - breast cancer survivor teams participate, with corporate teams paddling on Sun. FREE.
T: (519) 250-0807

W: www.internationaldragonboats.com

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Jul 15 - 17, Hastings Summerfest*Hastings, Central Ontario*

Join the festivities in Hastings on the Trent Severn Waterway - boxing night, legends music extravaganza, boat regatta, charity casino, slo-pitch, bowling, plus many more activities to enjoy.
T: 1-888-653-1556 ♿ 4

Jul 15 - 17, Lindsey Monster Truck Show*Lindsey, Central Ontario*

3 days of monster trucks, Tuff Truck competitions, extreme MotoCross jumping, demolition derbies. Fun for the entire family.
T: (705) 875-1112

W: www.ontariofamilyevents.com ♿ 4

Jul 15 - 17, Mount Forest Fireworks Festival*Mount Forest, Southwestern Ontario*

Mount Forest Annual Fireworks Festival. Featuring antique car show, bike show, children's rides, vendors, buskers, beer garden, and much more. Sat. amazing fireworks display synchronized to music.
T: (519) 323-4480

W: www.mountforest.ca ♿ 2

Jul 15 - 17, Orillia Scottish Festival*Orillia, Central Ontario*

Parade, pipe and drum competitions, Highland and Scottish Country dancers, massed pipes and drums, craft and vendor booths, festival pub and more! Couchiching Beach Park.
T: (705) 325-8442

W: www.orillia.com/visitors/scottish.html ♿ 4



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Merrickville, Eastern Ontario

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T: (613) 285-4781
W: www.rideaucraftshow.com ♿ 5

Jul 15 - 17, Stewart Park Festival
Perth, Eastern Ontario

A free three-day outdoor music festival for all ages. Located in beautiful downtown Heritage Perth it features a variety of musical styles: folk to funk and jazz to country. FREE.

T: (613) 264-1190
W: www.stewartparkfestival.ca ♿ 2

Jul 15 - 16, Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival
Sudbury, Northern Ontario

An exciting annual event that attracts recreational and competitive teams from across Canada. FREE.

T: (705) 671-6067
W: www.sudburydragonboats.org ♿ 7 🚗

Jul 16, Centre of Power Poker Run
Orillia, Central Ontario

Exciting high performance boat rally, wet pits at Port of Orillia, Lake Couchiching, Run on Lake Simcoe starting at Narrows. View boats at the port and from land or water along route. FREE.

T: (705) 326-4424
W: www.orillia.com 4 ★

Jul 16 - 17, Friendly Massey Marathon
Massey, Northern Ontario

July 16: Fun run, spaghetti supper, registration at Arena, July 17: Marathon and half marathon at 6am. Pancake breakfast and awards. Come join us in the friendly community of Massey.

T: (705) 865-2655
W: www.friendlymasseymarathon.com ♿ 7

Jul 16 - 17, Juried Art Show and Sale
Hensall, Southwestern Ontario

Juried art show and sale spotlighting superb art in a wide variety of mediums - painting, pottery, sculpture, stained glass etc. Cafe

featuring fresh summer fare; Ice carving demonstrations. FREE.

T: (519) 260-3500 ♿ 2

Jul 16 - 17, Spencerville Bye Gone Days
Spencerville, Eastern Ontario

Heritage demonstration and activities. FREE.

T: (613) 658-5885
W: www.spencervillemill.com ♿ 5

Jul 16, Women's Triathlon
Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario

Women's event for all females 12 and over. Splash and dash event for those under 12. Reunion Park, registration 7-9am.

T: 1-800-418-7318
W: www.kincardinetriathlon.com 2

Jul 17, Almonte Celtfest
Almonte, Eastern Ontario

An afternoon of Ottawa Valley and Celtic entertainment performed in the natural amphitheatre of Gemmill Park in the heart of Almonte. A time to share historic Celtic traditions. FREE.

T: 1-888-669-6566
W: www.almonteceltfest.com ♿ 5

Jul 17, Hobbyfest
Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

15th Annual Hobbyfest over 45 community groups come together to display and demonstrate a wide variety of hobby and leisure activities for the community to experience and enjoy. A fun day for all! FREE.

T: (519) 332-0330
W: www.city.sarnia.on.ca 2 ★

Jul 17 - Aug 28, Sunday Serenades
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Dancing under the stars to the best of big band and swing music. A free concert every Sun. night. FREE.

T: (416) 338-0338
W: www.toronto.ca/special_events ♿ 1 ★

Jul 20 - 24, Collingwood Elvis Festival
Collingwood, Central Ontario

An internationally recognized music festival celebrating Elvis Presley. A "Top 50" Festival in Ontario for the 4th consecutive year. See concerts, midway, parade, vendors, gospel service, and competition.

T: 1-866-351-4597
W: www.collingwoodelvisfestival.com ♿ 4 ★

Jul 20 - 22, Ontario Summer Holstein and Jersey Show
Lindsay, Central Ontario

Holstein and Jersey Show. FREE.

T: (705) 324-4017
W: www.ontario.holstein.ca/oss.htm ♿ 4

Jul 21 - 24, BBQ Cook-Off
Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Join us as BBQ teams from North America compete for awards and your appetite. Sample Craft Beers from various micro breweries. FREE.

T: 1-800-265-6959
W: www.goodbeer.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jul 21 - 24, Delta Fair
Delta, Eastern Ontario

Local fair with homecraft, agricultural displays, parade, entertainment each evening, midway and children's activities. Admission: \$6-\$8.

T: (613) 928-2800
W: www.deltafair.com ♿ 5

Jul 21 - 24, Kapuskasing Lumberjack Heritage Festival
Kapuskasing, Northern Ontario

Professional and amateur lumberjack competitions, western speed challenge, and heavy horse pull competitions, sanctioned horse shoe competitions, little lumberjack

village, motorcycle show and shine, antique car show and more! See ad on pg. 47.

T: 1-800-463-6432
W: www.kaplumberjack.com ♿ 7 ★

Jul 21 - 24, Mattawa Voyageur Days
Mattawa, Northern Ontario

Come visit Mattawa, "Rock where the rivers meet" during our fun filled 4-day festival. Loads of entertainment for everyone.

T: (705) 744-0222
W: www.voyageurdays.com 7 ★

Jul 22 - 23, 36th Annual Ontario Open Fiddle & Step Dance Contest
Bobcaygeon, Central Ontario

Admission: Fri. evening \$10; Sat. afternoon \$10; Sat. evening \$12; and advanced combo \$20.

T: (705) 738-3569
W: www.fiddlecontest.ca ♿ 4

Jul 22 - 24, Beachburg Fair
Beachburg, Eastern Ontario

4-H program, dairy show, beef show, exhibition hall, midway, home-cooked meals, horse draw, many other events.

T: (613) 582-3327
W: www.ontariofairs.com 5

Jul 22 - 24, Dresden Exhibition
Dresden, Southwestern Ontario

A 3-day fun filled fair for the entire family! Highlights include 4H displays, livestock shows, homecraft displays, baby show, demolition derby, harness racing and ongoing family entertainment. FREE.

T: (519) 683-6194
W: www.dresdenfair.ca ♿ 2

Jul 22 - 24, Fergus Truck Show
Fergus, Southwestern Ontario

North America's largest truck show. Show and Shine, indoor and outdoor trade show, truck pulls and country music festival. Over 100 million dollars worth of equipment on display. Something for everyone.

T: (519) 843-3412
W: www.fergustruckshow.com ♿ 2 ★

Jul 22 - 24, Hillside Festival
Guelph, Southwestern Ontario

Hillside is a three-day, five stage festival that is a unique combination of music, spoken word, hand drumming, and community workshops. This family oriented, cultural event takes place at Guelph Lake Island.

T: (519) 763-6396
W: www.hillside.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jul 22 - 24, Norseman Floatplane Festival
Red Lake, Northern Ontario

A celebration of floatplanes past and present featuring the Noorduyn Norseman. Vintage aircraft displays and rides, street festival, stage shows, mining displays, games and contest for all ages.

T: (807) 727-9996
W: www.norsemanfestival.on.ca ♿ 7 ★

Jul 22 - 24, St. Marys Fair
St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario

Ambassador competition, talent show, midway, exhibits/displays, tractor pulls, children's events, homecraft demonstrations, car show, church service, supper, fashion show, Farmers Appreciation Day, etc. FREE.

T: (519) 349-2768 ♿ 2

Jul 22 - 24, The Canadian Guitar Festival
Odessa, Eastern Ontario

The Canadian Guitar Festival showcases the best of guitar virtuosity from Canada and abroad. A guitar competition concludes the event, which takes place in Odessa On. Campers and RV's welcome.

T: 1-888-506-1418

W: www.canadianguitarfestival.com

**Jul 22 - 24, Wine, Blues and All That Jazz**
Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Wine, Blues and All that Jazz Festival at Birch Farms & Estate Winery just north of Woodstock. Come browse through the art in the orchard, sip award winning wines as you listen to great music!

T: (519) 469-8221

W: www.winebluesjazz.com

**Jul 22 - 23, Youth on Wheels**
Chatham, Southwestern Ontario

"Youth on Wheels" and Sunlight Madness. All day youth event with skateboard competitions, skateboard demos, 3 on 3 basketball, all day live entertainment. Sidewalk sales! FREE.

T: (519) 352-8387

W: www.downtown-chatham.com

**Jul 23 - Aug 6, 22nd Annual CFPS Chantry Chinook Classic Fishing Derby**
Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario

For a full list of events or to register, visit the Chantry website.

T: (519) 832-6477

W: www.bmts.com/~fish/derby

**Jul 23 - 24, Art of Being Green**
Lanark, Eastern Ontario

Renewable energy. Sustainable living. Nature, art, gardening, healthy food and family fun. Art of Being Green Festival, Lanark Village. FREE.

T: 1-866-559-9154

W: www.lanark-highlands.com

**Jul 23, County Fibrefest**
Pictou, Eastern Ontario

Annual outdoor celebration of fibre arts and fibre animals. Activities include fibre animals,

sheep, alpacas and fibre arts demos, shearing, working dogs, vendors, children's crafts, wagon rides, BBQ.

T: (613) 476-7109

W: www.rosehavenfarm.net

**Jul 23, Dragonboat Festival on the Henley**
St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Dragonboat racing is great fun for men and women of all ages and abilities. The Dragonboat Festival on the Henley raises funds for the St. Catharines Museum, United Way and Breast Cancer Research. FREE.

T: (905) 984-8880

W: www.stcatharinesdragonboat.org

**Jul 23 - 24, Grand River Pow Wow**
Ohsweken, Southwestern Ontario

This colourful show features competing native singers, dancers and drummers from across North America. A favourite for many years, this event also offers arts and craft booths as well as traditional food.

T: (519) 758-5444

W: www.grpowwow.com

**Jul 23 - 24, Highlands of Durham Games**
Uxbridge, Central Ontario

Heavy events, pipe bands, Highland dance competition, Scottish breed dog show, British car and bike show, Celtic entertainment, vendors, clan village, cattle and Clydesdale show and much more.

T: 1-888-253-5552

W: www.highlandsofdurhamgames.com

**Jul 23 - 24, Metis Arts Festival**
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Journey to the roots of Canadian Metis traditions! Metis, First Nations and Inuit musicians are featured in the beautiful 19th century surrounding at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

T: (416) 736-1733

W: www.blackcreek.ca

**Jul 23 - 24, Stirling Fine Art Festival**
Stirling, Eastern Ontario

50 juried fine artists showcase a diverse selection of work. Painting, sculpture, photography and more. At the curling club in the picturesque village of Stirling, 20 minutes north of Belleville. FREE.

T: (613) 395-3719

W: www.stirlingart.cjb.net

**Jul 23 - 24, Tattoo 2005**
Kingston, Eastern Ontario

A fast-paced, colourful show of military music, historical re-enactments and dancers. Spectacular pipes, drums and bands complement vignettes of the 2005 theme: A tribute to peacekeeping.

T: (613) 541-5010

W: www.tattoo.kingston.on.ca

**Jul 24, Bala Falls Triathlon**
Bala, Central Ontario

9th Annual Bala Falls Triathlon, swim 750m, bike 30km, run 7km.

T: (416) 797-5204

W: www.trihard.ca

**Jul 24, Teddy Bear's Picnic**
Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

11th annual celebration of teddy bears! Plenty of kids activities, games galore, great music, teddy bear parade, story time and much more.

T: (905) 822-1569

W: www.museumsofmississauga.com

**Jul 26 - 27, Minden Rotary Carnival**
Minden, Northern Ontario

Midway opens eve of July 26. Rotary Carnival inside arena opens 4pm on the 27th. A family fun event with food, games, free children's books, ice cream. FREE.

T: (705) 286-3756

W: www.county.haliburton.on.ca

**Jul 27 - 30, Caledon Continental Cup Triathlon**
Caledon, Greater Toronto Area

2nd Annual Caledon Continental Cup Triathlon, Canadian Jr. National Triathlon Championships, ITU Pro Elite, KOS Championships, community fun duathlon & triathlon, world age group triathlon qualifier. FREE.

T: (905) 838-2662

W: www.c3online.ca

**Jul 28 - 30, 37th Annual Sidewalk Sale**
Cobourg, Central Ontario

37th Annual Sidewalk Sale in downtown Cobourg. FREE.

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.cobourgtourism.ca

**Jul 28, Art & Craft Sale**
Pictou, Eastern Ontario

22nd Annual Women's Institute Art & Craft Sale, one day only, Thu., July 28, 2005 at Pictou Fairgrounds. 9am-8pm. Over 200 vendors in all buildings. Free parking, Adult admission \$3.

T: (613) 968-3320

**Jul 28 - 31, Haweater Weekend Festival**
Little Current, Northern Ontario

Largest fireworks display in the north. Slo-pitch ball tournament. Teen and adult dance. Horse pull and horse show. Large quilt show. Haweater Parade Sunday. Haweater 5km race. MuchMusic outdoors.

T: (705) 368-3021

**Jul 28 - Aug 1, London Rib-Fest**
London, Eastern Ontario

Come to London - enjoy over 50 craft and food vendors, rides and inflatables, 2 beer tents, free entertainment on 2 stages and lots of ribs! Event is held Civic Holiday weekend, Victoria Park 11am-11pm. FREE.

T: (519) 434-9114

W: www.bgclondon.ca

**Jul 28 - 31, Mineral Capital Stone Carver's Show & Symposium**
Bancroft, Eastern Ontario

This show reaches out to sculpture exhibitors, suppliers of stone and equipment, plus artists of all levels of experience. There will be booths for artists to display and sell their work and demos.

T: (613) 332-1513

W: <http://www.BancroftDistrict.com>

**Jul 28 - 31, Rockhound Gembores**
Bancroft, Eastern Ontario

Canada's largest gem and mineral show attracts up to 16,000 visitors each year to Canada's Mineral Capital. Over 95 dealers of fine mineral specimens, unique gemstone jewelry and lapidary supplies.

T: (613) 332-1513

W: www.bancroftdistrict.com

**Jul 29 - Aug 1, 27th Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival**
Port Colborne, Niagara Falls and Region

Port Colborne's signature event, a unique waterfront festival celebrating the community's marine heritage. Fun for the whole family, including tall ships, fireworks, entertainment, and marine displays. FREE.

T: (905) 835-2901

W: www.city.portcolborne.on.ca

**Jul 29 - Aug 7, Blueberry Festival**
Sioux Lookout, Northern Ontario

Enjoy 100+ events over the course of 10 days at Sioux Lookout's 23rd annual Blueberry Festival! Sporting events and tournaments, music festival and cultural events for all ages.

T: 1-888-800-2378

W: www.siouxlookout.com/bluefest



Jul 29 - Aug 1, Burlington International Games
Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

The Burlington International Games or B.I.G is a cultural and athletic exchange between Burlingtons in Ontario and the USA for kids ages 10 to 18. Athletes billet with athletes from the host city. FREE.

T: (905) 335-7627

W: www.city.burlington.on.ca 1

Jul 29 - 31, Campbellford BIA 10th Annual Waterfront Festival
Campbellford, Eastern Ontario

Home of Cardboard Championship Beer Tent, vendors, volleyball tournament, tug of war, street party, live entertainment, great food and shopping. FREE.

T: (705) 653-1430

W: www.visitcampbellford.ca 5

Jul 29 - 31, Geraldton Music Jamboree
Geraldton, Northern Ontario

The ultimate party in the park, held annually at MacLeod Park on the shores of scenic Kenogamisis Lake. Three-day event with big name headliners. Visit our website for more information.

T: (807) 854-1102

W: www.geraldtonjamboree.ca 7

Jul 29 - 30, Glengarry Highland Games
Maxville, Eastern Ontario

Traditional Scottish Events that include a tartan ball, amateur and master's heavyweight competition, highland dancing, evening concert and tattoo, North American pipe band championship, beer tent, concessions and more.

T: 1-888-298-1666

W: www.glengarryhighlandgames.com 5

Jul 29 - 31, Kenora Harbourfest
Kenora, Northern Ontario

Annual Harbourfest on the Kenora harbourfront - family entertainment, kidzone, arts, crafts, food vendors, antique boats and cars, rides, fireworks, live bands.

T: (807) 547-2852

W: www.harbourfest.ca 7

Jul 29 - 31, Mill Race Festival of Traditional Folk Music

Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

Annual event. Enjoy traditional folk music with a scenic backdrop of stone ruins along the Grand River. 5 outdoor stages, arts and crafts, children's stage, sidewalk sale. FREE.

T: (519) 621-7135

W: www.millracefolksociety.com 2

Jul 29 - Aug 1, North Bay Heritage Festival
North Bay, Northern Ontario

The Heritage Festival and Air Show is a world-class community-lead, safe, affordable family attraction. Over the four days of the event, North Bay will host over 90,000 guests enjoying "Everything Under the Sun".

T: (705) 475-0130

W: www.heritagefestival.com 7

Jul 29 - Aug 1, Riverside Jam
Carleton Place, Ottawa Region

A fun filled weekend of camping, great country and blues music quality entertainment for the whole family. With amazing internationally renowned headlining acts, a quality outdoor music festival.

T: (613) 257-3822

W: www.riversidejam.com 6 ★

Jul 29 - Aug 1, Rotary Ribfest
St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Rotary Ribfest in Montebello Park, adult and children entertainment. Ribs by Canadian and American Ribbers-food vendors and refreshment tent. Crafters and merchants. FREE.

T: (905) 684-3500

W: www.rotaryniagara.org 3

Jul 29 - Aug 1, The Bruce Peninsula Art Show

Lions Head, Northern Ontario

Over 60 painters, photographers, sculptures, etc. from Bruce & Grey Counties are expected to take part in this 38th Annual Art Show and Sale. A percent of sales to graduating students entering art courses. FREE.

T: (519) 793-3247 7

Jul 30 - 31, 23rd Annual Antique Car & Truck Show

Fenelon Falls, Central Ontario

Fenelon Fairgrounds.

T: (705) 887-2548 4 ★

Jul 30 - 31, Festival de la rive 2005

Hawkesbury, Ottawa Region

Le Festival de la rive est un événement multidisciplinaire qui regroupe quatre thèmes principaux: culture, famille, nautique et la seconde édition de Vol libre (deltaplane, parapentes) Des emotio.

T: (613) 636-0697

W: www.sdech.ca 6

Jul 30 - 31, Horse A Rama
Brockville, Eastern Ontario

10th year for this annual horse show. Live entertainment, food and fun for all! Sat. heavy/ commercial horse show. Sun. pleasure class horse show western games both days. FREE.

T: (613) 345-1538 5

Jul 30 - Aug 1, Kempenfest 2005
Barrie, Central Ontario

35th year. 400 art and craft exhibitors in a juried show, 40 antique dealers, entertainment stages, licensed refreshment tents, midway, children's village and Canadian BBQ Championships. FREE.

T: (705) 735-0112

W: www.kempenfest.com 4 ★

Jul 30, Markdale Ice Cream Festival
Markdale, Southwestern Ontario

The Markdale Ice Cream Festival is a family focused event offering entertainment, crafts, food and fun activities for all ages. Come and enjoy scoops and scoops and scoops of Chapman's ice cream.

T: (519) 986-4612

W: www.village.markdale.on.ca 2 ★

Jul 30, Wellington Waterfront Festival
Wellington, Eastern Ontario

A family event featuring children's fishing derby, pancake breakfast, beach volleyball tournament, model boat demo, live bands, kayak demos, Art in the Park, lunch on the lawn, beef BBQ dinner. FREE.

T: (613) 399-5550 5

Jul 31, Celebrate the Mediterranean
Waupoos, Eastern Ontario

Come celebrate summer and the foods of the Mediterranean at Orchard Coast Farms! Featuring hot and cold Mediterranean-style dishes freshly prepared with county-grown foods. Local wines and ciders, music and entertainment. FREE.

T: (613) 476-6458

W: www.orchardcoast.ca 5

Jul 31 - Aug 5, Kincardine Summer Music Festival

Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario

Jazz Concerts starring: Alex Dean; Mike Malone; Dave McMurdo; Brian Dickinson; Pat Collins; Barry Elmes; Lorne Lofsky; and Lisa Martinelli.

T: 1-866-453-9716

W: www.ksmf.ca 2

Jul 31 - Aug 6, LOWISA - Lake of the Woods International Sailing Association Regatta
Kenora, Northern Ontario

A weeklong regatta on the amazingly breathtaking waters of the Lake of the Woods. Classes of virtually every type of sailing craft and level of ability. Bonfires, races, children's events and so much more!

T: (807) 468-9442

W: www.lowsia.org 7

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grass at **North Bay's Heritage Festival and Air Show**, wear your tilt to the **Fergus Scottish Festival**, discover **Parry Sound's Festival of the Sound**, be beckoned by **Gravenhurst's Dockside Festival**, and enjoy the **Festival of the Islands** in **Gananoque**. Watch the world's top-ranked player hold court at the **Tennis Canada Rogers AT&T Cup** in **Toronto**. Hike up the hip-waders and showcase your angling skill at a number of fishing derbies throughout Ontario. Discover the treasure trove of art

that is showcased at galleries, large and small, throughout the province. Summer is not complete without riding the midway at the nation's largest **Canadian National Exhibition**.



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Aug 1, Nittygrittybramachingwingding *Brampton, Greater Toronto Area*

Brampton's summer festival in the Donald M. Gordon Chinguacousy Park. Fun for all! Exceptional live entertainment, animal shows, Campbell's Amusements, all day fun for the whole family! FREE.

T: (905) 874-3986

W: www.city.brampton.on.ca ♿ 1 ★

Aug 1, Unionville Simcoe Day Celebrations *Unionville, Greater Toronto Area*

Music and entertainment all weekend long. Enjoy the holiday with a pedestrian street filled with entertainment and a sidewalk sale. FREE.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1

Aug 3, 18th Annual Craft Show and Sale *Lindsay, Central Ontario*

Annual Craft Show and Sale.

T: (705) 324-5551

W: www.lindsayex.com ♿ 4

Aug 3 - 7, Turkey Point Summer Festival *Turkey Point, Southwestern Ontario*

Turkey Point Summer Fest is a weeklong event that is held on one of Southern Ontario's famous beaches. Come out and enjoy fun activities FREE.

T: (519) 426-6659 ♿ 2

Aug 4 - 8, 55th Annual Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship *Shelburne, Southwestern Ontario*

4 days of family fun including fiddle workshops, concerts, the Canadian Open Fiddle Championship, parade, Farmers' Market, midway, arts and crafts. Presented by Shelburne Rotary Club.

T: (519) 925-3551

W: www.shelburnefiddlecontest.on.ca ♿ 2

Aug 4 - 6, Kenora Agricultural Fair *Kenora, Northern Ontario*

94th annual Kenora Agricultural Fair takes place at the Kenora Rec Centre - midway, rides, exhibits, crafts, farmers' olympics, displays.

T: (807) 548-5612 ♿ 7

Aug 4 - 6, Kenora Bass International *Kenora, Northern Ontario*

Annual catch and release bass fishing tournament on beautiful Lake of the Woods, Kenora. Limited to 150 teams. Kids catch and release tournament also. Great viewing from the Kenora harbourfront.

T: 1-800-535-4549

W: www.kbifishing.com ♿ 7

Aug 4 - 6, Summer Music Fest - Sidewalk Days *Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario*

We're taking it to the streets! Dundas Street is closed to traffic, with wandering minstrels, musical acts, street vendors, classic cars, food, and, for the kids, special shows, activities and rides. FREE.

T: (519) 537-5721

W: www.downtownwoodstock.com ♿ 2

Aug 4 - 14, SummerWorks Theatre Festival *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

SummerWorks is an 11-day Festival featuring professional work by local, national and international theatre companies.

T: (416) 410-1048

W: www.summerworks.ca 1

Aug 5 - 7, Fenelon Fair *Fenelon Falls, Central Ontario*

Held at the Fenelon Fairgrounds. Something for the whole family!

T: (705) 738-0022 4

Aug 5 - 7, 444/222 International Walleye/Bass Fishing Tournament *Port Colborne, Niagara Falls and Region*

Four Walleye or two Bass per day in this two-day tournament on Lake Erie. Each team can only fish for one species. Over \$40,000 in cash and prizes. FREE.

T: (905) 835-1891

W: www.thefishingspot/pcdcc ♿ 3

Aug 5 - 7, Alley Rally *Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario*

Motorcycle Rally and general public festival. Poker run, scavenger hunt, live bands, contest, antique car show, opening ceremonies of fireworks and much more.

T: 1-888-242-7772

W: www.alleyrally.com ♿ 7

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Aug 5 - 7, Bothwell Optifest and Old Auto's Car Show

Bothwell, Southwestern Ontario

Rides, vendors, refreshment booth all weekend. Parade, outdoor dance Fri. evening. Huge vendors area, car show, outdoor dance on Sat., Legion breakfast, hourly games, outdoor Church on Sun.

T: (519) 695-2940  

Aug 5 - 7, Brockville Ribfest 2005

Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Ribfest - food festival for the whole family - great ribs, live entertainment, children's activities, sports events, auction. Fri. 7pm-10pm, Sat. 9am-10pm, Sun. 11am-7pm. FREE.

T: (613) 345-0281
W: www.ripnet.com/nonprofit/bbslsg/index.htm  

Aug 5 - 7, Centre of Power Boat and Cottage Show

Orillia, Central Ontario

One of Canada's largest inwater powerboat shows. Land displays, product demonstrations. Hilarious cardboard boat race. Free admission to land displays. Maximum \$4 to docks. Port of Orillia, Lake Couchiching.

T: (705) 326-4424
W: www.orillia.com  

Aug 5 - 6, Cloyne Showcase 2005

Cloyne, Eastern Ontario

33rd Annual Show and Sale of original art and unique crafts, 75 exhibitors. Paintings, jewelry, wood carvings, tinware, children's and ladies fashions, quilts, furniture, jams, herbs and soaps, luncheon served. FREE.

T: (613) 336-0063  

Aug 5 - 7, Collingwood Jazz & Blues Festival

Collingwood, Central Ontario

The very best of jazz and blues presented by world-renowned musicians in an outdoor concert venue. Complimented by a free "streetfest" all weekend long in historic downtown Collingwood. FREE.

T: 1-866-351-4597
W: www.collingwoodjazz.ca  

Aug 5 - 7, Iroquois Falls Summer Paperfest

Iroquois Falls, Northern Ontario

The Iroquois Falls Summer Paperfest is dedicated to the promotion of the town's culture and heritage. The weekend of fun includes a kid's day with major performances, star-studded concert and more.

T: (705) 232-5452

W: www.iroquoisfalls.com  

Aug 5 - 7, Kitchener Blues, Brews and BBQ's Festival

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

A free community event promoting blues music, great BBQ food, and responsible drinking, in a family friendly environment. FREE.

T: 1-800-265-6959

W: www.bluesbrewsandbbqs.ca  

Aug 5 - 7, Krinos Taste of the Danforth

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Now the largest food festival in Canada, the event will showcase the 'tastes' offered by over 100 restaurants located along Danforth Ave. In addition, there will be live music and family activities. FREE.

T: (416) 698-9053

W: www.tasteofthedanforth.com  

Aug 5 - 7, Live From the Rock Folk Festival

Red Rock, Northern Ontario

A three-day music and arts festival with on site camping, five stages, a family area and an artisan's village. A celebration of community and the arts on the northern shore of Lake Superior.

T: (807) 886-1091

W: www.livefromtherock.com  

Aug 5 - 6, Sioux Lookout Trade, Craft and Home Show

Sioux Lookout, Northern Ontario

Sioux Lookout's Trade, Craft and Home Show takes place during the last weekend of Sioux Lookout's ten day Blueberry Festival. 60 exhibitors show case their products and services to over 2000 visitors.

T: (807) 737-1937

W: www.siouxlookout.com 

Aug 5 - 7, Verona Festival

Verona, Eastern Ontario

A celebration of our rural community at the edge of the Canadian Shield, featuring antiques, cars and engines, music, games, crafts, cardboard and duct tape boat races, Cameron the Bog Lemming.

T: (613) 374-2516

W: www.veronafestival.com  

Aug 5 - 7, WorshipFest

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Gospel music and arts festival. children's entertainers, dance, youth stage. Fun for the whole family with artists from around the world. Contemporary, rock, rap, pop, hip hop, world and various others.

T: (613) 271-3640

W: www.worshipfest.ca  

Aug 6, 3rd Annual Agricultural Days

Vienna, Southwestern Ontario

Edison Museum's 3rd Annual Agricultural Days Museum's regular exhibits, special agricultural exhibits and working displays, children's activities and live entertainment, crafts and food for sale!

T: (519) 866-5521

W: www.bayham.on.ca 

Aug 6, Caressant Care Woodstock Rotary Dragon Boat Festival

Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Join us on the shores of Pittock Lake, just north of Woodstock. Large grassed park setting overlooking the race course. Get your team together and come out for a great day of family fun.

T: (519) 475-4991

W: www.dragonboatwoodstock.ca 

Aug 6, Children's Military Day

Prescott, Eastern Ontario

Special children's activities centered on a British military theme. Enlist as a British soldier at the fort. Admission: \$2.50 children; \$4 adults.

T: (613) 925-2896

W: <http://www.pc.gc.ca>  

Aug 6, D.F. Elliott Triathlon

Temiskaming Shores, Northern Ontario

Sprint, Iron Kids and Try-a-Tri Races open to everyone.

T: (705) 647-5709

W: www.temiskamingshores.ca 

Aug 6 - 8, Jamaica Jump-Up

Merrickville, Eastern Ontario

Events starts at 11am Sat., Aug. 6. Official opening by His Excellency, the Jamaican High Commissioner and his Worship the Mayor of Merrickville. Jamaican food, music, dance art and crafts. FREE.

T: (613) 269-2490

W: www.mothartgallery.com  

Aug 6, Paju Mountain Run

Red Rock, Northern Ontario

11.2km road race. The most challenging races in Northwestern Ontario sees racers and walkers climb and descend the 600 ft Paju Mountain Road. The race is followed by an awards ceremony and luncheon.

T: (807) 886-2284

W: www.redrocktownship.com 

Aug 6 - 7, Quilt & Craft Sales & Shows

Cannington, Greater Toronto Area

Over 100 handcrafted quilts for sale and on display, 65 juried craft exhibitors, BBQ. Enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride. Tour our centennial village museum on site where you'll find heritage demonstrations.

T: (705) 432-2239

W: www.brockhistoricalsocieties.ca  

Aug 6, Sauble Sandfest

Sauble Beach, Southwestern Ontario

A day of family fun in the sun on Ontario's #1 beach. Challenge your creativity in the Sandsculpting competition, enjoy the baby contest, pet show, kids games, classic car show, street dance and more! FREE.

T: (519) 371-4425

W: www.saublebeach.com 

Aug 7 - 8, Kingston Sheep Dog Trials

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Canada's largest sheep dog trials wait. In addition to the trials, enjoy a craft fair, K9 Unit, Birds of Prey, Agility and Rally O, and reptile zoo demos, kids activities and local cuisine. Dog Friendly!

T: (613) 546-7998

W: www.cityofkingston.ca/sheepdogtrials   

Aug 7, Leathertown Festival

Acton, Southwestern Ontario

Annual street festival celebrating Acton's Leathertown Heritage.

T: (905) 877-7119

W: www.downtownacton.ca 

Aug 7 - 14, Mabuhay Philippines Toronto Summer Festivals & Parade

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

It is the largest celebration of Philippine heritage and culture in Canada. Features singers, dancers, arts and crafts, martial arts demos, film presentations, art exhibit, cultural parades and more. FREE.

T: (416) 897-6697

W: www.pidctoronto.com  

Aug 8 - 13, Oshawa Jazz and Blues Festival *Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area*

Downtown Oshawa comes alive with the sound of jazz and blues music! Weeklong with artistic displays and children's activities. Jazz evenings along with some great food, music, games, entertainment and artisans. Memorial Park. FREE.

T: (905) 404-2622

W: www.eclipseconcerts.com ♿ 1 ★

Aug 10 - 14, Canadian Lakehead Exhibition *Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario*

Northwestern Ontario's largest event. Conklin Midway offers daily entertainment, vendors, indoor and outdoor concessions and much more. Advance gate and ride tickets available.

T: (807) 622-6473

W: www.cle.on.ca ♿ 7 🚗

Aug 11 - 14, Caribe-Expo (Ottawa Caribbean Festival) *Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

Celebration of Caribbean Culture in the Nation's Capital... music, food and festival street parade, Sat., Aug. 13.

T: (613) 729-1408

W: www.caribe-expo.com ♿ 6 ★

Aug 11 - 14, Manitoulin Star Party *Manitoulin Island, Northern Ontario*

Astronomy camping weekend includes wine and cheese, guided public observing session, astrophotography slide show, swap meet, Q & A forum, CCD Imaging, interpretive centre, guided hike, BBQ turkey supper.

T: (705) 859-2470

W: www.gordonspark.com 7

Aug 11 - 14, Music on the Henley *Port Dalhousie, Niagara Falls and Region*

Set against the beautiful backdrop of the shimmering waters of Martindale Pond and the historic district of Port Dalhousie great artists entertain with jazz, big band and classic rock concerts. Covered venue, Henley Grandstand, plays rain or shine.

T: (905) 938-1567

W: www.musiconthehenley.com ♿ 3 ★

Aug 11 - 14, Pembroke Waterfront Festival *Pembroke, Eastern Ontario*

A family-oriented festival which involves kids attractions, entertainment, 2 musical stages, fishing tournaments, a midway, a car show, sports shows, food, drink and much, much more. FREE.

T: (613) 735-6821

W: www.pembroke.ca ♿ 5 ★

Aug 12 - 13, Annual Rock & Roll Tribute and Classic Car Show *Orillia, Central Ontario*

Over 400 classic cars in the streets of downtown Orillia. Live 50s and 60s music, games, contests and fun for the whole family. FREE.

T: (705) 326-4424

W: www.orillia.com ♿ 4 ★

Aug 12 - 14, Campbellford Seymour Agricultural Fair *Campbellford, Central Ontario*

A classic country fair featuring a vintage tractor pull, Red Barn children's centre, Old MacDonald's farm, agricultural exhibits and demonstrations. Midway and demolition derby.

T: (705) 632-1278 4

Aug 12 - 14, Chemong Causeway Festival *Bridgenorth, Central Ontario*

Our 2nd annual weekend festival features 9th Annual Streetdance and BBQ; Art in the Park; Tour of Homes and Gardens: Classic and Custom Car and Bike Show; Taste of the Town and children's activities. FREE.

T: 1-866-333-1343

W: www.causefest.com 4 ★

Aug 12 - 14, Comber Fair *Comber, Southwestern Ontario*

Like all agricultural fairs, we have homecrafts, animals, 4-H, entertainment, and midway. We also host a demolition derby.

T: (519) 687-3607 2

Aug 12 - 14, Essex County Steam and Gas Engine Show *McGregor, Southwestern Ontario*

We have working steam engines, tractors and crafts, and tractor pulls. Sat. morning parade.

T: (519) 839-4516

W: www.essexsteamandgasengine.com ♿ 2

Aug 12 - 14, Fergus Scottish Festival And Highland Games *Fergus, Southwestern Ontario*

60th annual event that preserves and promotes Scottish heritage in a Canadian context featuring in 2005. Worlds Heavy Event Championship, piping, tattoo, Highland dancing, clans, Celtic music.

T: (519) 787-0099

W: www.fergusscottishfestival.com 2 ★

Aug 12 - 21, Festival of the Islands *Gananoque, Eastern Ontario*

Nightly waterfront concerts with premier Canadian artists. Daily children's program, model railroad wood carving show, midway, belly flop, soap box derby, arts and craft sale, classic car show and more.

T: (613) 382-1562

W: www.festivaloftheislands.com 5 ★

Aug 12 - 13, Haliburton County Fair *Minden, Central Ontario*

Minden Fairgrounds hosting a weekend of livestock shows, horse shows and pulls, dog show, demo derby. Live stage entertainment, beer tent, and free children's events. Much, much more.

T: 1-800-461-7677

W: www.haliburtoncountyfair.net/firms.com/main.html 4 ★

Aug 12 - Nov 6, The County Marathon Corn Maze *Bloomfield, Eastern Ontario*

Fun for the whole family, get lost on 6 acres. In its second year, the County Marathon Corn Maze is a supporting activity located at the site of the County Marathon Trade Show and pasta dinner.

T: (613) 399-5000

W: www.cornfieldmaze.com ♿ 5 🚗

Aug 12 - 14, Trout Forest Music Festival *Ear Falls, Northern Ontario*

The Trout Forest Music Festival offers the best in northern hospitality at an affordable price. On-site camping on the shores of the English River. Great music, food, artisan booths and bonfire jams.

T: 1-866-876-8833

W: www.troutfest.com ♿ 7

Aug 12 - 13, Wilberforce Agricultural Fair *Wilberforce, Central Ontario*

Fun for the entire family. Fri. night is the pony pull, followed by a fun packed Sat. at the fair. FREE.

T: (613) 332-1513

W: <http://www.BancroftDistrict.com> 4

Aug 13 - 28, 22nd Annual Art Show & Sale *Massey, Northern Ontario*

View and judge by ballot the works of several local artists. Judging ceases at noon on the 26th. FREE.

T: (705) 865-2266

W: <http://massey.eton.net> ♿ 7

Aug 13 - 14, Communities in Bloom Craft Show *Bala, Central Ontario*

Bala Communities in Bloom 2nd Annual Craft Show and Sale - over 40 artisans in Bala Arena. FREE.

T: (705) 762-3198

W: www.muskokalakeschamber.com ♿ 4

Aug 13, Cowapolooza *Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario*

Cowapolooza 4 featuring the Woodstock WingDing Chicken Wing Experience, kiddie rides buskers, afternoon entertainment, music, beverage garden, and crafters alley. Evening concert 6pm-10pm - artists TBA. FREE.

T: (519) 539-2382

W: www.city.woodstock.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

6th Annual RURAL RAMBLE FARM TOUR



August 20th & 21st, 2005

Bring the family for a country weekend experience!

Have fun on this award-winning, self-guided driving tour of unique and traditional farms, just east of Toronto. Enjoy activities, educational demonstrations and much more taking place at sites throughout the rolling hills of Northumberland County bordering the north shore of Lake Ontario.



For information and tour details, visit our website or call us today.

1.877.461.FARM
RuralRambleFarmTour.com

Aug 13, Downtown Brockville Celebration Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Annual Summer End Street Event and Sidewalk Sale. Live entertainment, children's activities, sporting activities, food vendors, shopping and so much more. FREE.

T: (613) 345-3269

W: www.downtownbrockville.com ♿ 5

Aug 13, Peach Celebration Niagara-On-The-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

A fabulous day of family activities, celebrating the Peach Harvest. Live music, fresh peaches, peach desserts and displays on historic Queen Street. Special Peach of a Celebration sales! FREE.

T: (905) 468-1950

W: www.niagaraonthelake.com ♿ 3 🚗

Aug 13 - 21, Rogers Cup Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Top world female tennis players compete for the Rogers Cup title.

T: (416) 665-9777

W: www.tenniscanada.com 1 ★

Aug 13, StampFest6 Bancroft, Central Ontario

StampFest 6, at the Bancroft legion hall. Rubber stamping demo's and sales.

T: (613) 332-1702

W: www.bancroftdistrict.com 4

Aug 14, Burlington Children's Festival Burlington, Southwestern Ontario

Free family fun! A day at Spencer Smith Park from 10am-4pm filled with free children's entertainment, activities, food, crafts, and much, much more! FREE.

T: (905) 335-7704

W: www.city.burlington.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 14, Sensational Sounds of Music Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Japanese Drums - Kiyoshi Nagata ensemble.

T: (416) 736-1733

W: www.blackcreek.ca ♿ 1

Aug 17 - 21, Prince Edward County Jazz Festival Picton, Prince Edward County, Eastern Ontario

The fourth annual County Jazz Festival promises to be another great event. Top Canadian jazz artists will perform at the historic Regent Theatre and several venues around "The County". FREE.

T: (613) 399-1717 ♿ 5

Aug 18 - 20, Atikokan Bass Classic Atikokan, Northern Ontario

Smallmouth bass tournament, on Dashawa, Turtle and Crowrock Lakes. With 55 boats. \$300 entry fee, two people per team. \$12,000 cash prizes, steak dinner included. FREE.

T: (807) 597-2940

W: www.atikokanbassclassic.com ♿ 7

Aug 18 - 21, Blazin Summer Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services present a weekend of events that will raise money for children's charities. Two calendar nights (18th & 19th) Combat and Regional Combat Challenge - Good Family Fun.

T: (905) 874-2367

W: www.city.brampton.on.ca ♿ 1 ★

Aug 18 - 21, Havelock Country Jamboree Havelock, Central Ontario

16th Annual Havelock Country Jamboree, Ontario's largest outdoor country music camping event. Tickets on sale now.

T: (705) 778-3353

W: www.havelockjamboree.com 4 ★

Aug 19 - 21, 14th Annual Dockside Festival of the Arts Gravenhurst, Central Ontario

Dockside features 145 artisans and draws thousands! 2005 is at the Muskoka Wharf, highlighting the Dinosaur Mobile from the Royal Ontario Museum, music, great food! Come shop the dock!

T: (705) 687-4432

W: www.gravenhurstchamber.com ♿ 4 ★ 🚗

Aug 19 - 21, Bruce County Heritage Steam & Antique Show Paisley, Southwestern Ontario

Lots of activities at the heritage farm for the whole family; music horse pulls, Cockshutt machinery, crafts, kiddie tractor pull, ladies tent, and more. Come on out for a truly unique experience!

T: (519) 368-5248

W: www.bruceheritage.org 2

Aug 19 - Sep 5, Canadian National Exhibition Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



The 127th Canadian National Exhibition runs Aug. 19-Sept. 5. Features include programs for the whole family, kids, teens and seniors. Operating hours are 10am-midnight daily.

See ad on pg. 61.

T: (416) 263-3800

W: www.theex.com ♿ 1 ★ 🚗

Aug 19 - 21, Dundas Cactus Festival Dundas, Southwestern Ontario

Parade kicks off on Thursday night leaving the Dundas Driving Park at 7:45pm - rain or shine! Street Festival with midway, food, crafts, vendors, art show, and free entertainment on 3 stages. FREE.

T: (905) 627-0926

W: www.dundascactusfest.com ♿ 2 ★

Aug 19 - 21, Jarvis Cornfest Jarvis, Southwestern Ontario

Family festival featuring crafts, trades, music, concerts, children's entertainment, antique farm vehicles, car show, karaoke, baseball tournament, midway, petting zoo, pony rides, horse show, food. FREE.

T: (519) 587-5675

W: www.cornfest.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 19 - 21, Jazz Festival Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

All that jazz - all weekend long in beautiful historic Unionville. Main Street Unionville transforms into jazz central - join us for great music in a unique atmosphere. FREE.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1

Aug 19 - 21, Leamington Tomato Festival Leamington, Southwestern Ontario

Free family entertainment with many events. Pageant on Fri., parade Sat. morning. The park will be filled with vendors, food and entertainment. Outdoor entertainment stage with day and evening performances.

T: (519) 326-2721

W: www.leamington.ca 2 ★



Aug 19 - 21, Markham Jazz Festival

Markham, Greater Toronto Area

Three days of Jazz in historic Unionville. Fri. night dinner and cabaret at the Radisson (Toronto-Markham) followed by two afternoons of outdoor staged concerts and Sat. night "Jazz Hot Spots" at Main Street restaurants. FREE.

T: (905) 471-5299

W: www.markhamjazzfestival.com ♿ 1 ★

Aug 19 - 20, Sarnia Highland Games

Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

Traditional Highland Games with Highland dancing, Scottish heavy events, pipe band competitions, piping and drumming competitions, and haggis hurling.

T: (519) 336-5054

W: www.sarniahighlandgames.com 2 ★

Aug 19 - 21, Summerfolk Music & Crafts Festival

Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

Join us in celebrating our 30th Anniversary of music and crafts on the shores of Georgian Bay. One of the finest presenters of folk/roots/traditional music and professional craft artists.

T: (519) 371-2995

W: www.summerfolk.org ♿ 2

Aug 19 - 21, Western Ontario Steam Threshers

Brigden, Southwestern Ontario

"The Preservation of Our Agricultural Heritage". Watch the past come to life through operating antique steam engines, threshers, tractor/ implements, vintage autos, etc. Flea market, crafts and much more.

T: (519) 339-0487

W: www.steamthreshers.com ♿ 2 🚗

Aug 19 - 21, Winnie's Hometown Festival

White River, Northern Ontario

White River proudly proclaims its status as the birthplace of Winnie the Pooh by celebrating Winnie's Hometown Festival. Come enjoy fireworks, parades, tradeshow, funland, dances, and more.

T: 1-888-517-1673

W: www.winnieshometownfestival.org ♿ 7 ★

Aug 20, 2nd Annual Celtic Festival

Napanee, Eastern Ontario

Come out and enjoy a variety of Celtic entertainment featuring pipe & drum bands both local and regional. Opening ceremony at Town Hall with parade to waterfront park minutes from downtown Napanee.

T: (613) 354-6601

W: www.napaneechamber.ca ♿ 5

Aug 20, 2nd Annual Field to Fork Festival

Bala, Central Ontario

Taste the best Muskoka has to offer as we match local farmers, chefs and wineries for a true "field to fork" experience. Proceeds to support the Lake Joseph CNIB camp.

T: (705) 762-3203

W: www.cranberry.ca 4 🚗

Aug 20, Athens Cornfest

Athens, Eastern Ontario

A one-day old-time fair celebrating our agricultural roots. A real family fun day! Most events are free of charge. Kids parade, live concerts, petting zoo, midway, food and craft vendors, talent contest. FREE.

T: (613) 924-1423

W: www.athensontario.com ♿ 5

Aug 20 - 21, Corvette Weekend

Wasaga Beach, Central Ontario

Corvette Weekend features a car show at the main beach area, and a highlight is the corvette cruise that takes the cars and drivers all over the area, for everyone to see.

T: (705) 429-3847

W: www.wasagabeach.com ♿ 4 ★

Aug 20, Grand Fire Muster

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Join us for a day of antique fire engines, water pumping contests, and old-fashioned fun. Held on the picturesque grounds of Dundurn Castle, experience fire fighting as it was 150 years ago. FREE.

T: (905) 546-2872

W: www.hamilton.ca/museums ♿ 2 🚗

Aug 20 - 21, Harvest Days

Prescott, Eastern Ontario

An annual weekend of demonstrations of farming back 50 to 100 years ago. Entertainment and lots to do! Admission: \$3.

T: (613) 925-2100 ♿ 5

Aug 20 - 21, Harvest Fest

London, Southwestern Ontario

See vintage agricultural equipment in operation as we thresh this season's grain. Visit with the village women-folk as they prepare a harvest meal. Learn about heritage apples: cider-pressing demonstrations, apple folklore. Exhibits of antiques cars and tractors; live music.

T: (519) 457-1296

W: www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca 2

Aug 20 - 21, Kidspark

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

This festival focuses on providing children and families with an opportunity to enjoy hands on activities, interactive entertainment and creative learning experiences. FREE.

T: 1-800-265-6959

W: www.kidspark.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 20, North Lanark Highland Games

Almonte, Eastern Ontario

A friendly Highland Games held in a beautiful riverside setting. The NLHG offers a full range of activities - piping, dancing, athletics and massed bands. Admission: adult \$12, children \$4.

T: 1-888-669-6566

W: www.almontehighlandgames.com 5

Aug 20 - Sep 4, Ottawa Sports Festival

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

The Ottawa Sports Festival is a celebration of physical activity and sport, where all the citizens of Ottawa are encouraged to come out and get involved as a participant, spectator or volunteer. FREE.

T: (613) 580-2848

W: www.ottawasportsfestival.org ♿ 6

Aug 20 - 21, Port Dover Summer Fest

Port Dover, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy arts, crafts and antiques set up midst the beautiful historic setting of Powell Park for 30 years! FREE.

T: 1-800-699-9038

W: www.portdover.ca ♿ 2

Aug 20, Rock the Mill Festival

Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

A free annual event that features young musicians. Bands are recruited locally and covers Southwestern Ontario, noon-11pm. FREE.

T: 1-800-749-7560

W: www.cambridgegetourism.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 20 - 21, Rural Ramble Farm Tour

Northumberland County, Central Ontario



Pet a calf, hug a lamb, sample some beef, and go for a hayride! Self guided driving tour of farms in Northumberland. Family fun and educational. Pre-purchase passports

and itinerary. See ad on pg. 59.

T: 1-877-461-3276

W: www.RuralRamble.com 4 ★

Aug 20, The Lumiere Festival

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

The Lumiere Festival is a free event that will appeal to all who want to take part in a magical evening of costumes, musicians, performers, and enchanting lantern sculptures. FREE.

T: (613) 745-2742

W: www.lumiereottawa.com ♿ 6

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Proud to be celebrating Peterborough's 100th Birthday - Summer 2005. Log onto www.thekawarthas.net for a list of events in Peterborough & the Kawarthas including celebration festivities.



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705-742-2201 1-800-461-6424
info@thekawarthas.net



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(at The Old Train Station)

www.thekawarthas.net

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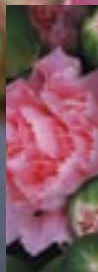
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MARCH BREAK EVENTS

Early March

Take a mid-winter break with your family. Many hotels have planned children's activities all week long, games rooms and indoor pools. Take a trip to the Sugar Bush, enjoy Clifton Hill, and much more. Visit www.DiscoverNiagara.com



SPRING FESTIVAL

May and June

Bring Mom to see the Mother's Day Blossom Parade, treat her to the Spa, and reconnect with the outdoors. Take time for a drive to see the Niagara tender fruit tree blossoms and enjoy the fresh new gardens and parks of springtime. Visit www.NiagaraParks.com



NIAGARA NEW VINTAGE festival

June 4 to June 12, 2005

Celebrate the first taste of the new vintage with gala tastings, regional cuisine and intimate events at participating wineries. Visit www.niagarawinefestival.com

SUMMER



TWO NATIONS CELEBRATIONS

July 1 to 4

As an international border we celebrate both country's birthdays at events throughout the region! Visit www.NiagaraParks.com



SUMMER BY THE FALLS

May 24 to September 4, 2005

Nightly illumination of Niagara Falls and Friday Night Fireworks are a visitor's must see. Now you can enjoy great live entertainment while overlooking the Falls at the Coca Cola concert series. Visit www.NiagaraParks.com



SUMMER BOUNTY

June through September

We celebrate the bounty of Niagara throughout the summer. Visit Niagara's Wine Route and discover the many wineries, tasting rooms and summer events. Discover the fresh seasonal Niagara tender fruit at a pick your own farm. We invite you to taste Niagara. Visit www.wineroute.com

AUTUMN



NIAGARA WINE festival

September 16 to 25, 2005

One of North America's Top 100 Events! 54th annual celebration of the harvest features over 100 events for all ages! Visit www.niagarawinefestival.com



International WINE & FOOD CLASSIC

at Niagara

September 9 to 11, 2005

World renowned location! World class chefs! Internationally celebrated wines! Visit www.DiscoverNiagara.com



FALLSVIEW CASINO INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

October 23rd, 2005

Bi-national marathon starting in Buffalo, NY and winds down the Niagara River Parkway to Niagara Falls. Visit www.niagarafallsmarathon.com

WINTER



Winter Festival of Lights

*November 18, 2005 to
January 15, 2006*

Eight weeks of events featuring live Disney performances, motion light displays, night parades, fireworks, concerts, outdoor New Year's Eve Party and more! Visit www.wfol.com



NIAGARA ICEWINE festival

January 14 to 23, 2005

A celebration of one of Canada's most cherished products – Ontario Icewine. Ten days of touring, tasting and special events. Visit www.niagarawinefestival.com



WINTER ROMANCE

February

Capture the magic of Niagara in luxurious hotels, charming inns and quaint B&B's. Treat your sweetheart to a romantic Niagara Winter getaway with Icewine & roses, candlelit dinners, warm fireplaces, relaxing spas. Enjoy! Visit www.DiscoverNiagara.com

Aug 20 - 21, United States Marine Corps Weekend Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Experience the 51st year of joint, dynamic performances between the Fort Henry guard and the United States Marine Corps - The silent drill platoon, the Commandant's own drum and bugle corps. Fireworks!

T: (613) 542-7388
W: www.forthenry.com ♿ 5 🚗

Aug 21, 1000 Islands Triathlon, Duathlon & Downtown 5km Run Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Three distances of Triathlons: Try a Tri, Sprint, Olympic and Duathlon: run, bike, run. Also, a 5km downtown run. Free admission for spectators. Participants pay an entry fee. Free parking. FREE.

T: (613) 341-8988
W: www.somersault.ca ♿ 5

Aug 21, Confederation Cup XXIX Dundas, Southwestern Ontario

Confederation Cup XXIX, one of harness racing's most prestigious events, features the fastest, most talented three-year-old pacers for an estimated \$650,000! reservations@flamboro downs.com. FREE.

T: (905) 627-3561
W: www.flamborodowns.com ♿ 2 🚗

Aug 21, Women's Art Festival Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Our one day festival has four facets: fundraise for women's groups; celebrate women's creativity; provide a forum for artists to display work; encourage women to meet and connect with women's groups. FREE.

T: (613) 546-1237
W: www.womensartfestivalkingston.ca ♿ 5

Aug 24 - 28, Barrie Fair and National Horse Show Barrie, Central Ontario

"Where the City Meets the Country". Daily horse and livestock shows, agricultural, domestic and 4-H exhibits, horse and tractor pull, daily music, entertainment, family entertainment and midway.

T: (705) 737-3670
W: www.barrieeventcentre.com ♿ 4

Aug 25 - 28, Brantford's 6th Annual Elvis Festival Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

Four-day celebration honouring the King of Rock and Roll. Concerts, showcases, contests, memorabilia extravaganza, entertainers from across Ontario, United States and Europe. Family fun for everyone.

T: 519-752-1694
W: www.memphismotion.com ♿ 2

Aug 25 - 28, Hempfest 2005 Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario

Our 7th Annual Hempfest will be a reunion of the past years with many speakers and performers returning to our scenic location in Northern Ontario for 4 days of camping and fun.

T: 1-888-215-8970
W: www.hempfest.ca ♿ 7

Aug 25 - 28, Iron Horse Festival St. Thomas, Southwestern Ontario

Downtown comes alive as the 11th Iron Horse Festival takes to the streets. Featuring entertainment on 3 stages, midway, rib-fest, strongman competition, train rides, cruise night, and kid's junction. FREE.

T: (519) 633-2535
W: www.ironhorsefestival.com ♿ 2 ★

Aug 25 - 28, Limestone City Blues Festival Kingston, Eastern Ontario

The best in blues! Afternoon concerts in Confederation Park, 3 main stage concerts, and great bands every night in more than 15 downtown venues. For details please visit www.kingstonblues.com

T: (613) 542-8677
W: www.kingstonblues.com ♿ 5 ★

Aug 25 - 28, Ottawa Folk Festival Ottawa, Ottawa Region

The Festival is located in beautiful Britannia Park on the Ottawa River, and features the finest Canadian and international acoustic musicians. Past headliners included Judy Collins and Sarah Harmer.

T: (613) 230-8234
W: www.ottawafolk.org ♿ 6 ★

Aug 25 - 28, Tecumseh Corn Festival Tecumseh, Southwestern Ontario

Ear-resistable 4-day family fun filled weekend. Continuous entertainment, food/arts/crafts booths, midway, largest small town parade, Miss Tecumseh Pageant, tons of hot buttered corn on the cob!!!! FREE.

T: (519) 735-2184
W: www.tecumseh.ca ♿ 2 ★ 🚗

Aug 25 - 28, Toronto BuskerFest Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

BuskerFest features world-class street performers, with dare devil feats to high wire belly dancing to acrobats aflame. BuskerFest brings you the most unique and spectacular entertainment imaginable. FREE.

T: (416) 964-9095
W: www.torontobuskerfest.com ♿ 1

Aug 25 - 28, Waterloo Busker Carnival Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

Ontario's largest street performance festival, the Waterloo Busker Carnival, continues to provide audiences with zany, hilarious, extraordinary, bizarre entertainment from around the world! FREE.

T: (519) 747-8769
W: www.waterloo-busker.com ♿ 2

Aug 26 - 28, Autofest 2005 Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

Car show and shine on Sun. Other events are planned throughout the weekend.

T: (905) 666-2307
W: www.canadianrodder.com/autofest ♿ 1

Aug 26 - 27, Barrie Dragon Boat Festival Barrie, Central Ontario

Join us for fun and excitement on beautiful Kempenfelt Bay. Free admission for spectators. Great family fun day at Centennial Park - live music, food, kids activities - come out and cheer on the teams. FREE.

T: (705) 728-1010
W: www.barriedragonboatfestival.ca ♿ 4

Aug 26 - 28, Bloor West Village Ukrainian Culture Festival Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Join over 300,000 people right on Bloor Street between the Runnymede and Jane subway stations, for great food and non-stop entertainment. A true family experience. FREE.

T: (416) 410-9965
W: www.ukrainianfestival.org ♿ 1 ★

Aug 26 - 28, Eaglewood Folk Festival Pefferlaw, Greater Toronto Area

Eaglewood Folk Festival, a fully accessible event, is held each year (this will be the 16th) on the weekend before Labour Day. It features primarily Canadian singer/songwriters of folk/roots music.

T: (705) 437-2425
W: www.eaglewoodfolk.com ♿ 1

Aug 26 - 28, Ontario Toy Show and Auction Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's favourite toy show with collectors from across Canada and eastern USA. Fri. is the open house at Tiny Toys from 5pm-8pm, Sat. is the auction 9:30am and Sun. from 10am-3pm is the toy show.

T: (519) 423-6060
W: www.tinytoys.com ♿ 2

Aug 26 - 28, Port Credit In Water Boat Show Port Credit, Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Boaters and dreamers flock to the Port Credit Harbour Marina to check out new and used power and sail boats on display. On shore booths exhibit all type of marine products, live entertainment from the Southside Shuffle bands.

T: (905) 278-7005
W: www.portcreditboatshow.ca ♿ 1 ★

Aug 26 - 28, Winona Peach Festival Winona, Southwestern Ontario

Recognized as the "Favourite Festival" for 2000-2004 by readers of the Hamilton Spectator, the Winona Peach Festival has become the premier "family" event in the Golden Horseshoe. Come and see why! FREE.

T: (905) 643-2084
W: www.winonapeach.com ♿ 2 ★

Aug 27 - 28, Celtic Sounds Downsview, Greater Toronto Area

Come to Black Creek Pioneer Village's 2nd annual Celtic music festival. Enjoy the sounds of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England and Canada's Maritimes. Fun activities for the whole family!

T: (416) 736-1733
W: www.blackcreek.ca ♿ 1 🚗

Aug 27, Coe Hill Agricultural Fair Coe Hill, Eastern Ontario

Coe Hill is home to the famous Coe Hill Agricultural Fair, one of the longest running fairs in Ontario. Enjoy an automobile daredevil thrill show, musical and dancing entertainment, and exciting midway.

T: (613) 332-1513
W: www.bancroftdistrict.com 5

Aug 27 - 28, Doors Open Markham Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Heritage homes and sites open their doors for visitors to tour. Ride the heritage train from Unionville Station or enjoy the walking tours. FREE.

T: (905) 477-0117
W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1 🚗



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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Aug 27 - 28, Dunnville Fair *Dunnville, Southwestern Ontario*

Heavy/light/miniature horse competitions, homecraft, kids activities, baby show, sheep/goat competitions, petting zoo, school fair, educational displays, demonstrations, food, music, fun!

T: (905) 774-8199

W: www.harvestontario.com ♿ ②

Aug 27 - 28, Festival of South Asia *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

This festival is a celebration of South Asian culture and cuisine. The event features tasting tables set up by area restaurants and a variety of South Asian music and dancing. FREE.

T: (416) 698-9053

W: www.gerrardindiabazaar.com ♿ ① ★

Aug 27, Heart & Hand Festival *Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario*

Listen to stories, songs and poems about Canada: multicultural tales, folktales, fairy tales, and maybe even a tall tale! Experience a one-of-a-kind traditional craft market and sale. FREE.

T: (519) 742-7752

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca ♿ ②

Aug 27, Mass Bands Gathering Festival *Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario*

Entertainment all day, noon 'til midnight! Victoria Park, Free admission. All you can eat hot dog/corn roast. Licensed under ACGO. FREE.

T: 1-866-546-2736

W: www.sunsets.com/kincardine ♿ ②

Aug 27, Norfolk Dragon Boat Challenge *Port Dover, Southwestern Ontario*

Join us on Silver Lake as we enjoy a day filled with colour, pageantry, friendly competition, and just plain fun for the whole family. Food, music, friends...come play in our beautiful, lakeside community! FREE.

T: 1-800-699-9038

W: www.portdover.ca ♿ ②

Aug 27 - 28, Railway Heritage Weekend *St. Thomas, Southwestern Ontario*

Railway related vendors, steam train rides, model trains, entertainment, a food court, and of course the Museum's regular displays of equipment and memorabilia.

T: (519) 637-6284

W: <http://www.ecrm5700.org> ♿ ②

Aug 27, Steeplejack Dragon Boat Festival *Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario*

Steeplejack Dragon Boat Races are for mixed teams only. 250-meter race runs alongside Centennial Park's seawall. Proceeds to support Big Brothers of Sarnia Lambton and Rotary Club of Sarnia Lambton. FREE.

T: (519) 336-0460

W: www.dragonboatsarnia.com ②

Aug 27 - 28, Tender Wishes Wings & Wheels Niagara *Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region*

See the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, Skyhawks, CF-18 Hornet and various military, aerobatic and warbird aircraft. Ground displays - aircraft, vintage vehicles, kids zone and food/drink and fun!

T: 1-888-359-4273

W: www.wingsandwheelsniagara.com ♿ ③ 🚌

Aug 31 - Sep 1, Brant United Way Air Show *Brantford, Southwestern Ontario*

Come and see the Snowbirds! It's a great show at the Brantford Municipal Airport. FREE.

T: (519) 752-7848

W: www.brantunitedway.org ♿ ② ★

september

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Explore & Enjoy

As the heat of the summer gives way to the crisp fall air, Ontario's landscape begins to



explode with delights for every sense. Treat your taste buds at **Niagara's Food Festival** and its **Grape & Wine Festival**, or at the **Wellesley Apple Butter & Cheese**

Festival and the **Burlington Rotary Ribfest**. Witness one of Mother Nature's miracles, the migration of monarch butterflies at **Point Pelee's Monarch Hikes and More**. Be on guard during the **Scarecrow Invasion and Family Festival in Meaford**. Connect with your agricultural roots at a fall fair, the **Outdoor Farm Show**, or the **International Plowing Match & Rural Expo**.

Fall is a great time of year to get out, explore and enjoy the many wonderful events in Ontario!



september

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Sep 1 - 5, Paris Fair*Paris, Southwestern Ontario*

Paris Fair, Brant County's largest event. Agricultural, domestic and children's exhibitions, livestock shows, Campbell's midway, demo derby, grandstand and other entertainment, year round facility rentals.

T: (519) 442-2823**W:** www.parisfair.com ♿ ②**Sep 2 - 4, Atomic Bluesfest 2005***Lindsay, Central Ontario*

The best in blues along with family activities and entertainment in historical downtown Lindsay. All Canadian - Purely Blues.

T: 1-877-888-0038**W:** www.atomicbluesfest.com ♿ ④**Sep 2 - 5, Burlington Rotary Ribfest***Burlington, Southwestern Ontario*

Canada's largest ribfest with 15 rib teams from across North America! Something for everyone - great food, music, entertainment and crafts. Playground, rides, face painting and more for the kids! FREE.

T: (905) 632-0619**W:** www.burlingtonribfest.com ♿ ② ★**Sep 2, Drift in Cruise Night***Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario*

6pm-9pm, Queen Street, 50/50 draws, trophies, music, fun for all! FREE.

T: 1-866-546-2736**W:** www.sunsets.com/kincardine ♿ ②**Sep 2 - 4, Fiesta Del Sol: A Celebration of Latin American Culture***London, Southwestern Ontario*

Fiesta Del Sol is Canada's premier arts festival celebrating the rich diversity of Latin American culture. It features over 20 top music and dance ensembles, and more than 60 food and craft exhibitors. FREE.

T: (519) 672-1522**W:** www.sunfest.on.ca ♿ ②**Sep 2 - 4, Old Time Fiddling and StepDancing Competition***Pembroke, Eastern Ontario*

In its 28th year, the Old Time Fiddling and StepDancing Competition draws 1000s of

people every Labour Day weekend to wander through Fiddle Park and enjoy fabulous fiddle music and traditional dance. FREE.

T: (613) 735-6821 x1501**W:** www.pembroke.ca ♿ ⑤ ★**Sep 2 - 5, Orangeville Fall Fair***Orangeville, Greater Toronto Area*

A fun filled weekend meant for the family. Midway, demolition derby, car show and entertainment throughout the weekend. Horse and cattle shows, homecraft competition displays and much more.

T: (519) 942-9597**W:** www.orangevillefairgrounds.ca ♿ ①**Sep 2 - 5, Ottawa River Festival***Beachburg, Eastern Ontario*

This Labour Day weekend keep your calendar open if you've ever picked up a paddle. The Ottawa River Festival is a celebration of paddle sports and the Ottawa River. If whitewater isn't your thing, with flat water races you'll be sure not to miss out. FREE.

T: (613) 646-2291**W:** www.ottawakayak.com ⑤ ★**Sep 2 - 5, Perth Fair***Perth, Eastern Ontario*

Agricultural displays - Robertson Amusements throughout the weekend. Friday - parade and demo derby - horse and cattle shows everyday - grandstand Sat. and Sun. nights.

T: (613) 267-4104**W:** www.perthfair.on.ca ♿ ⑤**Sep 2 - 4, Port Rowan Bayfest***Port Rowan, Southwestern Ontario*

Enjoy midway, live music, contests, fireworks, arts and crafts, display, parade and much, much more. Fun for the whole family! FREE.

T: 1-866-281-9038**W:** www.portrowan-longpoint.org ♿ ②**Sep 2 - 4, Shelter Valley Folk Festival***Grafton, Central Ontario*

A family weekend of music, art, wellness and fine food in the heart of Northumberland County.

T: (905) 377-9556**W:** www.sheltervalley.com ④ ★**Sep 2 - 4, The Great Canadian Race***Weekend Delaware, Southwestern Ontario*

The Great Canadian Race Weekend is the most historic three-day stock car racing weekend in Canada. The feature race is the CASCAR Super Series "Great Canadian 300", which runs on the Sun. afternoon.

T: (519) 652-5068**W:** www.delawarespeedway.com ♿ ②**Sep 3 - 4, Canada Cup - National Championships***Beachburg, Eastern Ontario*

The Canada Cup is where the National Champions are decided for freestyle kayaking. Come and check out all the action and participate in the festival that has something for everyone. FREE.

T: (613) 646-2291**W:** www.ottawakayak.com ⑤ ★**Sep 3, Maynooth Madness & Loggers***Games Maynooth, Eastern Ontario*

Maynooth loggers parade, loggers games, country mile run, all you can eat pancake breakfast, rummage, bake and craft sale, fine arts and craft displays, kids play area and attractions. FREE.

T: (613) 332-1513**W:** www.bancroftdistrict.com ⑤ ★**Sep 3, Port Burwell Coal Flats Blues Festival***Port Burwell, Niagara Falls and Region*

Come join us for an afternoon & evening full of music, food, beer & fun on the beautiful beach of Port Burwell. Enjoy listening to both local & Juno award winning talent. FREE.

T: (519) 866-5521**W:** www.coalflatblues.com ♿ ③**Sep 3 - 4, St. Thomas Fire Muster Days***St. Thomas, Southwestern Ontario*

Fire muster, antique through present fire apparatus, emergency displays, car show, craft vendors, amusement rides, live entertainment, refreshment gardens and food court. Free family entertainment! FREE.

T: (519) 631-0210**W:** www.geocities.com/MadisonAvenue/2902

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Sep 4, Memories of Summer - Fireworks*Display Wasaga Beach, Southwestern Ontario*

Fireworks display at Beach Area 1. It's a final farewell to the summer 2005. Begins at dusk. FREE.

T: (705) 429-3847**W:** www.wasagabeach.com ♿ ② ★**Sep 5, Unionville Labour Day Celebrations***Unionville, Greater Toronto Area*

Music and entertainment all weekend long. Enjoy the holiday with pedestrian street and sidewalk sales. FREE.

T: (905) 477-0117**W:** www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ ① 🚗**Sep 7 - 11, Guelph Jazz Festival***Guelph, Southwestern Ontario*

Guelph Jazz Festival features 5 days of innovative jazz and improvised music in a community setting. Check out the free jazz tent

on Sat., Sept. 10 in downtown Guelph. Also ticketed evening concerts. FREE.

T: (519) 763-4952**W:** www.guelphjazzfestival.com ♿ ②**Sep 7 - Oct 3, Monarch Hikes and More***Leamington, Southwestern Ontario*

Witness the migration of butterflies, birds and other animals. Meet at the Visitor Centre for an early morning hike. Wed. - Sun.

T: (519) 322-2365**W:** www.pc.gc.ca/pelee ②**Sep 8 - 11, Cambridge Fall Fair***Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario*

Features: demolition derby, agricultural events, large family mid-way, children's area, Ambassador competition, singing contest, entertainment, vendors' area and much more!

T: (519) 621-9140**W:** www.cambridgefallfair.com ♿ ②**Sep 8 - 11, Durham Central Fair***Orono, Greater Toronto Area*

Good old fashioned family fun! See agricultural exhibits, watch horse and tractor pulls, try the culinary delights, ride the midway, enjoy the entertainment - get back to the country in a weekend!

T: (905) 983-9510**W:** www.oronofair.com ①**Sep 8 - 11, Russell Fair***Russell, Eastern Ontario*

Visit rural Russell for a weekend of fresh air and family fun. Take in live entertainment for all ages. Get up close and personal with the animals and treat your tastebuds with homemade pies.

T: (613) 445-3079**W:** www.russellfair.com ♿ ⑤ ★**Sep 8 - 11, Spencerville Fair***Spencerville, Eastern Ontario*

Agricultural fair celebrating 150th anniversary and paying tribute to the agri-food industry and rural life. Something for everyone to enjoy. The "Biggest Little Fair in Eastern Ontario". Admission: \$3-\$8.

T: (613) 658-3333**W:** www.spencervillefair.ca ♿ ⑤**Sep 8 - 10, Taste of the Toronto Entertainment District***Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Festival that features samples of what the local up-scale restaurants, theatres, and entertainment venues of Toronto's Entertainment District have to offer. FREE.

T: (416) 698-9053**W:** www.thedistrict.ca ♿ ① ★

september

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Sep 9 - 10, "Once Upon a Thames" St. Marys Storytelling Festival St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario

Join us in St. Marys for journeys of the imagination, as all generations share in the magic of storytelling. Enjoy the tales of some of the best tellers in North America. Fun for the whole family.

T: (519) 284-2698

W: www.stmarysstorytelling.org ♿ ②

Sep 9 - 10, 2005 Doors Open Kenora Kenora, Northern Ontario

Tours of historic buildings and sites in the City of Kenora. Free admission. Some have wheelchair accessibility. FREE.

T: (807) 467-2105 ⑦

Sep 9 - 11, Arthur Fall Fair Arthur, Southwestern Ontario

Agricultural Fall Fair - 4-H, displays (local crafts, produce, agriculture), talent show, baby contest, kid's activities, chili cookoff, and carnival rides.

T: (519) 848-5527 ♿ ②

Sep 9 - 11, Dundalk Fall Fair Dundalk, Southwestern Ontario

Nifty Nifty the Dundalk Fall Fair is 150! Join us for live entertainment, horse shows and races, homecraft displays, agricultural displays, a demolition derby, midway, great food, and fun for all!

T: (519) 925-5591

W: www.dundalkfair.ca ♿ ②

Sep 9 - 11, Georgetown Fall Fair Georgetown, Greater Toronto Area

Annual fall fair, focused on local agriculture and community activities.

T: (905) 877-7119

W: www.georgetownfallfair.ca ①

Sep 9 - 11, Lincoln County Fair Beamsville, Niagara Falls and Region

The Lincoln County Fair features entertainment, demo derby, midway, 4-H shows, horse and cattle shows, poultry shows, sheep and goat shows, children's and homecraft exhibits, flea

market, baby and pet shows.

T: (905) 309-4554

W: www.lincolncountyfair.com ♿ ③

Sep 9 - 11, RGB's Masterpieces Festival Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Royal Botanical Gardens, Centre/Hendrie Park. A collection of artists, artisans and quality crafters are hard at work at the Gardens. RGB supplies the atmosphere and inspiration for artists to hone their craft.

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca ♿ ② ★ 🚗

Sep 9 - 11, Niagara Wine & Food Classic Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region

Join us in Niagara for a spectacular wine and culinary event held during the autumn wine harvest. Your luxurious weekend includes premium grand tasting, food and wine pairing events, demonstrations, tour of the Niagara Wine Route and more.

T: 1-800-353-2557

W: www.discoverniagara.com ③

Sep 9 - 10, Taste of Kingsway Festival Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

For the 8th consecutive year, The Kingsway BIA is proud to present: "The 2005 - Taste of The Kingsway Festival" Friday 6pm-11pm, Sat. 9am-11pm. This festival is held on the first weekend after Labour Day in Sept. along Bloor Street West. FREE.

T: (416) 239-8243

W: www.theKingswaytoronto.ca ♿ ① ★

Sep 9 - 18, Western Fair London, Southwestern Ontario

The Western Fair has something for everyone! A giant midway, youth and junior talent search, music, parades, exhibits, displays, competitions, livestock, horse shows and grandstand performances. Let yourself go for ten days!

T: 1-800-619-4629

W: www.westernfair.com ♿ ②

Sep 9 - 11, Westitalia Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Westitalia - a street festival compassing a celebration of all things Italian; street painting, food, vendors, grape stomp, bocce games, cultural activities, great fun for the entire family. Join us! FREE.

T: (905) 526-6134

W: www.westdalevillage.ca ♿ ②

Sep 10, Artfest Elgin St. Thomas, Southwestern Ontario

Don't miss this opportunity to see artists at

work, talk about their skills and techniques, enjoy a bite to eat and some great entertainment and face painting for the kids. FREE.

T: (519) 631-8188

W: www.elgintourist.com ♿ ②

Sep 10, Autotacy Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

This year's event will take place at the beautiful Civic Terrace on the riverfront in Windsor, Ontario and is promised to be bigger and definitely better than last year's event.

T: (519) 818-6988

W: www.autotacytour.com ♿ ②

Sep 10, Bytown Days Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Bytown Days celebrates the history of Ottawa, once called Bytown. Enjoy walking tours, horse drawn carriage rides, historical characters, demonstrations and music, children's activity centre and more! FREE.

T: (613) 562-3325

W: www.byward-market.com ♿ ⑥ ★ 🚗

Sep 10 - 11, Cabbagetown Cultural Festival Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

One of Canada's oldest and best community festival. Over 40 events. Great food, music, art exhibits, craft sales and those beautiful Victorian homes on tree-lined streets. FREE.

T: (416) 921-0857

W: www.oldcabbagetown.com ♿ ① ★

Sep 10, Concession Street Corn Fest Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

A food drive for local food bank, free face painting, classic car display, charity BBQ, corn husking contest, kub kar derby, continuous cultural variety shows, free petting zoo, horse and wagon rides. FREE.

T: (905) 388-5482

W: www.concessionstreet.com ♿ ②

Sep 10, Harvest Festival Whitby, Greater Toronto Area

Horse drawn wagon tours. Heritage displays and demonstrations. Antiques, crafts and Farmers' Market. Apple pie eating contest, entertainment, games and balloons, stories and crafts, lots for kids of all ages. FREE.

T: (905) 668-4306

W: www.downtownwhitby.ca ♿ ① ★

Sep 10, Lake George Marshfest Echo Bay, Northern Ontario

The festival includes displays, tours, workshops and fun activities for all ages to enjoy. Join us

for wings and water and to learn about the marsh at the Lake George Marshfest.

T: (705) 253-9028

W: www.copsmarketing.com/marshfest ♿ ⑦

Sep 10, The 23rd Annual Mohawk College Garage Sale in Support of United Way Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Vendors & Shoppers Wanted! This is the largest garage sale in Southern Ontario, with over 200 vendors and 5000 shoppers.

T: (905) 575-2081

W: <http://uwgaragesale.mohawkcollege.ca> ♿ ② ★

Sep 10, Trenton Scottish/ Irish Festival Trenton, Eastern Ontario

Join us for a day of Scottish and Irish fare in our beautiful park situated on the Bay of Quinte! Parade, massed bands, dancers, entertainment, vendors, demonstrations and much more! FREE.

T: (613) 392-2841

W: www.city.quintwest.on.ca ♿ ⑤

Sep 10 - 11, Warkworth Fall Fair Warkworth, Northern Ontario

Agricultural fair featuring livestock shows, baby show, home craft exhibitors, spinners and weavers demonstrations, truck and tractor pull, demolition derby, petting zoo, elimination car draw.

T: (705) 924-2064 ⑦

Sep 11, Olden Days and Antique Cars Markham, Greater Toronto Area

There will be antique and 'nostalgia' vehicles on display, along with antiques for sale, lots of entertainment, good food and many of the other fine things from life in the past. FREE.

T: (905) 472-2462

W: www.markhamvillage.com ♿ ①

Sep 11, Surf Dogs Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

3rd Annual Doggie Swim at SportsWorld Hawaii H2O wavepool. Treat your pooch to a swim in the waves-supported by KW Humane Society. See website for times and conditions.

T: (519) 653-4442

W: www.sportsworld.on.ca ♿ ②

Sep 13 - 15, Canadian Outdoor Farm Show Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

A 3-day trade show designed for commercial farm families. See the latest technology and innovation in agriculture. Hands on demonstrations.

T: 1-800-563-5441 x 37

W: www.outdoorfarmshow.com ♿ ②

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Sep 14 - 18, Delhi Harvestfest*Delhi, Southwestern Ontario*

The festival begins with the crowning of the Ontario Tobacco Queen. The week is full of activities, food, rides and live entertainment. FREE.

T: (519) 582-2991**W:** www.ontariosouthcoast.com/delhi/index.html

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Sep 15 - 18, 175th Annual Kingston Fall Fair*Kingston, Eastern Ontario*

The event showcases agricultural displays, 4-H shows, grain competitions, cattle shows, home craft, baking, grandstand attractions, musical entertainment, rides and games.

T: (613) 542-6701**W:** www.kingstonfair.com ♿ 5**Sep 15 - 17, Festival National de L'Humour***Hearst, Northern Ontario*

Stand up comics. Comedy shows start at 8pm. \$40 per show.

T: (705) 362-4900**W:** www.conseildesarts-hearst.ca ♿ 7 ★**Sep 15 - 18, Niagara Regional Exhibition***Welland, Niagara Falls and Region*

Agriculture exhibits, midway, grandstand shows, fireworks, antique displays and more!

T: (905) 734-6413**W:** www.nre.ca ♿ 3**Sep 16 - 18, Acton Fall Fair***Acton, Greater Toronto Area*

Annual fall agricultural fair.

T: (519) 877-7119**W:** www.actonfair.ca 1**Sep 16 - 18, Beaverton Fall Fair***Beaverton, Central Ontario*

Fall fair featuring 4-H Championship show for dairy, beef and poultry. Farm animal display, horse events, demo derbies, tractor and truck pulls. Local entertainment, contests and local exhibits.

T: (705) 426-9444**W:** www.beavertonfallfair.ca ♿ 4**Sep 16 - 18, Binbrook Fair***Binbrook, Southwestern Ontario*

Old MacDonald's farm, animal shows and exhibits, homecraft, school exhibits, agricultural exhibits, demolition derby, lawnmower races, horse pulls, Campbell's midway. Free parking on grounds.

T: (905) 692-1434**W:** www.binbrookagriculturalsociety.org ♿ 2**Sep 16, Bon Appetit Wine & Food Festival***Trenton, Eastern Ontario*

Showcase local, regional, and provincial wines, complementing the wines will be a delectable selection of foods. Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Stella Cres., Trenton.

T: 1-800-930-3255**W:** www.quintwestchamber.on.ca ♿ 5**Sep 16 - 18, Canadian Big Band Celebration***Port Elgin, Southwestern Ontario*

A festival celebrating big band music. Three events; "Friday Night Jazz" - 10 live Jazz combos, "The Big Event" - five Canadian big bands for dancing, "Sunday Jazz Bunch" - fab brunch and live jazz.

T: 1-800-387-3456**W:** www.canadianbigband.ca ♿ 2**Sep 16 - 18, Fergus Fall Fair***Fergus, Southwestern Ontario*

Promoting agricultural awareness through urban and rural community participation. Midway, exhibits, 4-H livestock show, sheep herding, heavy horses, beef and dairy cattle, dog show, tractor and truck pull.

T: (519) 843-5140**W:** www.fergusfallfair.ca ♿ 2**Sep 16 - 17, Feversham Fair***Feversham, Southwestern Ontario*

Feversham Fair is an old-fashioned country fair complete with exhibits of down home country baking, livestock shows and fun and games for all ages. There are free activities and games for kids.

T: (519) 922-2931 ♿ 2**Sep 16 - 18, La Vendemmia - Italian Harvest Festival***Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

Celebrate the harvest in true Italian style! Join our grape stomping competitions, see how wine is made and then taste the fruits of the harvest at the "Moveable Feast" an Italian wine and food fest! FREE.

T: (613) 231-2815**W:** www.prestonstreet.com ♿ 6**Sep 16 - 18, Lucknow Fall Fair***Lucknow, Southwestern Ontario*

Ambassador pageant, quilts and home

craft displays, indoor and outdoor exhibits, livestock competition, games for young and old, amusements, entertainment, horse pull, parade, soap box derby and much more.

T: (519) 528-2627 ♿ 2**Sep 16 - 25, Niagara Grape and Wine Festival***St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region*

Join the 54th "Wine Country" celebration of Niagara's internationally acclaimed grape and wine industry the last ten days of Sept. Named one of North America's Top

100 Events by the American Bus Association.

FREE. See ad on pg. 75.

T: (905) 688-0212**W:** www.niagarawinefestival.com ♿ 3 ★**Sep 16 - 18, Rodney Aldborough Agricultural Fair***Rodney, Southwestern Ontario*

Celebrating 150 years! Tractor pull, parade, ambassador contest, reunion of the past ambassadors and queens, cattle show, farm olympics, goat, sheep and horse show, battle of bands, pet show, exhibits.

T: (519) 768-1348 ♿ 2**Sep 16 - 18, Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair***Barrie, Central Ontario*

A showcase of Simcoe County arts and crafts guilds including demonstrations and samples of weaving, spinning, rug hooking, quilting, stitchery, raffle and craft sale. Admission \$4.

T: (705) 728-3721**W:** www.county.simcoe.on.ca/Museum.cfm ♿ 4**Sep 16 - 18, Touch of Country Art and Crafts Show***Campbellford, Central Ontario*

A showcase for country lovers. Vendors galore, new decorating ideas, innovative products, old favourites and more!

T: (705) 653-3099**W:** www.campbellfordchamber.on.ca 4**Sep 17, 49th Annual Pioneer Festival***Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Taste delicious foods, find great crafts, hunt for bargains, enjoy a quilt auction, farmers' market and old-fashioned entertainment at this acclaimed Mennonite and Pennsylvania-German festival.

T: (416) 736-1733**W:** www.blackcreek.ca ♿ 1**Sep 17 - 18, Canadian Drill Rig Museum - Annual Open House***Selkirk, Southwestern Ontario*

Many fine displays including the historic "working" drilling rig depict the early natural gas heritage of the region. Live demonstrations, food, crafts and music. FREE.

T: (905) 776-0919**W:** www.canadiandrillingrigmuseum.com ♿ 2**Sep 17 - 25, Cinefest Sudbury International Film Festival***Sudbury, Northern Ontario*

Cinefest Sudbury International Film Festival, a weeklong event showcasing the most highly acclaimed Canadian and international films, featured length films, shorts and documentaries.

T: (705) 688-1234**W:** www.cinefest.com ♿ 7**Sep 17, Doors Open Waterloo Region***Waterloo Region, Southwestern Ontario*

Discover the heritage and architecture of more than 25 sites not normally open to the public! Look for our map and guide in libraries, museums and tourism offices across Waterloo Region in Aug. and Sept. FREE.

T: (519) 747-5139**W:** www.doorsopenontario.on.ca 2

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Sep 17 - 18, Fall Fair

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Enjoy the fun and festivities of this annual event at the Bradley Museum. See history in action, enjoy great music, kids area and more. Free admission. Part of Doors Open Mississauga.
T: (905) 822-1569
W: www.museumsofmississauga.com  

Sep 17 - 18, Fall Fair at Upper Canada Village

Morrisburg, Eastern Ontario

See heritage horse and cattle shows featuring the Canadian Horse and the finest of things made 1860s-style at the village in the Floral Hall. Old-fashioned entertainment, games and treats.
T: 1-800-437-2233
W: www.uppercanadavillage.com   

Sep 17, Fall Festival

Downsview, Greater Toronto Area

The Downsview Park Fall Festival celebrates the autumn harvest (and the park's birthday!) each year with a unique mix of sports, culture, art and music - a day of fun for the whole family. FREE.
T: (416) 954-0544
W: www.pdp.ca   

Sep 17, Heritage Day

Whitby, Greater Toronto Area

Horse drawn wagon rides, heritage displays and demonstrations. A blacksmith and woodcarvers. Antique and Farmers' Markets. Lots of entertainment and shows. Games, crafts and balloons for kids of all ages. FREE.
T: (905) 430-4306
W: www.downtownwhitby.ca  

Sep 17, Lyndhurst Turkey Fair

Lyndhurst, Eastern Ontario

A free day of family fun. Children's activities, entertainment, draws, crafts, antique car show, quilt show, double decker bus rides, horse and wagon rides and much more! FREE.
T: (613) 928-3009
W: www.turkeyfair.ca  

Sep 17 - 18, Massey Street Painting Festival

Massey, Northern Ontario

The Massey Street Painting Festival creates

excitement and colour on Massey's Streets. Art will come alive as dozens of international and national professional mural artists create amazing paintings. FREE.

T: (705) 865-2722

W: www.masseystreetpaintingfestival.com  

Sep 17, Morphy's Falls Heritage Place

Carleton Place, Ottawa Region

In celebration of the 186th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Carleton Place. This will be a family oriented day. Events include best heritage costumes, walking tours and much more. FREE.

T: (613) 257-3822

W: www.carletonplace.ca  

Sep 17 - 19, Owen Sound Celtic Festival

Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate the Celtic heritage with this three-day annual extravaganza of music, dance, storytelling and crafts. Features free Sat. street festival and fabulous evening concerts.

T: 1-888-675-5555

W: www.oscelticfestival.com   

Sep 17 - 18, Resource - Trent Hills Renewable Energy Showcase

Campbellford, Central Ontario

Everything you need to know about energy efficiency and renewable energy. Wind, solar, geothermal, home site tours, working demonstrations, exhibitors, expert guest speakers.

T: 1-888-653-1556

W: www.energyresource.ca 

Sep 17, Royal Medieval Faire

Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

The faire is an interactive day consisting of vendors, hands on displays, food and beverages, games, Celtic music, magic, swordplay, ceili, and authentic costumes all set in a medieval village setting.

T: (519) 747-8769

W: www.royalmedievalfaire.org  

Sep 17, Thornhill Village Festival

Thornhill, Greater Toronto Area

This is a heritage outdoor festival featuring: a community parade, 150 craft booths, an artists show, a variety show, a variety of music in several locations, beer gardens, food, kids town historic re-enactments.

T: (905) 881-3952

W: www.thornhillhistoric.org  

Sep 17 - 25, Westben Autumn Feast for the Ears

Campbellford, Central Ontario

Enjoy the magnificence of fall colours and the pleasure of inspirational music together

at Westben. Join us in our 400-seat timber frame barn for performances featuring pianists, soloists and choruses.

T: 1-877-883-5777

W: www.westben.on.ca   

Sep 18, Doon Heritage Crossroads'

1914 Fall Fair Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

In 1914 the fall fair was a showcase for the best of the best - baking, vegetables, flowers and crafts. Cash prizes for fair entries. Musical entertainment, demonstrations and a penny carnival.

T: (519) 748-1914

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doon/  

Sep 18, 25th Annual Terry Fox Run

Lasalle, Southwestern Ontario

Collect pledges and walk, run, rollerblade, skateboard or wheel along the paved trails (3 or 6 KM) in LaSalle to raise funds for cancer research.

T: (519) 969-7770

W: www.town.lasalle.on.ca  

Sep 18, Brantford Kinsmen's 32nd Annual Car Show and Swap Meet

Paris, Southwestern Ontario

Join us at the Paris Fair Grounds, 139 Silver St. in Paris for a full day of antiques, trucks, motorcycles - 59 categories, food vendors, draw prizes and much more! Open from 9am-4pm. Show off your ride.

T: (519) 442-3771

W: www.geocities.com/brantford_kinsmen1/carshow.html   

Sep 20 - 21, Brussels Fall Fair

Brussels, Southwestern Ontario

Brussels Morris and Grey Community Centre. Special opening night festivities, great exhibits, parade, midway, family day activities, food, 4-H beef and sheep shows. FREE.

T: (519) 887-8218

W: www.harvestontario.com  

Sep 20 - 24, International Plowing Match & Rural Exposition

Perth County, Listowel, Southwestern Ontario



"Come be Amazed!" Experience Ontario's rural lifestyle at its best. Enjoy live entertainment, parades, educational areas, antiques, crafts, agricultural exhibits, a corn maze

and meet Corn Cob Bob. See ad on pg. 79.

T: (519) 767-2928

W: www.imp2005.ca 

Sep 21 - 25, 151st Annual Lindsay Central Exhibition

Lindsay, Eastern Ontario

Join us for 5 days of fun and excitement! Free concerts, demolition derbies, truck & tractor pulls, agricultural exhibits, livestock shows, children's activity centres, Conklin midway, & much more.

T: (705) 324-5551

W: www.lindsayex.com  

Sep 21 - 25, Ottawa International Animation Festival

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

The largest festival of its kind in North America attracting animators, industry representatives and animation fans from around the world.

T: (613) 232-8769

W: www.awn.com/ottawa  

Sep 21 - 25, Tournament of Champions

Palgrave, Greater Toronto Area

Signature events - \$125,000.00 Canada Cup Championships, Celebrity Ride and Drive. Fundraiser for both CARD and Children's Wish Foundation, plus the fantastic Family Village, fun for the entire family!

T: (905) 880-8053

W: www.tournamentofchampions.ca 

Sep 22 - 25, Stratford Fall Fair

Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

Livestock shows-dairy-4-H; western horse show; Campbell Amusements; live entertainment; demo derby; Ambassador competition; petting zoo, baby show, homecraft/school fair exhibits, tug of war.

T: 1-877-717-3247

W: www.stratfordfairgrounds.com  

Sep 23 - 25, All Canadian Jazz Festival

Port Hope, Central Ontario

Fabulous weekend filled with the sounds of jazz, join in the Sat. jazz parade, food tents, beer garden.

T: 1-866-565-5009

W: www.allcanadianjazz.ca  

Sep 23 - 25, Ancaster Fair

Ancaster, Southwestern Ontario

An agricultural fair showcasing livestock, food production, school fair exhibits, homecraft exhibits. We also have entertainment for all, midway, demolition derby and harness racing. Great family fun.

T: (905) 648-6198

W: www.ancasterfair.ca  

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Sep 23 - 25, Brighton Applefest Brighton, Central Ontario

Brighton Applefest is celebrating its 31st year in 2005. Events include BBQs entertainment, children's activities, dances, a street fair, hayrides, car show, arts and crafts, midway and a parade. FREE.

T: 1-877-475-2775

W: www.applefest.reach.net 4

Sep 23 - Oct 10, Headwaters Arts Festival Headwaters Region, Greater Toronto Area

The Headwaters Arts Festival presents dozens of events, some free, celebrating the arts in all its forms during the fall colour season in the beautiful Hills of Headwaters just north west of the GTA. FREE.

T: 1-877-262-0545

W: www.headwatersartsfestival.com 1

Sep 23 - 25, Niagara Food Festival Welland, Niagara Falls and Region

Several restaurants, wineries and food producers showcase their finest delights. Celebrate the Peninsula's Tastiest Party on Merritt Island in Welland. Free outdoor concerts, kid's zone and fireworks. FREE.

T: (905) 735-8696

W: www.tourismwelland.com 3

Sep 23 - 25, Parry Sound Logging Days Festival Parry Sound, Northern Ontario

Celebrate Parry Sound's rich logging history. Festival highlights include: Georgian Bay Timbersport Championships, fiddling night of entertainment, children's activities, wood and craft show and more!

T: (705) 746-2101

W: www.townofparrysound.on.ca 7

Sep 23 - 25, Prince Edward County Studio Tour Prince Edward County, Eastern Ontario

Over 30 artists' studios are open for visitors to watch artists at work; potters, painters, fibre artists, woodworkers, jewelers, sculptors, photographers, more than 60 artists to see. FREE.

T: (613) 393-1696

W: www.pec.on.ca/artists 5

Sep 23 - 25, The Great Northern Exhibition Collingwood, Northern Ontario

We will be celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2005.

T: (705) 444-0308

W: www.greatnorthernex.com 7

Sep 24 - 25, 11th Annual Original Rural Ramble in the Ottawa Valley Ottawa Valley, Ottawa Region

Come and enjoy a countryside tour among our brilliant fall colours. Bring the family out for a traditional self-guided auto tour through the scenic Ottawa Valley. Admission: adults \$10, children under 12 free.

T: 1-800-757-6580

W: www.ottawavalley.org 6

Sep 24 - Oct 2, 4th Annual Special Rainbows Showcase Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

Join us for an extravaganza of fun, entertainment, humour and musical excellence. Artisans and crafters. This event promotes the talents of the special needs individuals in our community, noon-9pm. FREE.

T: (519) 752-1694

W: www.memphisemotion.com 2

Sep 24, Applefest Markham, Greater Toronto Area

The heritage apple harvest at Markham Museum sets the stage for Applefest. Working mills, living agricultural history, historic homes, fun activities! Entertainment, wagon rides and great food too! See ad on pg. 79.

T: (905) 294-4576

W: www.markham.ca 1

Sep 24, Doors Open Brant Brant County, Southwestern Ontario



Free admission to 14 unique heritage sites in the City of Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations/New Credit. Unique on site programming, children's activities

and/or guided tours will be featured.

FREE.

T: (519) 751-9900

W: www.city.brantford.on.ca 2

Sep 24 - 25, Doors Open Amherstburg/ Windsor Amherstburg/Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

Over 50 of the finest heritage buildings in Amherstburg (Sept. 24) and Windsor (Sept. 25)

open their doors for FREE public tours. Explore national historic sites, businesses, places of worship and work. FREE.

T: 1-800-265-3633

W: www.doorsopenamherstburg.ca 2

Sep 24 - 25, Doors Open Windsor/ Amherstburg Windsor/Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

A free, weekend celebration of this area's rich architectural and historical resources as many of the finest heritage buildings in Amherstburg and Windsor open their doors for free public tours. FREE.

T: (519) 255-6530

W: www.doorsopenwindsor.ca 2

Sep 24, Dorset Fall Colours Arts & Crafts Show Dorset, Central Ontario

Visit Dorset, have a look at the fall colours from the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower and stop by the craft show featuring only unique hand made items by local artisans. FREE.

T: (705) 766-9968

W: www.geocities.com/yosemite/meadows/8900/index-rec.html 4



applefest @ Markham Museum September 24th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Live demos of antique agricultural equipment
- Operating saw and cider mills
- Wagon rides, entertainment and more!

Markham Museum is open year round.

Call 905-294-4576 or visit

www.markham.ca for information about rental facilities, programs and other events.

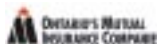
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Sep 24 - Oct 31, Downey's Pumpkinfest 2005 *Brampton, Greater Toronto Area*

A great outing for families with young children with petting corral, puppet show, wagon rides, live entertainment, corn maze, inflatables, trike track, black hole and lots and lots of pumpkins.
T: (905) 838-2990
W: www.downeysfarm.on.ca ♿ 1 ★

Sep 24 - Oct 2, Elora-Fergus Studio Tour *Elora-Fergus, Southwestern Ontario*

For 2 weekends, starting Sept. 24-25 and Oct. 1-2 you will have the chance to have a self-guided tour and a behind the scene look at our local artists, where they live and work. FREE.
T: 1-877-242-6353
W: www.elorafergusstudiotor.com ♿ 2

Sep 24 - 26, Flesherton & Community Split Rail Festival *Flesherton, Southwestern Ontario*

The Split Rail Festival celebrates local heritage, featuring our famous quilt auction, quality hand-made crafts, heritage farm equipment displays, antique and classic cars, local produce and great food.
T: (519) 986-2811
W: www.greyhighlands.ca ♿ 2

Sep 24, HHCA Autumn House Tour *Orangeville Area, Southwestern Ontario*

11th Annual Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary House Tour. A tour of 7 fabulous and varied houses in and around the Orangeville area. 9am-4pm. Tickets \$30. Lunch included. Raffles, silent auction too.
T: (519) 940-3230
W: www.hospitaloup.com ♿ 2

Sep 24 - 25, Hills of Erin Studio Tour *Erin, Southwestern Ontario*

We invite you to join us on Sat. and Sun. Sept. 24th and 25th from 10am-5pm. Travel from studio to studio and meet local artists and artisans in the beautiful hills of Erin. FREE.
T: (519) 855-6320
W: www.artevoke.com ♿ 2

Sep 24, LaSalle Trail Festival *LaSalle, Southwestern Ontario*

The LaSalle Trail Festival is a celebration of the extensive trail system in LaSalle and provides

families with a multitude of active outdoor fun.
T: (519) 966-7263
W: www.lasallekinclub.com ♿ 2

Sep 24 - 25, Muskoka Autumn Studio Tour *Bracebridge, Northern Ontario*

Canada's original Studio Tour organized and funded by the participating studios is an opportunity for you to visit the artists of Muskoka. Maps are available throughout Muskoka or by request. FREE.
T: (705) 646-1394
W: www.muskoka.com/tour ♿ 7

Sep 24 - 25, Quilt Show at Upper Canada Village *Morrisburg, Eastern Ontario*

See the creations of Eastern Ontario Guilds and Village quilts on display. Visit a 1860s-quilting bee, hear quilt talks by guest speakers, have your own quilt appraised, and visit the merchants' tent.
T: 1-800-437-2233
W: www.uppercanadavillage.com ♿ 5

Sep 24 - 25, Ruthven Apple Festival *Ruthven, Southwestern Ontario*

Held at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens. The annual two-day event is a fundraiser for the Essex Association for Community Living. Enjoy the parade, food booths and farmers markets. Come out for a fun day.
T: (519) 326-3287
W: www.colasanti.com ♿ 2

Sep 24 - 25, Savour the Harvest *Waupoos, Eastern Ontario*

Celebrate nature's bounty in these first days of fall! Pick a pumpkin from more than a dozen varieties - large, small, orange, white or green! Sample from among 24 varieties of fresh ripe apples - straight up or caramel coated. FREE.
T: (613) 476-6458
W: www.orchardcoast.ca ♿ 5

Sep 24, SeptemberFest *Bancroft, Eastern Ontario*

Celebrate with us and delight in our world-class entertainment, handmade crafts, delightful foods, educational displays and magical surprises at every turn of the path. Situated along the York River. FREE.
T: (613) 332-1513
W: www.bancroftdistrict.com ♿ 5

Sep 24, Unionville Heritage & Big Band Festival *Unionville, Greater Toronto Area*

Celebrate the fall season and enjoy a day filled with the sounds of big bands. Entertainment and historic displays fill the street. Come take a ride on the heritage train and so much more! FREE.
T: (905) 477-0117
W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1 ♿

Sep 24, Wellesley Apple Butter & Cheese Festival *Wellesley, Southwestern Ontario*

7am pancake breakfast, antique car show, farm tours, quilt auction, crafts, smorgasborg lunch, boat regatta, cider mill tours, puppet shows, pony rides, dumplings, schnitzel, fun for everyone! FREE.
T: (519) 656-9915 ♿ 2 ♿

Sep 24 - 25, Wye Marsh Wildlife Festival & Canadian Wildlife Carving Championship *Midland, Central Ontario*

An environmental celebration in conjunction with the Canadian wildlife carving championships. Get close to nature through demonstrations, exhibits, live animal demonstrations, outdoor adventure activities and special guests.
T: (705) 526-7809
W: www.wyemarsh.com ♿ 4

Sep 25, London Museum of Archaeology Native Harvest Festival *London, Southwestern Ontario*

First Nations artisans, storytellers, dancers and singers. Join in with our native games, pottery workshops. Learn more about archaeology from our archeologists. Kids can dig! Fun for all! FREE.
T: (519) 473-1360
W: www.uwo.ca/museum ♿ 2

Sep 25, The Word On The Street Toronto *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Join us once again at Queen's Park for author readings, book signings, children's activities, entertainment, plus thousands of books and magazines for sale. Fun for free! 11am-6pm. FREE.
T: (416) 504-7241
W: www.thewordonthestreet.ca ♿ 1

Sep 25, Word On The Street *Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario*

Enjoy poetry to hip-hop, prose to fiction, children's story telling to song writing. FREE.
T: 1-800-265-6959
W: www.thewordonthestreet.ca/kitchener.php ♿ 2 ★

Sep 27 - Oct 2, Planet in Focus: International Environmental Film & Video Festival *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Canada's international environmental film and video festival includes screening, panels, workshops and an environmental fair, for families, children, youth and adults. Celebrate the environment! FREE.
T: (416) 531-1769
W: www.planetinfoocus.org ♿ 1

Sep 29 - Oct 2, Markham Fair *Markham, Greater Toronto Area*

Canada's largest 4-day fair- agricultural exhibits and competitions, huge midway, horse racing, demo derby, tractor pull, baby farm animals, entertainment, 200 vendors and much more!
T: (905) 642-3247
W: www.markhamfair.ca ♿ 1 ★

Sep 29 - Oct 6, Ottawa International Writers Festival *Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

Canada's festival of ideas features the best in literature, poetry, non-fiction, screenwriting and drama. With readings, screenings, on-stage interviews and discussions, every event is interactive.
T: (613) 562-1243
W: www.writersfest.com ♿ 6

Sep 30 - Oct 2, Brooke, Alvinston & Watford Agricultural Fair *Alvinston, Southwestern Ontario*

Tractor pull on Friday night. Huge array of livestock show on Sat. Arena full of exhibits both days. Dance with two bands on Sat. Sun. a great demolition derby. Midway rides. Admission: \$6 per day.
T: (519) 844-2325
W: www.lambtoncounty.com ♿ 2

Sep 30 - Oct 2, RBG's Gears and Gardens Festival *Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario*

RBG Centre and Hendrie Park. What turns your crank?...Gears or Gardens?? Mesh with us at the Royal Botanical Gardens for a weekend of fun, demos and a wheel experience! Admission costs.
T: (905) 527-1158
W: www.rbg.ca ♿ 2 ★ ♿

Sep 30, Scarecrow Invasion & Family Festival *Meaford, Southwestern Ontario*

Scarecrows begin to invade Meaford in mid-Sept. and stay until mid-Oct. Join us for the parade and family festival. FREE.
T: (519) 538-1640
W: www.mdcc.ca ♿ 2 ♿

Sep 30 - Oct 2, The County Marathon *Wellington, Eastern Ontario*

A Boston Qualifier this race features 3 towns, 3 lakes and great 'County Hospitality'. The 2004 event will be televised in mid-January on TSN. Only 1500 entrants allowed for 2005 starting Jan. 1, 2005.
T: 1-866-4PECRUN
W: www.pccmarathon.ca ♿ 5

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Fall Bounty

Celebrate the hop and the grape with old friends and new at **Kitchener-Waterloo's Oktoberfest**,



the largest event of its kind outside of Germany. Rural Ontario is spectacular at the **Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show**.

Come harvest time, the land is filled with fall fairs where you can lose yourself in a corn maze and watch world records tumble at monster **Pumpkinfests in Port Elgin and Waterford**. Fairs and festivals are always in season in every corner of Ontario, as are popular **studio tours** where artists conjure up delightful one-of-a-kind gift items, made in Ontario.

The crisp fall colours in reds, yellows and purples fill the senses along countryside tours.



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Oct 1, All Over Dover Live Music Festival *Port Dover, Southwestern Ontario*

Numerous intimate settings throughout town to enjoy a wide variety of musical genres and styles by top notch musicians presenting their original compositions and your favourites toe-tapping tunes!

T: 1-866-834-1762

W: www.portdover.ca ♿ 2

Oct 1 - 2, Apple Harvest Craft Show *Meaford, Southwestern Ontario*

A craft show with over 200 vendors with great gift ideas for the holidays. Located at the Meaford Community Centre and the Meaford Curling Club.

T: (519) 538-1640

W: www.mdcc.ca ♿ 2 🚗

Oct 1 - 2, Art by the Falls 14th Annual Fall Festival Art and Craft Show *Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region*

A last minute Christmas Shopper's delight! Find us at the Optimist Hall, Dorchester and Morrison Sts. 10am-4pm both days. Admission: \$2. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise.

T: (905) 227-7248 ♿ 3 ★

Oct 1 - 10, Artists of the 1000 Islands Studio Tour *1000 Islands, Eastern Ontario*

Annual Fall Studio Tour. Various artists open their homes and studios to the public. Self-guided free tour along 1000 Islands Parkway and area over 2 weekends. FREE.

T: (613) 923-1953 5

Oct 1 - 2, Doors Open Collingwood *Collingwood, Central Ontario*

Experience the rich heritage - architectural and natural - of Collingwood as the community opens the doors to some of its most unique buildings and showcases the splendour of its past. FREE.

T: (705) 445-9463

W: www.collingwood.ca ♿ 4 ★

Oct 1 - 2, Doors Open London

London, Southwestern Ontario

Take a tour of the village as part of Landmarks London 4th Doors Open event. Visit the village museum to view a special treasures exhibit of artifacts from the village's collection. FREE.

T: (519) 457-1296

W: www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca 2

Oct 1 - 2, Dundas Studio Tour *Dundas, Southwestern Ontario*

Designed to explore the artist's intimate relationship with food and art, the Dundas Studio Tour will take you into the studio and beyond. Purchase works of art directly from our family of 22 artists. FREE.

T: (905) 628-4890

W: www.dundasstudiotour.ca ♿ 2

Oct 1 - 2, FibreFest

Almonte, Eastern Ontario

The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum's festival of the needle arts! Vendors are on hand to help you complete your holiday shopping in one simple stop. Expert demonstrations will also be taking place.

T: (613) 256-3754

W: www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com

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Oct 1, Great Pumpkin Weigh-Off

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Dozens of giant pumpkins compete for prizes, the largest weighing over 1000 lbs! Giant squash, tomato, watermelon, cantaloupe, long corn and long gourds are also on display. Free kids activity area!! FREE.

T: (613) 562-3325

W: www.byward-market.com ♿ 6 ★ 🚗

Oct 1 - 2, Harvest of the Arts

Collingwood, Central Ontario

A unique celebration of the visual, performing and culinary arts in historic Downtown Collingwood. Buskers, artisans and crafters, family entertainment, and a restaurant walking tour. FREE.

T: 1-866-351-4597

W: www.downtowncollingwood.com ♿ 4 ★

Oct 1 - 31, Haunting Season at Saunders Farm *Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

Haunting Season is Canada's largest farm based fall festival featuring pumpkins, haunted hayrides, 10 permanent hedge mazes, stage shows, puppet shows, a haunted house and great family fun.

T: (613) 838-5440

W: www.saundersfarm.com ♿ 6

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Oct 1 - 2, Heritage Days

Chatham, Southwestern Ontario

The "Faire" is a 19th century living history festival for the entire family. Featuring War of 1812 land and river battle re-enactments, a period village and entertainment, there's no time like the past!

T: (519) 351-2958

W: www.fairtheforks.com/ 2

Oct 1 - 2, Kawartha Farmfest

Kawartha Lakes, Northern Ontario

Enjoy a two-day self-guided driving tour of countryside attractions in the beautiful City of Kawartha Lakes. Kawartha Farmfest invites visitors to come celebrate the harvest with our farm families.

T: 1-866-397-6673

W: www.kawarthafarmfest.com/ 7 ★

Oct 1 - 2, Port Elgin Pumpkinfest

Port Elgin, Southwestern Ontario



Pumpkinfest - the Weigh-Off site of the 1446-pound world record pumpkin, the biggest 2-day car show in Ontario and 45 other wacky events, there is something for

everyone. We are "Family Fun, Second to None". See ad on pg. 85.

T: 1-800-387-3456

W: www.pumpkinfest.org/ 2 ★

Oct 1, Pioneer Day

Jordan, Niagara Falls and Region

One-day festival celebrating the activities of the pioneers, with an emphasis on Pennsylvania German heritage. Lots of food, music, hands-on activities, and a beautiful setting.

T: (905) 562-5242

W: www.tourismniagara.com/jordanmuseum

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Oct 1 - 2, Scarlet Maple Tour

Lanark, Eastern Ontario

Enjoy the spectacular fall colours and beauty of Lanark Highlands as you visit our historic churches, museums, artists and trails. Nature. Fresh air. Food. Genealogy. FREE.

T: 1-866-559-9154

W: www.lanark-highlands.com/ 5 ★

Oct 2, Autumn Hike in Backus Woods

Port Rowan, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate Ontario Hiking Day at Backus Heritage Conservation Area. Enjoy an early fall walk through this unique natural area. Hike leaves from the nature centre at 2pm. Admission \$2 per person.

T: (519) 568-2201

W: www.lprca.on.ca/ 2

Oct 2 - 3, Bala Craft & Gift Fair

Bala, Central Ontario

Unusual and unique crafters display their creations at Bala Community Centre, on Maple St., always something for every taste - a wonderful opportunity for that special Christmas gift! FREE.

T: (705) 762-5663

W: www.muskokalakelakeschamber.com/ 4

Oct 4 - 10, Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show

Simcoe, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrating 165 years, the Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show welcomes over 100,000 fairgoers annually. Features include agricultural exhibitions and competitions, and superb grandstand entertainment.

T: (519) 426-7280

W: www.norfolkcountyfair.com/ 2 ★

Oct 7 - 10, Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival

Jordan, Niagara Falls and Region

A family festival including more than 140 juried artists and artisans, gourmet foods, live entertainment, seasonal demos, children's activities and performers, heritage demonstrations, and food concessions.

T: (905) 788-3135

W: www.conservation-niagara.on.ca/ 3 ★

Oct 7 - 10, Images Thanksgiving Studio Tour

Barrie, Orillia, Oro-Medonte, Central Ontario

Celebrate the artistic spirit by visiting the studios and homes of some of Central Ontario's finest artists and artisans. Enjoy a wide variety of art and handcrafted items for viewing and purchase. FREE.

T: (705) 835-6213

W: www.images-studio-tour.com/ 4

Oct 7 - 10, Brigden Fall Fair

Brigden, Southwestern Ontario

This annual fall fair includes livestock shows and competitions, homecraft display buildings, fruit/vegetable vendors, midway with rides, 4-H shows, food and beverage stands.

T: (519) 864-1197

W: www.brigdenfair.ca/ 2

Oct 7 - 15, Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's great Bavarian festival offers something for everyone with 17 exciting festhallen and more than 30 family and cultural events. Canada's largest Thanksgiving Day parade is Monday, Oct 10. FREE. See ad on pg. 87.

T: 1-888-284-4267

W: www.oktoberfest.ca/ 2 ★

Oct 8, Dorset Thanksgiving Weekend

Arts & Crafts Show

Dorset, Central Ontario

A perfect opportunity to see the fall colours and pick up some early Christmas presents. All items are hand crafted by local artisans. FREE.

T: (705) 766-9968

W: www.geocities.com/yosemite/meadows/8900/index-rec.html/ 4



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Oct 8 - 16, Haliburton County Studio Tour *Haliburton County, Central Ontario*

Visit the studios of Haliburton County's artists and crafts people while enjoying the autumn colours of the Highlands. Maps are available. Weekends only. FREE.

T: 1-800-461-7677 4 ★

Oct 8, Kimberley Apple Festival *Kimberley, Southwestern Ontario*

Apple Festival! FREE.

T: (519) 986-2811

W: www.greyhighlands.ca 2

Oct 8, TASTE! A Celebration of Regional Cuisine *Pictou, Eastern Ontario*

Eat and drink your way through over 45 booths featuring our region's world-class chefs, passionate organic growers, traditional and alternative farmers, wineries, cideries and breweries.

T: (613) 393-2796

W: www.thecounty.ca/taste 5 ★

Oct 8 - 9, Thanksgiving Arts and Craft Show and Sale *Midland, Central Ontario*

A quality arts and crafts show and sale featuring over 35 outstanding artisans the Southern Georgian Bay area.

T: (705) 526-7838

W: www.saintemarieamongsthehurons.on.ca

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Oct 8 - 10, Traditional Thanksgiving *Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario*

Tour through the 1890s home decorated for Thanksgiving and wander through the 11-acre estate, ablaze with fall colours.

T: (519) 571-5684

W: www.pc.gc.ca/woodside 2

Oct 8 - 10, Vineland Thanksgiving Artfest *Vineland, Southwestern Ontario*

The 14th Vineland Thanksgiving Artfest is a fundraiser for Vineland Public School held on the beautiful park like grounds. Approximately 140 exhibitors, mostly fine arts and better quality crafts from all over Canada. FREE.

T: (905) 563-5626

W: www.vaxxine.com/vinelandartfest 2

Oct 10, Unionville Little Oktoberfest *Unionville, Greater Toronto Area*

Music and entertainment all weekend long. Enjoy the holiday with pedestrian street and sidewalk sales. Great food, fun atmosphere and festivities. FREE.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com 1

Oct 13 - 16, Creative Sewing and Needlework Festival *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

World's largest event of its kind! Supplies and tips to bead, sew, knit, quilt, embroider, craft, diy decorate and more. TV hosts, industry experts, 700+ exhibits and 300 hands-on conference classes.

T: 1-800-291-2030

W: www.csnf.com 1

Oct 13 - 16, The Toronto Marathon and Half Marathon *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

The largest running event in Ontario with 15,000 plus runners expected from over 30 countries participating in Toronto's premiere running event. Run in the 5km, half marathon, full marathon or relay. FREE.

T: (416) 972-1062

W: www.TorontoMarathon.com 1

Oct 14 - 16, 39th Annual Migration Festival *Kingsville, Southwestern Ontario*

Follow the wild geese to Kingsville home of Jack Miner and the Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary. Great family event, crafters, parade, food throughout the town with special children's events. Shop and have fun.

T: (519) 733-4327

W: www.town.kingsville.on.ca 2 ★

Oct 14 - 16, Bala Cranberry Festival *Bala, Central Ontario*

Always the weekend after Thanksgiving, 3 fun filled days for the entire family, celebrating the harvest of Muskoka cranberries, including tours of the marshes, live entertainment, vendors, and fun for all!

T: (705) 762-1564

W: www.balacranberryfestival.on.ca 4 ★

Oct 14, Cider & Spirit Walk *Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario*

Heritage Cambridge presents the Cider and Spirit Walk, a nighttime historical walk. FREE.

T: (519) 621-8588

W: www.spirit-walk.com 2 ★

Oct 14 - 30, Halloween Spooky Fun Nights at Cullen Gardens *Whitby, Greater Toronto Area*

36 acres of Halloween thrills! See the haunted house (not recommended for under 12yrs), mystic forest, walk of stars, ghostville, very scary cemetery. Children 3-12 collect treats along the haunted trail!

T: (905) 686-1600

W: www.cullengardens.com 1 ★

Oct 14 - 15, Harvestfest *Chatham, Southwestern Ontario*

Celebrates the fall season to highlight Chatham-Kent's unique agricultural heritage with Farmers' Market, crafters, artisans, antique tractor displays, haunted house and children's inflatables. FREE.

T: (519) 352-8387

W: www.downtown-chatham.com 2 ★

Oct 14 - 16, Hike Haliburton Festival *Haliburton, Central Ontario*

A county-wide celebration of trails, learning and fun featuring a variety of themed walks and hikes for all ages and abilities. Festivities Friday and Saturday nights. Silent Auction. Great music and food.

T: 1-800-461-7677

W: www.trailsandtours.com 4 ★

Oct 14 - 16, Kingston Studio Tour *Kingston, Eastern Ontario*

Come and participate in our juried studio tour with approximately 50 artist and artisans opening their studios to the public. Works include photography, paintings, fibre art, pottery, etc. FREE.

T: (613) 634-8800

W: www.kingstonartists.com 5

Oct 14 - 16, Walkerton Little Royal Fair *Walkerton, Southwestern Ontario*

Excellent heavy horse show, children's show, huge displays of crafts, canning, baking and youth education. Pet show, team penning, poultry and rabbit show. Farmer's Olympics, log sawing and horse pull.

T: (519) 881-1251

W: www.geocities.com/wagsoc 2

Oct 15, 10th Annual Fall Craft Sale *Massey, Northern Ontario*

Quality show and sale featuring area crafters and artisans. Features a wide range of hand made crafts. Something for everyone. Event held in the Massey and District Arena, 455 Government Rd. FREE.

T: (705) 865-2266

W: http://massey.eton.net 7



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Oct 15, 3rd Annual Bob Milne Ragtime Festival

Hillsburgh, Southwestern Ontario

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T: (519) 855-4586

W: www.erinlivetheatre.com 2 🚗

Oct 15 - 16, Annual Model Train Show

Bowmanville, Greater Toronto Area

Annual model train show! 20 operating exhibits, 70 sales tables, craftsman's corner, and static displays.

T: (905) 987-3099

W: www.clarington-tourism.ca 1

Oct 15 - 16, Friends of Doon Heritage Crossroads Craft Sale

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Artisans and crafters from southwestern Ontario have crafts for sale at this juried craft sale. Winner of the Oktoberfest Best Event - Market and Craft Sale in 2003. A sanctioned Oktoberfest Event.

T: (519) 748-1914

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doon 2

Oct 15 - 16, Guelph Arts Festival

Guelph, Southwestern Ontario

The Guelph Arts Festival is celebrating its 7th year of arts in Guelph. Come on out to visit our artist studios and other arts venue, most located within walking distance in downtown Guelph. FREE.

T: (519) 827-1046

W: www.guelphartsfestival.com 2

Oct 15, Prince Edward County Pumpkinfest & Weigh-off

Wellington, Eastern Ontario

This year will be the annual Pumpkinfest. Pancake Breakfast, parade, weigh-off, food booths, craft tables, church dinners, games, contests and entertainment. FREE.

T: (613) 399-2247

W: www.pec.on.ca/pumpkinfest 5

Oct 19 - 23, Imagine Native Film & Media Arts Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

An international indigenous film, video and media arts festival.

T: (416) 585-2333

W: www.imagenative.org 1

Oct 21 - 23, 18th Annual Toronto International Snowmobile, ATV & Powersport Show

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

The 18th Annual Toronto International Snowmobile, ATV and Powersport Show, sponsored by Ontario Snowmobiler and ATV World Magazines. At the Toronto International Centre.

T: 1-888-661-7469

W: www.torontosnowmobileshows.com 1

Oct 21 - 29, Fright Nights 10 - Hooray for Hollywood!

Brockville, Eastern Ontario

A Tour of Terror through Brockville's pathway system via guided tour. Fright "vignettes" are presented by 50+ regional youths. Fun for all ages although some frights can be scary for the little ones.

T: (613) 342-3077 5

Oct 21 - 23, Waterford Pumpkin Festival

Waterford, Southwestern Ontario



Great fun for the entire family. Parade, decorating contests and much more. FREE.

T: (519) 443-4944

W: www.pumpkinfest.com 2 ★

Oct 22 - 23, Howling Hootenanny

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Get into the Halloween spirit! Young and old alike will enjoy many activities including pumpkin carving and a haunted maze.

T: (416) 736-1733

W: www.blackcreek.ca 1 🚗

Oct 23, Harvest at the Homestead

Harrow, Southwestern Ontario

Many hands make light work! Enjoy the corn husk doll crafts, sausage stuffing and cider pressing, horse drawn hayrides too. Visit with the blacksmith and help with the apple drying bee in the kitchen.

T: (519) 738-2029

W: www.erca.org 2

Oct 26, A Noteworthy Fall Art and Craft Show

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

A great opportunity to start shopping for those Christmas gifts at the juried show. Find us at Market Hall, King and James Sts., downtown St. Catharines. 9am-4pm. Admission \$2.

T: (905) 227-7248 3 ★

Oct 27 - 31, Cobwebs and Jack O'Lanterns

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

See a Victorian home decorated with giant cobwebs and Jack O'Lanterns. Chat with staff about the traditions of Halloween. What better place to get in the mood of Halloween than at Woodside.

T: (519) 571-5684

W: www.pc.gc.ca/woodside 2 🚗

Oct 28 - 30, Cobourg Vintage Film Festival

Cobourg, Central Ontario

Features silent films and vintage talkies from the earlier 1900's.

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.vintagefilmfestival.ca 4

Oct 28 - 29, Haunted Historical Halloween

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Bone up on your history and folklore and discover the origins and traditions of Halloween past. Plays and presentations are guaranteed to tantalize and enthrall the whole family. Runs from 6:30pm-9:30pm.

T: 1-800-883-0104

W: www.westfieldheritage.ca 2

Oct 28 - 30, Keepsakes Craft Show

Sudbury, Northern Ontario

Over 100 juried artists and artisans in a great event - Sudbury's premier craft show.

T: (519) 576-5896 7

Oct 28 - 30, Scream Works

Peterborough, Central Ontario

City-Wide Halloween Festival. Check out www.screamworks.ca for details.

T: (705) 742-0662

W: www.screamworks.ca 4 ★

Oct 30, Pumpkinfest

Temiskaming Shores, Northern Ontario

A fun filled event for children to celebrate Halloween. Activities such as pumpkin bowling, painting and carving will be included in this worthwhile event. FREE.

T: (705) 647-5709

W: www.temiskamingshores.ca 7 ★

Oct 30, Pumpkinfest

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

A celebration of the fall harvest featuring lots of outdoor family fun activities. Pumpkin carving, candle making, seasonal crafts, and lots more, rain or shine.

T: (613) 542-0543

W: www.cityofkingston.ca/visitors/museums/macclachlan/events.asp 5

Oct 30, Ruthven 8th Annual Spirit Walk

Cayuga, Southwestern Ontario

Relive the past with an entertaining and educational afternoon/evening with the "Thompson Family". Costumed "re-enactors" and refreshments. Call for more information.

T: (905) 772-0560

W: www.ruthvenpark.ca 2

Oct 30, Tricks or Treats: Historic Halloween Fun

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Come in costume to this family oriented event. Enjoy reptile shows, spooky tours, kids crafts, loot bags. Screamefest and more - including the haunted barn...if you dare!

T: (905) 882-1569

W: www.museumsofmississauga.com 1

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO



Holiday Spirit

As the holiday season approaches, many communities throughout Ontario start the



celebrations with holiday parades. Partake in the Yuletide spirit at a **Santa Claus Parade** in **Fenelon Falls, Frankford**, or

Espanola. Looking for the perfect gift for that someone special? Check out the one of a kind, handmade treasures at an **artisan showcase** or **craft show**. **Holiday light displays** light up the

night sky throughout the holiday season in **Niagara Falls, Temiskaming** or **Owen Sound**. Ontario is the place to celebrate the festive season!



november

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Nov 4 - 6, A Christmas Tradition *Sudbury, Northern Ontario*

Northern Ontario's largest arts and craft show featuring over 100 exhibitors from throughout Canada. Sudbury best quality and longest running show.

T: (705) 673-5588

W: www.dacshows.com

Nov 4 - 6, Barrie Molson Centre Xmas Craft Show *Barrie, Central Ontario*

10th annual juried Christmas craft show and sale. This event is truly a crowd favourite, featuring 140+ talented crafters and artisans. This event makes "Gift Giving Easy".

T: (705) 436-5066

W: www.areaproductions.com

Nov 4 - 6, North Bay Christmas Craft Show *North Bay, Northern Ontario*

Over 65 great juried artists and artisans in a 27 year old show - oldest in Northern Ontario.

T: (519) 576-5896

Nov 4 - 13, Royal Agricultural Winter Fair *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

It's the largest outdoor combined agricultural, horticultural, canine and equestrian event in the world! World-class horse shows, dog shows, related exhibitors, shopping, dining, entertainment and more!

T: (416) 263-3400

W: www.royalfair.org

Nov 4 - 6, Stratford Culinary Festival *Stratford, Southwestern Ontario*

Let renowned culinary masters awaken your taste buds with gourmet dinners, workshops and a "Feast of Flavours". You will be wined and dined, inspired and educated. Bon appetit!

T: 1-800-461-8500

W: www.culinaryfestival.com

Nov 4 - 6, The Maker's Hand *Picton, Eastern Ontario*

Fine contemporary craft show featuring Eastern Ontario's top artisans. Blown glass, jewelry, wearable art, pottery, furniture and wood art, all of exceptional quality. FREE.

T: 1-866-393-1696

W: www.themakershand.com

Nov 5 - 6, Child Find 2nd Annual Arts & Crafts Show *Fonthill, Niagara Falls and Region*

Free parking. Admission \$2. All proceeds go to fund Child Find Programs such as streetproofing, internet safety, kid check (fingerprinting) events.

T: (905) 988-0697

Nov 5, United Way Arts & Crafts Show and Sale *Brockville, Eastern Ontario*

Over 50 displays, great Christmas gifts, fabulous door prize, children 12 and under free. Admission: \$2. Free parking.

T: (613) 342-8775

Nov 5, Warkworth's Perfect Pie Contest *Warkworth, Central Ontario*

Trent Hills' best bakers vie for the title of Perfect Pie! Afternoon entertainment, auction of the winning pies, and mandatory sampling! The door is open to all. FREE.

T: (705) 653-1551

Nov 6, Blues on the East Side *Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario*

An annual Blues Festival promoting blues music through international, national and local talent. Proceeds go to the Cambridge Association for the Mentally Handicapped.

T: (519) 623-7490

W: www.bluesontheeastside.com

Nov 11 - 13, Brockville Artists' Studio Annual Show & Sale *Brockville, Eastern Ontario*

Original art created by 30 members. Oils, watercolours, pastels, acrylic, charcoal and mixed media. Free parking and free admission. Refreshments available.

T: (613) 342-4397

W: www.brockvillemuseum.com

Nov 11 - 12, Holiday Village & Craft Show *Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario*

Enjoy the warmth of the season with Mohawk College as it presents a renewed family event, the Holiday Village and Craft Show. Fennell Campus, Nov 11, 3pm-9pm and Nov 12, 9am-3pm for a variety of family fun. Admission \$2. Children 3 and under are free. Free parking.

T: (905) 575-2073

W: <http://cratsale.mohawkcollege.ca>

Nov 11 - 13, Under the Covers Weekend in Stratford *Stratford, Southwestern Ontario*

A fundraising weekend, includes welcome reception, celebrity luncheon, gourmet dinners, quilt auction of donated quilts, yuletide house tour, all proceeds to breast cancer support programs nationwide.

T: 519-272-2588

W: www.thequilt.com

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Nov 11 - 12, United Way Silent and Live Auction *Brockville, Eastern Ontario*

Visit our Silent Auction tables and bid on over 550 items. Great Christmas shopping. 2nd Annual Live auction to be held at Centre Court! Over 50 items will be auctioned off during this exciting event.

T: (613) 342-8775  

Nov 12 - Jan 21, Angel Trail *Niagara West, Southwestern Ontario*

Escape crowded malls! Stay and Savour in Bench Area Wine Country! Quaint towns Port Dalhousie to Stoney Creek! Exciting events - museums - galleries - shops - wineries - dining - dazzling lighting. FREE.

T: (905) 945-8319

W: www.niagarawest.com/angelfest   

Nov 12 - 13, Christmas in Paris *Paris, Southwestern Ontario*

For a unique pre-holiday shopping experience, plan to visit our fourteenth annual Christmas in Paris. Each year, this event is held on the second weekend of Nov. Over 60 members of Kindred Spirits Artisans of Paris will be exhibiting.

T: (519) 442-3231 

Nov 12 - 13, Fall Festival of Crafts *Chatham, Southwestern Ontario*

The holiday season is on its way! Don't leave your holiday shopping to the last minute this year, visit the 35th Annual "Fall Festival of Crafts" at Kinsmen Auditorium.

T: (519) 360-1998

W: www.chatham-kent.ca  

Nov 12 - 13, Pottawatomi Spinners & Weavers Show & Sale *Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario*

Show and sale of beautiful handcrafted handspun and handwoven items, wool blankets, linen teatowels, handspun knit sweaters, demonstrations of spinning and weaving, fashion show, children's project area. FREE.

T: (519) 832-6829  

Nov 17 - 26, Festival of Trees *Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario*

Decorated trees and displays, holiday treats and treasures to purchase, entertainment, raffle draw, Santa's workshops for children, seasonal decor demonstrations, fashion show and lunch with Santa. FREE.

T: (519) 749-6558

W: www.smgh.ca  

Nov 18, Christmas Tree Lighting *Brampton, Greater Toronto Area*

Join us at Ken Whillans Square outside City Hall as we light up our 40 foot spruce tree with 5,000 twinkling lights! Bring your Christmas wish list and give it to Santa directly! FREE.

T: (905) 874-3956

W: www.city.brampton.on.ca  

Nov 18, Festival of Lights *Temiskaming Shores, Northern Ontario*

A Celebration to light the City's Christmas Tree Lights. Music and a special visit from Santa Claus makes this evening a warm family event. FREE.

T: (705) 647-5709

W: www.temiskamingshores.ca  

Nov 18 - Jan 8, Festival of Lights at Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village *Whitby, Greater Toronto Area*

100,000 twinkling lights and light displays to celebrate the season at Cullen Gardens. Journey to Bethlehem, Santa Claus Lane, Candy Cane Forest, nightly entertainment and Santa in his log cabin.

T: (905) 686-1600

W: www.cullengardens.com   

Nov 18 - Jan 15, Northern Festival of Lights *Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario*

All ages will be captivated by over 200 displays and 18km of lights along Sydenham River into Harrison Park. Includes 8 weeks of special events making Owen Sound the Christmas capital of Grey-Bruce. FREE.

T: (519) 376-4440

W: www.festivallights.ca   

Nov 18 - 20, Stratford Book Festival *Stratford, Southwestern Ontario*

Meet award-winning authors at workshops, readings, signings and performances for the entire family.

T: 1-800-461-8500

W: www.4seasonsstratford.com 

Nov 18 - Feb 25, Tree Lighting Ceremony/Magic of Winter *Barrie, Central Ontario*

Annual tree lighting ceremony and magic of winter displays. Animated light displays throughout Heritage Park. Fireworks kick off event on Nov 18, 2005. FREE.

T: (705) 739-4285

W: www.city.barrie.on.ca  

Nov 18 - Jan 15, Winter Festival of Lights *Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region*

Spectacular lighting, "Enchantment of Disney" motion lights displays, fireworks, illuminated night parades, exciting family events featuring world-class entertainment. FREE.

T: (905) 374-1616

W: www.discoverniagara.com   

Nov 19, Bala Santa Claus Parade *Bala, Central Ontario*

Enjoy over 35 floats at Bala Santa Claus Parade. Have your photo taken with Santa at Bala Community Centre after the parade, and enjoy hot dogs and hot chocolate. Complimentary 2 hours skate at the arena. FREE.

T: (705) 762-5663

W: www.muskokalakeschamber.com 

Nov 19, Cambridge Santa Claus Parade *Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario*

A brightly lit night parade celebrating the festive sounds and colours of the holiday season! Bands, clowns and lit floats, fill Hespler Rd. for just over an hour. Starts at 6pm. FREE.

T: (519) 740-4681 x214

W: www.cambridgesantaparade.com  

Nov 19, Edison Murder Mystery and Silent Auction *Vienna, Southwestern Ontario*

Edison Museum's 10th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Party and Silent Auction, Vienna Community Centre Professional Actors.

T: (519) 866-5521

W: www.bayham.on.ca 

Nov 19, Homes for the Holidays *Markham, Greater Toronto Area*

Tour 8 homes designed inside and out by decorators, designers and florists for Christmas. Tour the Varley, tea and cakes all day. Free parking, \$30 per person.

T: (905) 477-9511

W: www.varleygallery.ca 

Nov 19, Homes for the Holidays & Midnight Madness *Unionville, Greater Toronto Area*

Tour neighbourhood homes decked out for the season. Shops are open late and you can

enjoy evening horse and carriage rides, which meander through the village. FREE.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com   

Nov 19 - 20, Northumberland Arts & Crafts Christmas Show and Sale *Campbellford, Northern Ontario*

More than 40 booths with fine arts and crafts for Christmas or personal shopping. Free draw every hour and plenty of parking.

T: (705) 653-1250 

Nov 19, One Magic Christmas Window Unveiling *Meaford, Southwestern Ontario*

Downtown merchants unveil their specially decorated holiday window displays. Entertaining and fun for the whole family. FREE.

T: (519) 538-1640

W: www.meaford.com  

Nov 19, South Grenville District High School Alumni "Giant" Arts & Crafts *Prescott, Eastern Ontario*

Largest craft show in area, approximately 240-250 tables of crafts and assorted Christmas ideas. Free parking. Admission \$2. Food services and rest areas available.

T: (613) 925-3751  

Nov 19, Sudbury Santa Claus Parade *Sudbury, Northern Ontario*

Due to the previous years' overwhelming success, the Parade Committee is very excited to again present the City of Great Sudbury with a Night Parade on Saturday, Nov 19 at 5:30pm. Entertainment prior to the parade.

T: (705) 671-2489

W: www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca  

Nov 19 - 20, Thorold's 12th Annual Christmas Art and Craft Show *Thorold, Niagara Falls and Region*

Enjoy juried artist and artisans from across the country. Christmas shopping at its best! 10am-4pm both days. Admission \$2. Find us at Thorold Secondary School, St. Davids Rd. and Ormond St. Thorold.

T: (905) 227-7248   

Nov 19, Woodstock Santa Claus Parade *Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario*

The magic of Christmas is brought to life for the Santa Claus Parade in downtown Woodstock! The spectators marvel at the illuminated floats and the sweet sounding bands. The floats and the bands definitely do one thing - get people in the Christmas spirit! FREE.

T: (519) 537-5721

W: www.woodstocksaparade.ca  



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Nov 25 - 27, Artisan Tour Ridgetown, Southwestern Ontario

Annual heritage and cultural event showcasing artisan displays and workshops intermingled with Victorian carolers and ambience. Come and experience days gone by. A unique step back in time. FREE.

T: (519) 674-0802
W: www.ridgetown.com  2

Nov 25 - 26, Christmas in the Village Brooklin, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrate the Festival of Lights and Carols on Fri. night with Santa! Enjoy free hot beverages and goodies. Also enjoy arts and craft show 9am-3pm on Saturday with lots of entertainment both days. FREE.

T: (905) 668-4306
W: www.downtownwhitby.ca  1 ★

Nov 25 - Jan 1, Christmas Magic in Cobourg Cobourg, Central Ontario

Thousands gather to experience Cobourg's Yuletide Wonderland in Victoria Park. 100,000 sparkling lights are sure to put you in the spirit of the season! FREE.

T: 1-888-262-6874
W: www.cobourgtourism.ca  4 ★ 

Nov 25 - 27, Down Home Country Christmas Tillsonburg, Southwestern Ontario

The Down Home yuletide festival is a 3-day event hosted throughout Tillsonburg and includes several craft shows, a variety of musical presentations, house and church tours, and turkey suppers and more!

T: (519) 842-2294
W: www.town.tillsonburg.on.ca  2 

Nov 25, Tree Lighting & Carol Sing Bala, Central Ontario

Welcome in the festive season with hot chocolate and a visit from Santa at Bala Community Centre, as we light the tree and sing seasonal carols and songs - fun for the entire family! FREE.

T: (705) 762-5663
W: www.muskokalakeschamber.com  4

Nov 25 - Dec 31, Winter Wonderland London, Southwestern Ontario

Free outdoor skating 10am-10pm daily. Seasonally decorated park New Years Eve Celebration. Free concerts, fireworks 8pm-12:30am. All at Victoria Park in downtown London. FREE.

T: (519) 661-2500
W: www.london.ca  2 ★

Nov 26 - Jan 22, "Let's Celebrate: Festivals of Light" Annual Holiday Exhibit St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Learn about holidays and festivals from around the world in our interactive exhibit. While you're here, visit our talking mitten tree! An annual crowd-pleaser, group programs are also available.

T: 1-800-305-5134
W: www.stcatharineslock3museum.ca  3 

Nov 26 - Jan 2, A Christmas Fantasy Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Opening ceremonies consist of a magical candlelit parade down Gaukel St. ending in Victoria Park where the park Christmas lights are officially turned on. FREE.

T: 1-800-265-6959
W: www.kw-visitor.on.ca  2 ★

Nov 26 - Dec 4, A Country Home Christmas 1000 Islands Region, Eastern Ontario

Capture the warmth of the Yuletide season when artists share the spirit of an old fashioned Christmas. A free self guided tour of studios and home of artists and their work. Free parking. FREE.

T: (613) 659-3874  5

Nov 26, Arthur Santa Claus Parade Arthur, Southwestern Ontario

Evening Santa Clays parade. FREE.

T: (519) 848-6567  2

Nov 26, Brockville Christmas Parade Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Evening Christmas Parade. Floats lit up and live band entertainment. Come and join our community celebration. Hot chocolate and refreshments at the Brockville Museum after the parade. FREE.

T: (613) 342-2953
W: www.bacla.ca  5

Nov 26, Bronte Tree Lighting Ceremony Oakville, Greater Toronto Area

Community Tree Lighting. Come sing carols, have hot chocolate and visit with Santa. FREE.

T: (905) 825-3258
W: www.brontevillage.net  1 ★

Nov 26 - Dec 31, Cavalcade of Lights Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The Cavalcade of Lights sets Toronto aglow for the holiday season with a spellbinding calendar of festive events, spectacular fireworks, and sparkling lighting displays. FREE.

T: (416) 338-0338
W: www.toronto.ca/special_events  1 ★

Nov 26 - Jan 2, Christmas Fantasy of Lights Trenton, Eastern Ontario

A dazzling Christmas lighting display in Fraser Park, Trenton and Frankford Tourist Park. Frankford welcomes you from near and far. Experience the festive joy of the Christmas season. FREE.

T: (613) 392-2841
W: www.city.quintwest.on.ca  5

Nov 26, Frankford Santa Claus Parade Frankford, Eastern Ontario

Leaving the Frankford arena through the downtown core. FREE.

T: (613) 398-8495
W: www.city.quintwest.on.ca  5

Nov 26, Kitchener-Waterloo Santa Claus Parade Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Non-perishable food items will be collected along the parade route for the food bank. Parade will travel down King St. from Erb St. in Waterloo to Cedar St. in Kitchener. FREE.

T: (519) 730-4306
W: www.kw-visitor.on.ca  2

Nov 26, Markdale Santa Claus Parade Markdale, Southwestern Ontario

Markdale Santa Claus Parade! FREE.

T: (519) 986-4612
W: www.village.markdale.on.ca  2 ★

Nov 26, Montgomery Christmas Norval, Southwestern Ontario

Annual wintertime event held in honour of former Norval resident and Canadian author, Lucy Maud Montgomery.

T: (905) 877-7119
W: www.haltonhillschamber.on.ca  2

Nov 26 - 27, Owen Sound Festival in the Park Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

A winter wonderland of fabulous family fun, activities, entertainment and festive events. Located in the heart of picturesque Harrison Park.

T: 1-888-675-5555
W: www.city.owen-sound.on.ca  2

Nov 26 - 27, Rally of the Tall Pines Bancroft, Central Ontario

Dirt, snow and ice routinely mix together on

the roads to provide a supreme test of driving skill. As the final event of the Canadian Rally Championship. FREE.

T: (613) 332-1513
W: http://www.BancroftDistrict.com 4

Nov 26, Santa Claus Day & Parade Espanola, Northern Ontario

Celebrate the arrival of winter and Santa Claus. Free movie, swim, skate, face painting, wagon rides, music, food and much more. The day ends with a lighted parade with Santa Claus at 7pm. FREE.

T: (705) 869-1961
W: www.town.espanola.on.ca  7 ★

Nov 26, Santa Day and Night Time Parade Fenelon Falls, Northern Ontario

Free all day children activities...petting zoo, pony rides, dog cart rides, strolling clowns, carolers and much more. Visit Santa, have your picture taken and then enjoy the night time parade.

T: (705) 887-3409
W: www.fenelonfallschamber.com 7

Nov 26 - Jan 5, Showcase of Lights Celebrations Campbellford, Eastern Ontario

Campbellford Showcase of Lights Celebration begins at 6pm Nov 26 in Old Mill Park and runs till Jan 5, 2006. An amazing display of winter lights along the Trent Severn Waterway and surrounding area! FREE.

T: (705) 653-1551
W: www.visitcampbellford.ca  5

Nov 26 - Dec 23, Victorian Christmas Celebration Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Wander through the wonderland of Christmas at Woodside as it was in 1891. Weekend afternoons are special with baked goods, hot beverages and Victorian activities.

T: (519) 571-5684
W: www.pc.gc.ca/woodside  2 

Nov 27, Trenton Santa Claus Parade Trenton, Eastern Ontario

Leaving Centennial Park through to the downtown core, dispersing at Queen Street. FREE.

T: 1-800-930-3255
W: www.quintwestchamber.on.ca 5

Nov 30 - Dec 4, Christkindl Market Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Bring friends and family, and discover the true spirit of Gemuetlichkeit in Kitchener-Waterloo! FREE.

T: (519) 741-2387
W: www.christkindlcanada.com  2 ★

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Winter Wonderland

There are great holiday events that happen throughout December from parades to craft



shows, to light displays – every member of your family will be filled with the holiday spirit! Your family can celebrate 2006 at **New Year's Eve Celebrations** in several

cities in Ontario, **Barrie, Kingston, or Brantford** just to name a few. You might be tempted to hibernate come January, but with great festivals like the **Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo** in **Sault Ste. Marie**, who would want to? **London's World of Motorcycles Expo** is a great event for motorcycle enthusiasts. Get ready for spring and fitness at **The Around the Bay 30K Road**

Race in Hamilton. Festivals continue year-round in Ontario!



Dec 2 - 3, The "Living" Christmas Windows *Collingwood, Central Ontario*

The windows of historic downtown Collingwood "come to life" as dancers from the Fleetwood Dance Centre present the Nutcracker. More than 100 dancers perform in windows throughout the downtown. FREE.

T: 1-866-351-4597

W: www.downtowncollingwood.com ♿ 4 ★

Dec 2 - 4, Unionville Olde Tyme Christmas *Unionville, Greater Toronto Area*

Join the merchants for an old fashioned Christmas experience along our beautifully decorated Main Street. Highlights include Friday evening candlelight parade and horse and carriage rides. FREE.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1 🚗

Dec 3, Annual Candlelight Christmas House Tour *Lindsay, Central Ontario*

A Christmas tradition, this self guided House Tour features heritage and newer homes. Local businesses partner to open their doors offering discounts. A reception area to meet is included. Tickets \$12.

T: 1-866-747-2010

W: www.kawarthalakesevents.com 4 ★

Dec 3 - 4, Art by the Falls 8th Annual Christmas Art and Craft Show *Thorold, Niagara Falls and Region*

A last minute Christmas Shopper's delight! Find us at the Optimist Hall, Dorchester and Morrison Sts. 10am-4pm both days. Admission: \$2. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise.

T: (905) 227-7248 ♿ 3 ★

Dec 3 - Mar 10, Bright Nights Light Festival *Windsor, Southwestern Ontario*

175 seasonal light displays illuminating downtown Windsor's Civic Esplanade from City Hall to the waterfront. Hosting skating daily in Charles Clark Square and several winter events and activities. FREE.

T: (519) 971-0950

W: www.canadasouthfestivals.com ♿ 2 ★

Dec 3 - 18, Christmas at the Village *London, Southwestern Ontario*

Join the Villagers as we celebrate the festive season in Upper Canada. Take a horse drawn wagon ride and see the Village decorated in Christmas finery.

T: (519) 457-1296

W: www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca 2

Dec 1 - 3, First Light

Midland, Central Ontario

Enjoy Sainte-Marie among the Hurons amidst the amber glow of over 2,000 candles.

Children's Christmas crafts, seasonal music, costumed staff, and more!

T: (705) 526-7838

W: www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca

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Dec 1 - 30, Traditions - Holiday Celebrations *Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario*

Royal Botanical Gardens blends all the ingredients for a wonderful family holiday celebration - exquisite decorations, spectacular lights, festive music, and family fun - around our garden setting. Lavishly decorated trees and fragrant flowers.

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca ♿ 2 ★ 🚗

Dec 1 - Jan 1, Upper Canada Village "A Light at Night"

Morrisburg, Eastern Ontario

See more than 150,000 lights adorning over 40 heritage homes, trees, and fences of this historic site. Horse-drawn wagon rides, shop for Christmas at the Village Store, and dine at the Harvest Barn.

T: 1-800-437-2233

W: www.uppercanadavillage.com ♿ 5

Dec 2 - Jan 3, Candlelight Christmas *Port Hope, Central Ontario*

Thousands of lights decorate trees in a Victorian Village setting in Port Hope Memorial Park, for your viewing pleasure. A candlelight walk prior to the lighting ceremony plus Capitol Christmas. FREE.

T: 1-888-767-8467

W: www.porthope.ca ♿ 4 ★

Dec 2 - 4, Christmas on the Farm *Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario*

A weekend of holiday fun, Christmas lighting displays, crafts, carolling, hayrides, train rides and more. Celebrate Christmas the old fashioned way! FREE.

T: (519) 332-0330

W: www.city.sarnia.on.ca 2 ★

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Dec 3, Hespeler Santa Claus Parade
Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

26th Annual Santa Claus Parade, held in the Hespeler Village Area of Cambridge. Fun for the entire family. FREE.

T: (519) 658-4721

W: www.cambridgetourism.com ♿ 2

Dec 3, Parade of Lights
Athens, Eastern Ontario

Spectacular hour long illuminated Christmas parade. Free hot chocolate, carolers, and reception for parade participants. Also see our Light up the Night Christmas decoration contestants. FREE.

T: (613) 924-2720

W: www.athensontario.com ♿ 5

Dec 3, Santa Claus Parade
Bancroft, Eastern Ontario

A large, festive parade through town to celebrate Christmas! FREE.

T: (613) 332-1513

W: www.bancroftdistrict.com 5

Dec 3 - 17, Taw's the Night Before Christmas
Rockton, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate Christmas past from the Georgian to the modern eras and feel the warmth of the season through plays, food samples, fireworks, horse and wagon rides and a visit from Saint Nick. Runs from 5pm to 9pm. Saturday evenings in Dec.

T: 1-800-883-0104

W: www.westfieldheritage.ca ♿ 2

Dec 3 - 11, Victorian Christmas and Open House
Selkirk, Southwestern Ontario

Victorian Christmas Open House, Cookie Walk and Luncheon. Get your Xmas baking at our Cookie Walk, sit and enjoy tea in the dining room, then tour the mansion and view the Xmas decorating.

T: (905) 776-2538

W: http://linetap.com/cottonmansion ♿ 2

Dec 4, Christmas at the Aviary
Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Photo with Santa and Aviary bird, gift and treat - \$6. Lots of fun for the whole family! Come celebrate Christmas with us! FREE.

T: (905) 546-4842

W: www.friendsoftheaviary.ca ♿ 2

Dec 4, Christmas Lighted Parade
Zurich, Southwestern Ontario

6th Annual Lighted Parade. FREE.

T: (519) 236-4797

W: www.zurich-ontario-canada.com ♿ 2

Dec 4, Christmas Magic
Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

Fort Malden rounds out its special events with a celebration of a traditional 19th century soldier's Christmas. See the decorated barrack, military demonstrations and sample holiday treats.

T: (519) 736-5416

W: www.pc.gc.ca/malden ♿ 2

Dec 4, Christmas Parade
Burlington, Southwestern Ontario

Annual Christmas Parade featuring 85 entries including bands, colourful floats, clowns, mascots and jolly St. Nick. The parade begins at 2pm from the Burlington Mall and finishes in downtown. FREE.

T: (905) 335-7704

W: www.burlington.ca ♿ 2 ★

Dec 4 - 18, Country Christmas
Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy a Christmas in the country from the last turn of the century. Meet Father Christmas, sing along with the Christmas carols, and pile onto a horse drawn wagon. Christmas in the heart of the city.

T: (519) 748-1914

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/door/ ♿ 2

Dec 4, Homespun Christmas
Oil Springs, Southwestern Ontario

Christmas long ago - museum interpreters in costume show how Christmas was long ago - activity program - candle dipping - crafts - games - ideas - fun for all ages!

T: (519) 834-2840

W: www.timewellspent.ca ♿ 2

Dec 4, Santa Claus Parade
Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

Come and get in the spirit of Christmas! FREE.

T: (519) 271-5140

W: www.city.stratford.on.ca 2

Dec 5, Trek to Bethlehem
Bala, Central Ontario

The streets of Bala are transformed into a biblical village where visitors journey back in time to experience the first Christmas, beginning at Bala Community Centre, ending at the arena for hot drinks. FREE.

T: (705) 762-5663

W: www.muskokalakeschamber.com ♿ 4

Dec 9 - 31, Christmas in Cambridge
Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

A series of Christmas events throughout the City of Cambridge. FREE.

T: (519) 740-4681

W: www.city.cambridge.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Dec 11, A Holiday Inn Christmas Art & Craft Show
St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

A great opportunity to do last minute Christmas shopping! Free will offering to Breast Cancer Research, Canada. Find us at Holiday Inn, QEW and Lake Street, St. Catharines. A juried show of arts and crafts.

T: (905) 227-7248

W: www.city.niagarafalls.on.ca ♿ 3 ★

Dec 17, Starry Night
Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

An annual fund raising Christmas extravaganza! Over 150 kerosene lamps to light your way. Musical concert, carolers, seasonal treats. Horse drawn wagon rides. Meet Father Christmas. Door prizes.

T: (519) 748-1914

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca ♿ 2

Dec 18, Home For The Holidays
Mississauga, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy Christmas in the backwoods at the Bradley Museum, and visits with Santa at Benares Historic House. Kids crafts, carolling, wagon rides, tea room and more. Call for details.

T: (905) 822-1569

W: www.museumsofmississauga.com ♿ 2

Dec 23, Christmas Wish Tree Lighting
Chatham & Wallaceburg, Southwestern Ontario

Experience the magical lighting of the Christmas Wish Tree at Chatham-Kent Health Alliance in honour of a loved one. The ceremony will take place at both the Chatham and Wallaceburg campuses. FREE.

T: (519) 436-2538

W: www.foundationckha.com ♿ 2

Dec 27 - 30, Wayne Gretzky International Hockey Tournament
Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

36th annual with over 130 teams, in 16 divisions (Novice to Bantam -A, AAA, and MD) from Canada, U.S. and Europe. Play at least 3 games, gifts for all players. And, maybe a very special guest!

T: (519) 759-8552

W: www.bmha.on.ca ♿ 2

Dec 31, Families First New Years Eve Celebration
Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

Join us at the Brantford Mall for our 6th Annual Families First New Years Eve. Celebrate the New Year with your children. Come have a fun, safe, enjoyable evening with us on New Year's Eve. FREE.

T: (519) 752-8449

W: www.geocities.com/brantford_kinsmen1/fnye2003.html ♿ 2

Dec 31, Families First, A New Year's Eve Celebration
Chatham, Southwestern Ontario

Chatham Cultural Centre family entertainment, kids crafts and games, horse and wagon rides and more! From 5pm - 9pm with a fireworks finale at 9:15pm in Tecumseh Park! FREE.

T: (519) 354-8338

W: www.chatham-kent.ca ♿ 2 ★

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Dec 31, Festival of the Night
Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

This is an alcohol-free family event held each year at Kitchener City Hall. The event includes bands, food, activities and ice-sculptures. FREE.

T: 1-800-265-6959

W: www.kw-visitor.on.ca ♿ 2

Dec 31, First Night Celebrations in Downtown Cobourg
Cobourg, Central Ontario

Celebrate the New Year at this family event in Downtown Cobourg. A variety of entertainers, lots of fun activities and a fabulous fireworks display over the harbour!

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.cobourgtourism.ca 4 ★

Dec 31, First Night Family Party!
Temiskaming Shores, Northern Ontario

Free skating and swimming followed by a 9pm count down to the New Year. FREE.

T: (705) 647-5709

W: www.temiskamingshores.ca ♿ 7 ★

Dec 31, Kids New Year's Eve
London, Southwestern Ontario

Storybook Gardens located in Springbank Park, this year-round family attraction is all new all fun all year with 8 new chapters of fun, learning and adventure. Storybook Gardens has enchanted children with its animals, displays and playground since 1958.

T: (519) 661-5770

W: www.storybook.london.ca ♿ 2

Dec 31 - Jan 1, New Year's Eve
Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Bring the whole family and celebrate the New Year at Gage Park in Brampton! Two spectacular fireworks displays - one at 9pm and one at midnight. Live entertainment from 6pm-12am. FREE.

T: (905) 874-2315

W: www.city.brampton.on.ca 1 ★

Dec 31, New Year's Eve Celebration
Welland, Niagara Falls and Region

Ring in the New Year with our family event! Enjoy free hot chocolate, chili, pony rides and hay rides. Entertainment includes a Much Music Dance Party and 2 firework displays. Chippawa Park, Welland. FREE.

T: (905) 735-8696

W: www.tourismwelland.com ♿ 3 ★

Dec 31 - Jan 1, New Year's Eve Celebrations
Barrie, Central Ontario

New Year's Eve Party at City Hall featuring three live bands, free midway rides for kids, pony rides, free skating and 2 fireworks shows. FREE.

T: (705) 739-4285

W: www.city.barrie.on.ca ♿ 4 ★

Dec 31, New Year's Eve Family Celebration
Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

An alcohol free celebration for the whole family, with games and crafts for kids, ice-skating, entertainment, and a massive balloon drop at the "early midnight" time of 9pm.

T: 1-888-675-5555

W: www.e-owensound.on.ca ♿ 2

Dec 31, Rockin' at the Clock
Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Celebrate the New Year with family this year! A variety of entertainment, wagon rides, and hot chocolate right on the steps of City Hall and topped off with a spectacular fireworks display at 8:30pm. FREE.

T: (613) 546-7998

W: www.cityofkingston.ca ♿ 5 ★

Jan 4 - 8, Bell Capitol Cup
Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Celebrate Canada's national winter sport in Canada's capital featuring the 7th Annual Bell Canada Cup with over 400 participating teams, the Hockey Country consumer tradeshow and much, much more!

T: (613) 599-0241

W: www.oihf.net ♿ 6

Jan 8 - Feb 26, Beyond History
Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

A site-specific project by artists Wilfredo Prieto and Richard Fung, who collect and re-assemble objects and ideas, explores cultural diversity in the economic and social history of Hamilton/Wentworth. FREE.

T: 905-525-9140 x23081

W: www.mcmaster.ca/museum ♿ 2

Jan 13-22, Niagara Icewine Festival
Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region



Ten days of Gala evenings, ornate ice bars, winemaker's dinners, roasting chestnuts and late night icewine grape picking along Niagara famed wine route, all celebrating

Ontario icewine. See ad on pg. 75.

T: (905) 688-0212

W: www.niagarawinefestival.com ♿ 3 ★

Jan 26 - 28, Festival of the World Beat Weekend '06
London, Southwestern Ontario

Held indoors for three nights in the dead of winter (late Jan. or early Feb.). Festival of World Beat Weekend features some of Canada's most popular global music artists, such as Jane Bunnett.

T: (519) 672-1522

W: www.sunfest.on.ca ♿ 2

Jan 27 - Feb 5, Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo
Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario

Over 100 events for all ages, indoor and outdoor winter carnival fun, fireworks, entertainment, snow sculpted winter playground, winter sports, contests, and a polar bear swim.

T: (705) 759-3000

W: www.bonsoo.on.ca ♿ 7 ★

Jan 28, Winterfest Snowball
Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Snow bowling, snow shovel races, an icy dance floor, yodeling contests, snow people fashion show and more great and frozen fun for families! FREE.

T: (905) 546-4848

W: www.hamilton.ca/museums 2

Feb 3 - 12, Grand Bend Winter Carnival
Grand Bend, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate winter in Grand Bend. Fun for all ages. The event takes place Feb. 3-5 & 10-12. Day and evening events. Incredible snow sculptures throughout the town, info@grandbendtourism.com. FREE.

T: (519) 238-2001

W: www.grandbendtourism.com 2

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Feb 4 - 5, Barrie Winterfest

Barrie, Central Ontario

Outdoor Winterfest featuring ice carvings, snow sculptures, ice maze, dog sled rides, lumberjack shows, winter midway, demonstrations and more. FREE.

T: (705) 739-4285

W: www.city.barrie.on.ca 4 ★

Feb 10 - 12, World of Motorcycles Expo

London, Southwestern Ontario

The World of Motorcycles Expo will feature everything from new to custom motorcycles, retail dealers, accessories, and services of interest to motorcycle enthusiasts of all descriptions.

T: (519) 319-5339

W: www.worldofmotorcyclesexpo.com 2

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Feb 19, Heritage Day

Fergus, Southwestern Ontario

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T: (519) 846-0916

W: www.wcm.on.ca 2

Feb 27 - Mar 5, Porquis Winter Carnival

Porquis, Northern Ontario

"Biggest Little Carnival In The North" Annual event in Porquis Jct. at the end of Feb. Week long events include bingo, kids events, live country music, pancake breakfast, spaghetti supper.

T: 1-888-524-8880

W: www.porquis.com 7

Mar 5 - 26, Sweet Taste of Spring

Maple Syrup Festival

Rockton, Southwestern Ontario

Join us at Westfield to discover one of Canada's most time honoured and delicious traditions. Explore the making of maple syrup from the tree to the table in three different time periods; the 18th century methods, 19th century pioneers and modern.

T: (519) 621-8851

W: www.westfieldheritage.ca 2

Mar 24 - 26, The Around the Bay 30K Road Race

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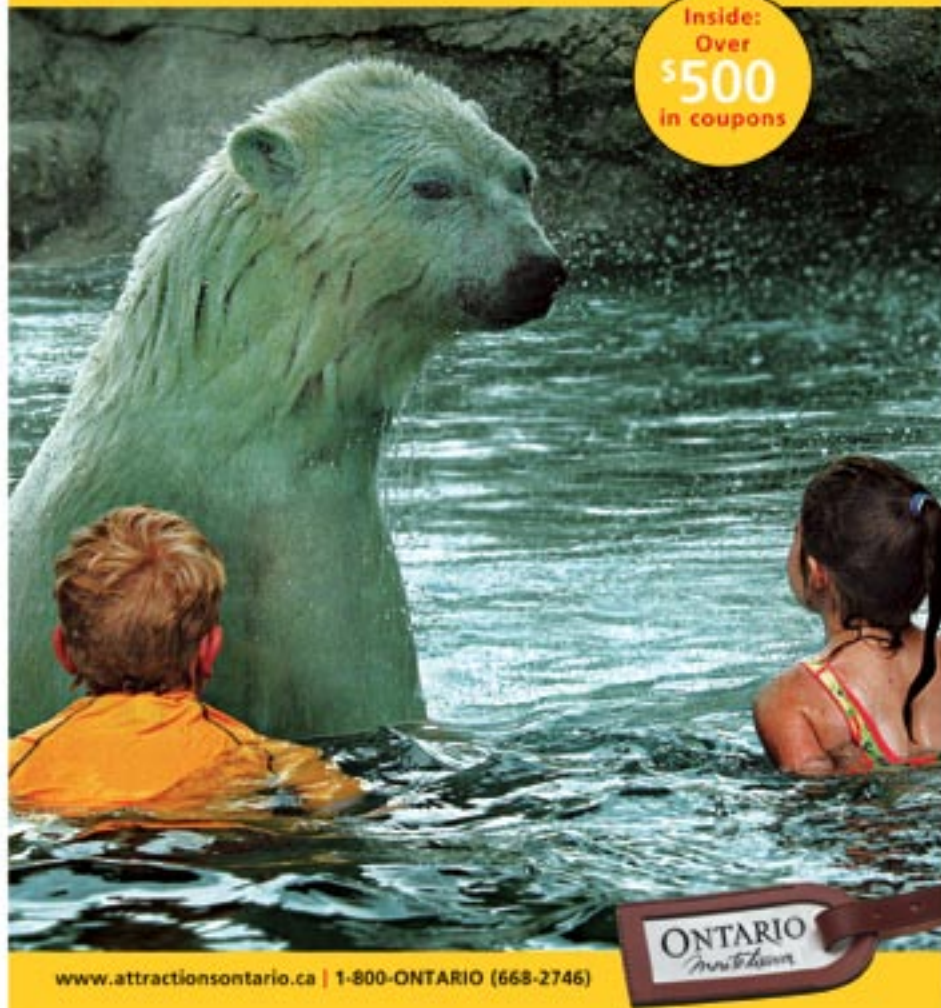
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