

Mallorytown village fair draws on heritage activities

BY SALLY SMID

The beautiful grounds of Tony Kall Park was once again a glorious setting for the Mallorytown Village Fair and Artisan Show on Aug. 26th, part of the community's Canada 150 celebrations. Admission was free and donations were appreciated for the Food Bank as well as Fresh Winds, a project that helps provide emergency shelters for those in need in Leeds and Grenville.

Market vendors dis-

played their homemade wares in the garden and a variety of area artists and artisans provided displays as well. This fair is unique in that it truly strives to honour local heritage through almost forgotten crafts, skills and demonstrations like tatting, butter making, spinning, caning, rug hooking, shoe making, sewing, wood carving and more. Also included were a variety of community displays making a total of 40 exhibitors in all. There is an opportu-

nity for connecting with more local history in the Mallory Coach House as costumed interpreters offered guided tours as well. Kids had a chance to participate in activities such as ring and bean bag throw, a fish pond, and more. The face painting and balloon animals provided by Christine Harvey were quite exceptional. Magician Rob Driscoll entertained both children and adults with his zany magic. West Wind Ranch's petting zoo and pony rides and a

chance to get on board a horse drawn wagon supplied by Red Brick Farm were on offer. Front of Yonge's Friends of the Library hosted a book sale. Many were amazed to watch talented and renowned illustrator David Parkins create portrait sketches. All the while music from County Rd 5 and The Silvertones drifted through the park. Competitions in the Community Centre included baking, preserves, vegetables and crafts with some 38 entries. Annually, Front of Yonge's Senior Citizen of the Year is announced at the fair. Reg Hunt, a familiar face at all community events, received this year's honour. He is the current chairperson of the 1000 Islands Heritage Society and a member of the Mallory Coach House Committee. "Reg is always offering his time for various projects around the Township including the Front of Yonge Winter Festival and Village Fair," remarked Mayor Roger Haley.

Other village activities that day was the neighbouring United Church's basement and bake sale as well as the nearby World War II Military Camp.



Above: Adam Cook of Ottawa was one of the members of the Military Camp. Photos: Sally Smid
Below: Audience volunteer Mya assists Magician Rob Driscoll as participant Justin looks on.



A real highlight to this Canada 150 edition of the Fair was a visit by first Prime Minister, Sir John A. MacDonald, played by noted reenactor Brian Porter. He always has a way of connecting an event to local history as well as to people and places in the community

in a dramatic and humorous way. Joining him at the gazebo, Mayor Haley, MP Gord Brown and MPP Steven Clark, brought along their greetings and thanked all of the volunteers involved for their dedicated efforts in making the Fair such another success.

Vimy Legacy Oak planting

BY KATHRYN HUDSON

Family members of "The Athens Eleven", the young servicemen from Athens and area who gave their lives for their country during World War I, will take part in a commemorative planting ceremony in Memorial Park, Athens on September 24 at 2 pm.. They will be assisted by several local dignitaries as well as students from local schools. Members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Brockville Rifles, army cadets will also be in attendance.

The planting of a

Vimy Legacy Oak culminates an effort by the Athens Garden Club and the Township of Athens Heritage Society to procure an oak sapling from NVK Nurseries. The history of the Vimy Oak is becoming well-known in historical and horticultural circles in Canada. In 1917, after the Battle of Vimy Ridge, a young Canadian soldier, Leslie Miller, took home several acorns from oak trees which were growing at Vimy Ridge, and planted them at his family farm in Ontario.

One hundred years later, one hundred young saplings grown from the acorns produced by those trees, were made available to communities across Canada. Athens is privileged to receive a Vimy Legacy Oak tree.

After the planting ceremony, a reception will be held at the Joshua Bates Centre in Athens. There will be displays from the Athens Museum, and light refreshments.

The public is welcome to attend both the tree-planting ceremony and the reception.

Showtime:
8:00 pm
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