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Delta Harvest Fest

BY SALLY SMID

More seasonable autumn weather finally came to the area just in time for the Delta Harvest Festival. A detailed Event map available helped guests navigate the event.

Delta's Old Town Hall offered a Harvest Breakfast, a Bread Baking Contest, and a Community Harvest Dinner provided by Wendy's Market Local Foods. The autumn meal included roasted pork and potatoes, harvest slaw and apple strudel.

Old Stone Mill Flour could also be purchased at the Mill Gift Shop. The Rideau Lakes Library featured a green screen technology photo-op where guests could have "old

fashioned photos" taken this year. There was a bake sale at the Old Stone Mill as well various vendors on the street, blacksmith and milling demonstrations and music by the Fiddlers Plus. A variety of vendors could also be found in the Exhibit Hall on the Fair Grounds, while Texas Tuxedo provided entertainment at the car show.

The Fire Hall Museum was open and horse and wagon rides were available. St. Paul's Anglican Church hosted a large yard sale and a Harvest Dance concluded the Festival.

Pictured at right: (L-R) Blacksmiths John Cain, Amanda Van Bruggen, and Joshua Price gathered at the Delta Mill.

Photo: Sally Smid



Arts, crafts, music and more at Lyndhurst culture days

BY SALLY SMID

Sunday Oct. 1st was a chance for Lyndhurst & Area to celebrate and showplace an impressive variety of talented local artisans. A self-guided Art & Culture Tour was

available as part of Canada Culture Days to help participants experience the natural and artistic beauty of "this spot in the Canadian Shield". The event featured numerous opportunities

to appreciate local art, folk art, music and more that is unique to the area. "We want people to tour around, have a good time and be inspired, while showing off our area," commented Terri

Dawson, Chair of the Lyndhurst Rejuvenation Committee who coordinated the event.

Lyndhurst has a rich history which includes Ontario's oldest stone bridge and iron foundry. Visitors to the town could enjoy a variety of artisans in action and interact with them including painters, photographers, carvers, rug hookers, quilters, spinners and more.

Wendy's County Market hosted a music event where local musicians including Pat Johnson, a noted performer, instructor, author, recording artist, and record producer and Nellie Holmes of the bluegrass band "The Pie Plates" performed and shared. Guests could also sample traditional recipes and interact with live goats.

It was also an opportunity to seek out various

art installations, including Lyndhurst's Plaid House and the 17 large painted barn quilt blocks posted on historic buildings throughout the area.

There was also a display of a township-wide Canada 150 legacy project which involved the creative decorating of 150 canoe paddles. These were on display at the Lyndhurst outdoor Education Centre in downtown Lyndhurst. A variety of artists displayed their paintings at the Library.

The Long Point School House featured "artists in residence" Maureen O'Connor Allin, Bill Laughland and Mike O'Connor. Visitors could visit with the artists and also take a turn ringing the old school bell in the restored school dating back to 1862. The Artisan Shop at Wiltse Creek Studio on County Rd. 3 showcased local artwork.

The Carding Mill mini park was a spot that provided a lovely view of the Lyndhurst Creek and the Mill foundation. A historic plaque about the Carding Mill once occupied the spot. Visitors could also find A Canoesuk, a traditional Inuksuk with a canoe on top, designed by Ed VanMorris on Lower Beverly Lake.

The Mallory Coach's historical exhibits were also open to the public which included examples of reproduction Mallorytown glassware and more.

Organizers were thrilled to have such great weather and there were quite a few visitors to most sites. Participants no doubt returned home with a better understanding and appreciation for area artisans and local cultural attractions.



David Irwin interacted with guests about his water colour display at the recent event in Lyndhurst. Photo: Sally Smid

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