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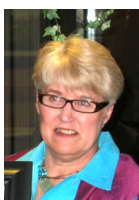
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Mississauga Fritterfest Poster from 1978.



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Building Heritage, One Festival at a Time

If you attended a local festival anytime this millennium, chances are Heritage Mississauga was there. In fact, we've hosted a number of our own festivals in recent years, including two *Mannjido* Festivals, attracting an estimated 10,000 people to JD Saddington Park along the waterfront.

Heritage Mississauga has also hosted several *Grangestock* BBQ festivals on the Grange property, drawing many passers-by with our rock and roll music on sunny weekends. (Remember Woodstock? Of course, we added heritage components: books, art, crafts, displays, and presentations representing the City's diverse history and populations.)



Zofia and Andrea at Grangestock, HM

I like to think we were ahead of the curve when we organized the first *Heritage Kite Fly* in Mississauga. As our Executive Director has said, two things are common in almost every culture: kites and drums. HM wanted to reach out to as many residents from as many cultural backgrounds as possible in a very visible way, so we planned a Kite Fly in what was then a large open space on the west side of Hurontario, close by Bristol Road. With gorgeous kite flying contests and "battles" (high in the air and visible from a considerable distance), food trucks, kite-making activities for kids, and the breezy cooperation of Mother Nature, we had literally hundreds of families and individuals streaming into the area asking, "What's this?" and "What does Heritage Mississauga do?"

Being involved with HM for so long has no doubt pushed me to attend more festivals and community events than I'd ever have scheduled on my own. Though most of these occasions take place in the warmer half of the year, we are usually

extremely lucky with the (dry) weather. From our annual *Carassauga* participation in the Canadian Pavilion; to marching in and/or staffing a booth at *Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival*; to sun-burning on *Canada Day* at what is now called Celebration Square, or at the centre of old Streetsville, or along the waterfront watching our re-enactors and Thompson's Company march in the parade; to helping out at numerous *Doors Open* locations, I've built great memories and discovered corners of the city I'd never have uncovered otherwise.

Our son has attended events such as *MuslimFest* with friends, and through his own interest in heritage, especially military history, participated via his membership in Thompson's Company in other festivals, including some outside our City.

As next year is *Canada's Sesquicentennial*, we can expect some extraordinary Mississauga festivals in celebration. HM will be working on extensive sesquicentennial plans and grant applications very soon.



What's A Festival?

Depending on how you define it, Heritage Mississauga has participated in, or created, more than 17 (of the 36) major Mississauga festivals we were able to identify. Larger neighborhood fairs or BIA-sponsored events might qualify, for example. However, for the purposes of our research and newsletter, we've decided to *define a festival* as a public event that attracts people from across the city, offers a range of entertaining things to see, do and eat, is normally annual or reoccurring, and runs for at least one day.

So, hang on to this newsletter issue - it's a first-rate guide to a multitude of free and/or low cost fun from now until the snow flies. On the weekends, get out of your bed, out of your home and even out of your garden, and check out a few of the festivals featured here that most intrigue you! This year, besides HM-related festivals, our family is targeting Southside Shuffle Jazz and BBQ Festival and BuskerFest.

See you at the AGM!



Eric Gibson and volunteers send the Tetrahedral kite aloft, HM

Childhood Memories

Bright pink candy floss, the music from the Ferris Wheel and Merry Go Round drifting through the crowds, the call of the midway carnie beckoning you to give the ring toss a try to win the big bear, wonderful memories of Mississauga fairs and festivals that I have stored in my childhood memory bank.

My home base was Port Credit and there was always something going on in Port Credit Memorial Park to attract town youngsters. We begged our parents for some money for the rides, popcorn and a chance to win that wonderful big prize hanging in the most prominent place on the midway stall. Although we usually came away with nothing but a consolation prize, we weren't disappointed. It was the experience of being there, sharing the fun, staying up late and floating to the top of the Ferris Wheel seeing the whole town from a bird's eye view. Mississauga was new then, with the many little communities continuing to organize community fairs, parades and carnivals.



Fritterfest Parade, 1978, MLS

Not much has changed today; many of the original towns and villages still host their annual events, carrying on the legacy of earlier generations. Now local Business Improvement Areas and community groups help with organizing and funding support. Festivals have expanded, offering interesting attractions and entertainment, extending their events over a number of days.

With the addition of Mississauga Celebration Square to the venue options, our city's roster of festivals has grown substantially to 30 plus. Every weekend from spring to fall Mississauga comes alive with colourful, cultural celebrations, offering the chance to visit the world, experience traditions, food, music and attractions close to home. "Summer Staycation" has a whole new meaning in 2016 if you live or visit Mississauga, the *City of Festivals*.

In this issue we pay tribute to the heritage of our city festivals, the dedicated organizers, and hundreds of volunteers who work tirelessly to bring it all together each and every weekend from May to November. We also look back at our festival history, when local fairs and Callithumpian Parades were all the rage, when Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau opened the Streetsville Founders' Bread and Honey Festival and when we had such interesting festivals like Fritterfest and Rainbow Festival.

We hope you enjoy this special issue of the Heritage News and keep it on hand to plan your 2016 weekends. Heritage Mississauga will be participating in a number of events and will be visiting festivals to record our cultural heritage for the record books. Hope to see you there.

You will also find in this issue information on the 4th Annual **The Credits, Heritage Mississauga Awards** program. This year we will celebrate Mississauga's Heritage Heroes on Thursday November 10th at Lakeshore Convention Centre. Have you considered nominating someone you know? Is there a youth in your community who deserves recognition for their work? How about a City staff member or member of Federal, Provincial, or Municipal government who has gone above and beyond to support your group, festival, ratepayer organization, or community. We have 10 award categories that you can choose from. You know who these people are. Make their contributions to Mississauga count. Nominate them today. The process is very easy, only a few questions you need to answer on the application form. Please take the time to honour those who should receive credit where it is deserved. Details are on page 29 of this newsletter. Forms and criteria can be found on our website at www.heritagemississauga.com.

I also want to make sure you mark your calendars for a special event. On **June 9th** at 11:30am, Heritage Mississauga presents its Heritage Luncheon Series. This year's topic: **Mississauga & Heritage: A Contradiction in Terms?**

Do you listen to Newstalk 1010 Radio and follow John Moore? Well here is your chance to meet John as he and local respected architect, Michael Spaziani of MSI Architects exchange opinions and ideas on some provocative questions. Is Mississauga still considered an inconsequential suburb? How do we compare to other cities of our size? What are we missing? The discussion will be moderated by Jake Dheer (Heritage Mississauga Director and Senior Operations Manager of Rogers TV). See page 8 of this newsletter for details.

This month we are hosting our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday May 18th at The Grange. Come out, meet our Board members, hear about the work we are doing and join us for some refreshments and networking. Enjoy your summer, see you at one of the many festivals Mississauga has to offer.

Have you ever wondered what your legacy will be?

by Meghan Mackintosh, Outreach Coordinator, Heritage Mississauga

All those stories and memories you have as a human being living on this beautiful earth, how will you pass down your wisdom to your children, grandchildren and future generations?

How will you make your mark?

At Heritage Mississauga, we encourage you to share your history and your heritage with us through video and oral histories.

While this issue of the Heritage News focuses on the written history of Mississauga festivals, we would love to hear from you to find out about your personal story.

One of the projects we're working on is collecting as many oral and video histories as possible, so that we can archive them here at Heritage Mississauga. Our job is to research, record and communicate our city's most valuable non-renewable resource – our heritage, and our heritage starts with you!

Right now we're currently accepting archive materials such as: photographs, videos, audios, brochures, and anything else that is useful in recording your history. Whatever original content you have, bring it to us and we'll make a copy of it, so that it's in our archives for safe keeping and future use.

Why It's So Important To Tell Your Story Right Now

You may be reading this and think why is it so important to share my story? And why now?

Or perhaps you'll read this today, and leave this newsletter on your bathroom floor, and forget about it. So stay with me here, as I tell you why this is such an important matter and why I want you to act now!

During your lifetime you've seen a lot. But how much of what you've seen and done have you told your children or loved ones? While my mom was battling ovarian cancer, I kept thinking to myself that I wanted to videotape her telling me the stories that I've heard over the years. The story of how she and

my dad met, the story of her upbringing, the story of her life. Luckily I have a ton of photos of her, and I'll cherish them forever, but I never got around to taking that video of

her. I never got around to getting her soothing and unique voice recorded. And it breaks my heart. It makes me want to tell everyone to record their loved ones.

Keep Your Legacy Alive

Luckily you have a chance to do this today! Heritage Mississauga is willing to record your story, your history here in Mississauga and what inspires you as a person. We can only do so many oral and video histories a year here, but we're looking to find people who want to spread the message and get into their communities to get these stories heard. We'll teach you how to do an oral history of someone you love (or someone in your community), so that you have their wisdom available for years to come.

How To Partner With Heritage Mississauga

Is there someone in your community that has a great story, which MUST be told?

Would you like to write an article about your community or your life in Mississauga?

Do you have anything that you want us to archive for you?

Please contact us to share your story, content and the history of your community today! (905) 828-8411 extension 23
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Heather Mackintosh, Jane Mackintosh, Meghan Mackintosh



Memories of Jane Mackintosh

Remembering Fairs and Festivals from the Past

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga

Historic Mississauga (Toronto Township) has a rich and colourful history of gatherings, fairs and festivals, both formal and informal. Gatherings and competitions, such as community barn raising bees, bicycle races, horse racing, ploughing matches, swimming, rowing competitions, and of course baseball, hockey, football and lacrosse tournaments, gradually evolved in semi-organized and organized endeavours.

Historic Mississauga was home to two agricultural fair grounds in Cooksville and Streetsville. While Cooksville's fair grounds have largely disappeared today, the former Streetsville fair grounds are still part of our community as Streetsville Memorial Park.



Streetsville, school day parade, Streetsville Fair, c1920, HM

The oldest recorded fair in historic Mississauga was the 1836 Cooksville Fair, organized by the fledgling Toronto Township Agricultural Society. Although records are scarce, it is believed that the fair was held in early fall annually in Cooksville until 1858. At that time it was decided to alternate fair locations annually with Streetsville. Streetsville began their own spring agricultural fair as early as 1843. From 1858 until the late 1890s, the Toronto Township Agricultural Fair alternated between the Cooksville Fairgrounds and the Streetsville Fairgrounds. In the late 1890s a decision was made to have Streetsville become the permanent home of the fair. Upset Cooksville residents decided to hold their own fair, starting in 1900 under the direction of the newly formed Cooksville Agricultural Society. The Cooksville Fall Fair was an annual tradition until 1952. The Streetsville Fair ran annually until it ceased in 1954.

Activities included livestock competitions, horse racing, plowing matches, quilt displays, contests, musical bands, community picnics, and other activities. The Cooksville Fair hosted games of "auto polo" in the 1920s, while the Streetsville Fair had motorcycle and car racing, as well as a mention of a game "donkey baseball" – and one can only imagine what that must have been like!



Auto Polo, Cooksville Fair, c1925, HM

Cooksville and Streetsville were not alone in the development of early fairs. Malton had its own traditions, whose origins are somewhat obscure. What was known as the Calathumpian (also spelt Callithumpian) parade began officially in 1896, although its roots in the community may be much older. The parade featured colourfully painted wagons, discordant music, and people dressed as wild animals parading through the village streets, culminating in a large community picnic and sporting activities. The parade often became a lively affair where "spirits flowed liberally". The parade ceased in 1914 with the First World War and was never revived.



Malton Calathumpian Parade, c1900, HM

In 1974, the newly formed City of Mississauga welcomed a new festival, Cityfest, which, over a short period of time, was reinvented and relaunched under numerous names; these included City Days, City Festival, Mississauga Community Festival, Fritterfest (1978-1981) and in 1982 became the Rainbow Festival, which ran until 1986.

There were other fairs and festivals, both small and large, that over the years have also disappeared. Arguably each of them helped, in their own way, to establish a sense of community and celebrate the place we call home.





MACArts Festival May 21, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square www.mississaugaartscouncil.com

MACArts Festival is bringing the world together through art. This year's event will feature more international, local and Canadian acts, mixed together to inspire audiences and rejuvenate artists. We originally created MACArts to be a festival of the people, by the people and for the people of Mississauga. Our aim is to bring the world together on one common platform and speak the language of unity in diversity. MACArts 2016 will mirror the demographics and cultural heritage of Mississauga to create a meeting place for creative minds, and an incubator of brilliant new work. This year's event will feature



literature, music, film, visual arts, the culinary arts and showcase the emerging, established and multicultural talent in Mississauga all brought together in the spirit of dialogue. The annual festival was started in 2015, after the Mississauga Arts Council membership and the community requested a festival that reflected the diversity of cultures in Mississauga. The 2015 event featured Chinese, Indian, Caribbean, and First Nations performers. Join us as we bring these visions of creativity to Mississauga Celebration Square on May 21.

Artfest Port Credit May 27-29, 2016, Port Credit Memorial Park www.artfestontario.com/portcredit



Artfest Port Credit is a new 3-day outdoor art and craft festival that takes place May 27-29 in Memorial Park. Artfest Ontario has a reputation for hosting high quality events in beautiful historic settings. In 2015 two Artfest shows at the Distillery District in Toronto were cancelled due to the PanAm games. Lory MacDonald, the event producer was looking for a new location and discovered Memorial Park. The Port Credit BIA agreed to partner with Artfest and merge their existing summer art show into the new Artfest Port Credit. The waterfront location is an ideal setting for this outdoor juried Art & Craft show. It features over 100 top artists from across Ontario and Quebec including many local artists. Visitors will see pottery, glass, jewellery, paintings, woodcrafts, photography, gourmet foods and more. The event is free to the public and features free art workshops for children and live music. There is a food area with a variety of delicious cultural food choices. The festival is an exciting addition to the vibrant downtown of historic Port Credit and is destined to become one of the city's premier events. The hours are Friday 4pm-9pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, and Sunday 10am-5pm.



May Festivals

Carassauga, Festival of Cultures

May 27 - 29, 2016

www.carassauga.com

Carassauga is an incorporated non-profit volunteer community organization which is celebrating its 31st anniversary this year, May 27th - 29th, 2016. It operated for the first time in 1986 with 10 Pavilions, initially operating only on Saturday and Sunday. It was created in response to a challenge put out by Mayor Hazel McCallion to all ethno cultural groups at a meeting of her calling in the old City Hall in the fall of 1985. It quickly evolved into a 3-day, 22 hour event. The festival has become an important annual event in Mississauga's calendar and its popularity has steadily increased in recent years. It is the largest multicultural festival in Ontario and 2nd largest in Canada. Travel the world without leaving the City, as you visit our 28 Pavilions representing over 70 countries. In each Pavilion you will find exotic foods, entertainment and culture of the country



you are visiting. Admission cost is only \$10 for an advance Carassauga passport or \$12 at the door. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult passport holder. Unlimited access to all Pavilions all weekend long and free ridership on MiWay buses during Festival hours. Visit our website for more details.

Vesak: Buddha's Birthday Celebration

May 28, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.vesakcelebration.com



Vesak is the festival celebrating the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha, some 2600 years ago. Buddhists around the world mark the event with food, parades, costumes, cultural performances and charitable works.



From humble beginnings in 2012 our event has become the largest Vesak festival in Canada. Last year we had 27 participating temples, over 100 monks and nuns from all three major Buddhist traditions and 25 VIPs from all three levels of Canadian government. The event could be described as a South East Asian cultural festival with more than a dozen languages from about 20 countries, native costumes, music, dance, food and fellowship - all served up with a Canadian perspective.

We invite you to eat ethnic delicacies, listen to monks and nuns chant, watch volunteer singers and dancers perform and participate in our Buddhism 101 courses (what is buddhism about, what are the techniques, is the philosophy applicable to me?). Enjoy!

Heritage Mississauga Luncheon Series

Mississauga & Heritage: A Contradiction in Terms?

Join us for the conversation as leading broadcaster John Moore and respected local architect Michael Spaziani exchange opinions and ideas on some provocative questions.



John Moore
Newstalk 1010 Radio

Thursday June 9, 2016

11:30am - 2:00pm

**Mississauga Grand
35 Brunel Rd.
Mississauga**

**Tickets: \$100.00
Tables of 8: \$700.00**



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June Festivals

Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival

June 3 - 5, 2016, Streetsville

www.breadandhoney.ca



The Streetsville Founders' Bread and Honey Festival originated through the promotional committee in the town of Streetsville in 1973 and was incorporated in 1974 with former Mayor Hazel McCallion's husband, Sam McCallion as a charter president. The town felt that they had a community that was worth celebrating its history, traditions and community spirit. Timothy Street in 1820, established the first flour mill in the area; there were two well known mills- Reid Milling, currently Ardent Mills and ADM Milling Ltd, which both still exist and participate today. John Sproule, the local bee keeper supplied all the honey from his bees he kept on his three acre farm. In 1973 Sylvie Wyllie wife of Robert Wyllie, Streetsville's Reeve at the time, proposed the Streetsville Founders' Festival be called The Streetsville Founders' Bread and Honey Festival in support of their local products. Each year the festival enjoys free bread which is baked from the flour of our mills and is generously coated with honey. The Bread and Honey festival is unique in that we remain true to our mandate of offering an affordable family fun weekend, while giving back to the community.

The Streetsville Founders' Bread and Honey Festival is a Top 100 Festival, now in its 44th year. It is the longest and largest festival

in all of Ontario, only second to the Canadian National Exhibition. It is held at the Streetsville Memorial Park, a natural amphitheatre situated on 30 acres overlooking the picturesque Credit River. Many service groups, non profit organizations and volunteers give their time and energy to this annual event, always held on the first weekend in June. On Saturday morning, our massively popular village wide parade comes through the town led by our mayor, officially kicking off a weekend full of events, entertainment and activities for all ages!



Mississauga Halal Food Festival

June 4, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.universalpromotions.ca

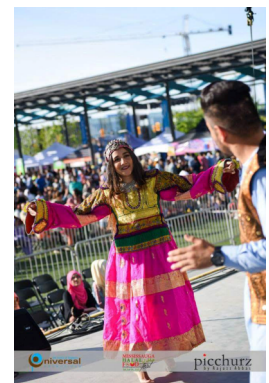


The Mississauga Halal Food Festival is the only Halal festival that has ever taken place in Mississauga Celebration Square. Halal food is one of the common factors that will bring communities who eat and enjoy only halal food products together to share with other communities. It was a huge success in 2014 and 2015 and it will only grow bigger and better each year. This year it will take place on June 4th, 2016 and we are expecting a turnout of over 15,000 attendees.



The Mississauga Halal Food Festival is a successful attempt to bring people from countries all over the world together, to celebrate each other's food and culture. By hosting this festival we will encourage the entire community to come and enjoy in the festivities, food, entertainment, fashion and culture of countries other than their own. People who are from the Middle Eastern or South Asian communities will have the opportunity to experience memories from back home and share their traditions with their children, family and friends. We would also like to see mainstream large grocery chains recognize the need of Halal products and their availability to the common consumers. The vision of this event is to promote unity and integration with respect to each other's faiths, cultural and traditional backgrounds. We believe

that education erases ignorance and the more informative these festivals and cultural shows are, the better members of all communities can understand each other, thus bringing every one closer together as a flowing society. Mississauga is a unique multicultural city where over 15 different communities live and prosper together.

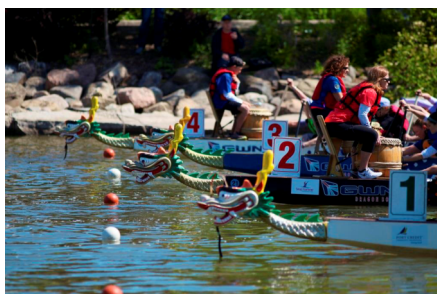


Halal Food Fest Toronto: May 21-22, 2016 Want more yummy goodness? Come see what's cooking at the Halal Food Fest Toronto, taking place at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road in Mississauga. For more information, please visit: www.halalfoodfestto.com

Mississauga Dragon Boat Festival

June 5, 2016, Port Credit Memorial Park

www.mississaugacanoecub.ca/dragon-boat-festival



The Mississauga Dragon Boat Festival originated in 2003 after club representatives realized the potential for both the Canoe Club and City to be involved with the Mississauga Waterfront Festival (MWF). In the inaugural MDBF event, a team lead by Mac Hickox (past Head Coach at MCC) coordinated the 'maiden paddle' of the club's inclusion in the MWF with Mayor Hazel McCallion sitting up front in the ceremonial Drummers Seat of the first Dragon Boat down the race course.

Organizers at the Club at that time had the vision to intertwine the great fundraising opportunity that is the Dragon Boat Festival with the MWF celebrations. Back then, dragon boating was and still is, a booming recreational activity fit for any and all participants. It was a natural complimentary activity to the MWF and

a fantastic opportunity to showcase the Credit River and surrounding local businesses.

Recently, the Canoe Club has added its annual sprint racing Home Regatta, (a yearly tradition since 1959) and other racing events to the calendar leading into the Mississauga Waterfront Festival - further contributing to making the first two weeks of June here in Port Credit a bustling time for the community. The Canoe club will be teaming up with the Mississauga Waterfront Festival again this year by offering "try-it-out" opportunities for anyone who would like to visit the Canoe Club during the festival to try out either Olympic racing canoes or kayaks.



Mississauga Waterfront Festival

June 17-19, 2016, Port Credit Memorial Park

www.themwf.com

The Mississauga Waterfront Festival was founded in 1997. The City of Mississauga approached Patricia Anderson, O.M.C. festival Chairperson, to create an event for the community to celebrate the refurbishing and grand re-opening of the Port Credit Marina.

The following year the event was registered as a not-for-profit organization servicing the needs of marginalized families. The MWF has a very holistic and inclusive philosophy.



We have partnered with service clubs such as, the Lions Club, Civitan International and St. John's Ambulance giving them an opportunity to earn money for their organizations by helping us operate components of our event. We have given scholarships to young people who volunteer for the event through their schools or institutions; Sheridan Police Foundations and Metalworks Institute.

Each year the event has grown and is now a free event to ensure that families of all income levels are welcome to celebrate being a part of the community. The MWF is now attracting 66,000 people to Mississauga annually. Through our Sponsor a Child Program, we have also invited 4,000 marginalized families annually to the festival providing free food and carnival rides. In celebrating our 20th Anniversary we are very pleased to have accomplished such great outreach work in Mississauga.



June Festivals

Malton Community Festival

June 19 - 20, 2016, Wildwood Park

www.maltonfestival.ca

The Malton Community Festival is thrilled to be celebrating 10 successful years on Saturday June 20th at Wildwood Park from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Bring your family and friends for a fun-packed day of entertainment, children's and family crafts, sports, fun activities, and more! This is a FREE event. Some highlights of the Festival include a BBQ and vegetarian food selections, community displays and booths, a petting zoo, a bouncy castle, children's and seniors' games, youth sports activities, a photo gallery and cultural performances.

As part of the festival, we are also pleased to present Family Movie Night on Friday June 19 – check our website for details of a night everyone will enjoy.

All of Mississauga is invited to come out and join us as together we celebrate Malton! Be sure to reserve the date so you will be a part of the largest annual event in Malton!



Contact us at: info@maltonfestival.ca for further details!

Facebook: Malton Community Festival

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Wildwood Park

3430 Derry Rd. E, Picnic Area A

(At the southwest corner of Derry/Goreway behind the Malton arena)



WHAT DID YOU BRING?
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"WHAT DID YOU BRING? Cherished Immigrant Stories"

What did you Bring? Cherished Immigrant Stories is an inspiring collection of personal stories behind the little treasures hidden in the luggage of immigrants who chose Canada as their new home: photographs, letters, toys and objects of many kinds, loaded with sentimental value.

Each personal story, no matter how insignificant it may seem, forms a part of an ever-changing multicultural bridge between what remains as a memory of distant and different worlds, and a fresh awakening to a new reality. The stories told through their own narrative leave a lasting legacy.



*Excellence Awards from High School
Jackeline Barragan, Colombia, 1997*



*Wooden Pipe Wrench
Pasquale Fiorino, Italy,
1946*



Mississauga Ukrainian Festival June 18, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square www.ukrainianfestival.com/MississaugaFestival

Since the 1880s, when immigrants from the Ukraine came to Canada they embraced the opportunity to work, prosper and raise families in peace and freedom. Ukrainian culture has enriched the Canadian landscape in every facet of life. Today, over four million people in Canada can trace their heritage to Ukraine, and Ukrainian Canadians, by virtue of 125 years of contribution, are well organized and respected members of their communities.

In 1995, Toronto was twinned with Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, and to mark this occasion, the Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival was established under the umbrella of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Toronto Branch. Originally known as the Bloor West Village Ukrainian Festival, it was meant to be a showcase of the most widely identifiable aspects of Ukrainian culture in Canada – music, dance, food, visual arts and community. It was an instant hit, establishing itself as one of the premier Ukrainian festivals in North America and growing to attract audiences well in excess of 700,000 from across Canada, the US and abroad.

In an effort to share the rich traditions of Ukrainian culture to a growing audience the festival has expanded to include a day of toe tapping, high stepping dance and music to take place in the heart of Mississauga. The **Mississauga Ukrainian Festival**, happening at Celebration Square on June 18th 2016, offers something for everyone. Sample the culture and cuisine of Ukraine. Enjoy the outdoor market and meet local artisans. Savour delights from Ukraine in the refreshment garden and above all else ENJOY!!



Mississauga Polish Day Festival June 25, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square www.mississaugapolishday.ca

Mississauga Polish Day is the city's first and only Polish cultural festival. Polish-Canadians make up one of the largest ethnic groups in the city.

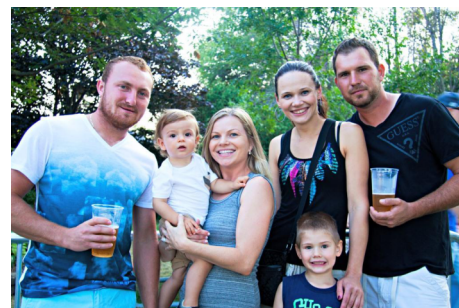
The annual event was founded in 2015 by the Canadian Polish Congress (CPC) - Mississauga Chapter. The CPC is a non-profit corporation with chapters across Canada.

One of the organization's main goals is to promote Polish culture, language, tradition and knowledge of Polish contribution within Canada to all Canadians in order to foster a better understanding and spirit of multiculturalism. The Polish Day festival project was initiated to bring Mississauga's Polish-Canadian community together and share its culture with the public at large.

The first Mississauga Polish Day in 2015 took place at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre and attracted 5,000 visitors. Attendees enjoyed live performances on two stages, a visual art showcase, traditional cuisine, a beer garden and kids activities. The event also featured various exhibits like a vintage car show and pieces from the Orlinski War Museum. The day concluded with an evening dance at the venue's banquet hall.



This year's festival will be held at Celebration Square, right in the heart of downtown Mississauga. The event will build on last year's success and will feature more attractions and activities for visitors to enjoy. Come out to experience Polish-Canadian culture this June 25, 2016!



The Calliope was the "Hottest" Thing at the Cooksville Fair

By Richard Collins

The grass was freshly cut and groomed. Signs were hung and neatly polished. Over at the south end of the circular track, the horses snorted in the unseasonably cold air while their owners prepared them for the *Trials of Speed*. On the other side of the fairgrounds, at the front gate on Dundas Street, the ticket booths were ready to welcome visitors. It was the early morning of October 1, 1929 and the planners of this year's Cooksville Fair had prepared a perfect two-day send off to this past decade of promise and prosperity. Little did they know that all this good fortune was just less than a month from ending, with a stock market crash. For now, times were good and everyone in Toronto Township was ready for fall fair fun.



Advertisement, Cooksville Fair, HM

Trinity Anglican Church in Port Credit readied its hardballers for the big game against the local boys from A.A.R. Wilson Hardware while on the girls' side, the Cooksville softball team was up against Clarkson. The catfights were well underway hours before at a different event, as mothers brought their youngest in to be entered into the Perfect Baby Contest. Family honour, and a grand prize 21-piece tea set, were at stake. The men played it safer, bringing in their finest vegetables instead, ready to be judged by fellow farmer and MPP Thomas Kennedy. James Pearson expected to corner the blue ribbon at the poultry show by entering 71 chickens from his Dixie farm.

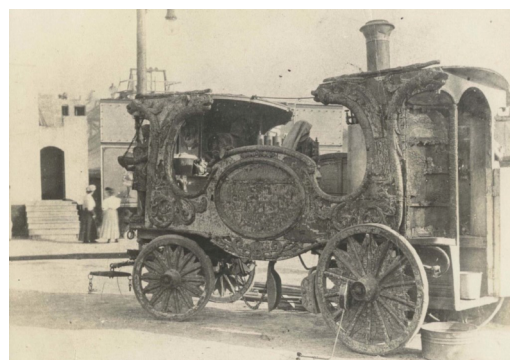


Cooksville Fair & Town Hall, c1900, HM

Society held the first one-day fall fair in Cooksville in 1836, but an advertisement in the *Port Credit News* for the 1929 fair stated that Cooksville Fair was just over 50 years old. This would be consistent with the formation in 1873 of a new agricultural society that broke with T.T.A.S. whose board that year decided to hold its fair every year in Streetsville, rather than alternating

each year with Cooksville, as the society had done since 1858. The two local societies at least agreed to hold their respective fairs on different weeks, with the Cooksville fair hosting its event annually during the first week of October. Even with all the other events and excitement at the Cooksville Fair in 1929, the big hit was the calliope. People gathered around it to listen to the musician play all their favourite melodies. For those who have never seen or heard one, a calliope (cuh-LYE-o-pee) is kind of like a locomotive and piano in one. The musician pumped foot pedals that released steam from a small boiler while his fingers simultaneously pushed down the levers on a keyboard. The different keys directed steam to corresponding pipes – each of a different length to create a unique whistle pitch as the steam escaped. The calliope artist could adjust the volume by moving throttle-like levers at his feet. When not being played, the calliope's steam could be used to drive axles, so that this music-box-on-wheels could be its own transportation.

Calliopes were as much a part of Ontario fall fairs as bake sales and horse shoe tossing and with early October being the height of the fall fair season, Cooksville was lucky to have one. Boyd 'n'



Calliope, c1900, www

Sullivan Circus Supplies delivered all manner of curious gadgets to local fairs. Problem is, neither Messrs., Boyd nor Sullivan were at this fair. It wasn't until the morning of Wednesday, October 2 that the two carnival promoters discovered their prize calliope missing from their storage lot in Toronto. One of their workers, Robert Andrus had taken the steam piano-on-wheels to Cooksville, without mentioning it to his bosses. Andrus, who had been in dispute with his employers over unpaid wages after a fall fair in Lindsay decided to take the calliope to Cooksville and pocket the cash from appreciative paying fairgoers in lieu of late pay.

Amidst the show of dairy cattle and new Chevys from McEachern and Sloan's Port Credit dealership, fairgoers were treated to the spectacle of Andrus being arrested by township cops later that afternoon while the calliope was dragged back to the police station as evidence. The judge set Andrus' bail at \$2,000. That would be a hefty sum even in today's money and it was an unusually large security to be set for someone charged with the unusual crime of "stealing a musical contrivance".

Canada Day

July 1, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square
www.culture.mississauga.ca/celebration-square



The City of Mississauga has been celebrating Canada Day in its downtown core for more than ten years. Following a \$40 million redevelopment in 2010, Mississauga Celebration Square opened as a fully accessible, state



of the art facility designed to support place-making activities and a broad range of events and festivals, all while providing daily attractions for visitors to enjoy. Since the opening of Mississauga Celebration Square, the Canada Day festivities have grown to attract over 100,000 visitors throughout the event. Past performers at Canada Day have included Carly Rae Jepsen, Down with Webster, Alyssa Reid, Kardinall Offishall, and Dragonette.



Canada Day 2016 at Mississauga Celebration Square will be a celebration of Canadian culture, heritage and nature. The afternoon will feature a broad range of family focused activities, including roaming performers and aerial cirque shows. The evening will kick into high gear with a mainstage concert featuring both up-and-coming and celebrated Canadian Artists, and will be capped off with an explosive fireworks show choreographed to the year's biggest hits.

Canada Day Together Festival

July 1, 2016, Churchill Meadows Community Common
www.canadadaytogether.ca



The Canada Day Together Festival seeks to offer a culturally-diverse and fun-filled, one-day gathering where Mississauga residents of all backgrounds can appreciate one another's heritage and perspectives while celebrating our unity as Canadians. It takes place Friday, July 1, 2016 from noon to 10 p.m. at Churchill Meadows Community Common in the northwest part of the city. New this year will be a stunning fireworks display to light up the nighttime sky just before 10 o'clock. The Together Festival builds on the Churchill Meadows Canada Day event hosted by ICNA Sisters Canada since 2014. Joining the ICNA Sisters this year are four additional community-focused groups, including the Churchill Meadows Residents Association, Muslim Neighbour Nexus, Rotary Club of Mississauga-Meadowvale and Ward 10 City Councillor Sue McFadden. The daytime portion will feature family-friendly activities, free food and much more. The evening will include a wide range of entertainment, food trucks of varying cuisine, and memorable fireworks to cap off the celebration.



Churchill Meadows Community Common
3370 McDowell Drive



July Festivals

Malton Celebrates Canada Day

July 1, 2016, Westwood Square

www.carolynparrish.ca/canadaday



The Village of Malton has a rich history based on a booming aircraft industry situated on the outskirts of the old Malton Airport. As the economy diversified, a constant stream of immigrants from all over the world landed at Pearson International Airport, first settled in Malton and worked in the vast and diversified industrial complex producing 65% of the industrial tax base for the city of Mississauga.

This rich mix of customs and traditions had to be celebrated on Canada's Birthday!

Westwood Square, itself an institution in Malton, agreed to partner with the BIA, providing funds and a venue to create our first Canada Day Celebration in a very long time. Many sponsors donated generously. The entertainment, both professional and from local schools, reflected all our colourful communities with flair. We also had the largest fireworks display in Mississauga, set to music!

Looking forward to Malton's Canada Day celebration becoming a permanent tradition! Westwood Square: 7205 Goreway Drive.



Paint the Town Red - Port Credit

July 1, 2016, Port Credit

www.paintthetownred.ca

Paint the Town Red Port Credit Canada Day Celebration and Town Parade, going into its 12th year, is a free family event. Beginning the day with the fabulous first class Parade, named after past Mayor Hazel McCallion, Canadian celebrity marshalls, and colourful floats bring the parade to life. A surprise visit in 2015 from our soon to be Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, who walked the parade and greeted the audience, is not an uncommon occurrence. Immediately after the Parade, a Giant Cake Cutting Ceremony to commemorate Canada's birthday with the entire community in attendance, dignitaries from Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Sven Spengemann MP, Charles Sousa MPP and Jim Tovey Ward 1 Councillor celebrate with us and hand out free cake to everyone. The day proceeds to Port Credit Memorial Park where the stage is lined up with great live



music, from Tribute Bands. Entertaining our younger audience is a playful Children's Zone featuring storytelling, puppeteers, magic shows, inflatables, crafts, face painting, and contests. We have something for everyone including a great selection of international food vendors, crafters and artisans. Canada Day ends the evening in great fashion, lighting up the sky with a spectacular display of FIREWORKS!

