

FORT ERIE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

May 2, 9, 16 2014

Ridgeway Reads Spring Series

Ridgeway Reads celebrates the best of local and internationally recognized authors of all genres over a three day festival. The first weekend in May features Plum Johnson and her book *They Left Us Everything*, while May 9th sees Dennis Brock author of *Going Home Again* in attendance, or May 16th meet Terry Fallis while he discusses his newly released book, *No Relation*. For more information call 905-356-8417 or visit www.ridgewayreads.com.

May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 2014

Garrison Little Theatre presents *Having Hope at Home*

Garrison Little Theatre presents "HAVING HOPE AT HOME," a heart-warming comedy, by David S. Craig. Evening shows include a full course dinner - \$39.55 incl. taxes. Matinees on May 3 & 10 include lunch - \$22.60 incl. taxes. Performances held at the Italo-Canadian Club, 1101 DiPietro Street, Fort Erie. Ticket Outlet: Fort Erie Paints, 401 Garrison Rd., 905-991-8181. Visit www.garrisonlittletheatre.com or call 905-871-3520 for information.

May 10 - October 11 2014

Ridgeway's Farmer's Market

Walk, bike or drive every Saturday morning from 7:00am to 12:00pm to the farmers market, located at the Friendship Trail parking lot on Ridge Road, downtown Ridgeway. Delight in the fresh local and organic produce, flowers, baked goods, honey, meats and cheeses available, with live music and local artisans too! For more information visit www.ridgewayont.ca

May 10, 2014

Footsteps for Flowers

8th Annual Footsteps for Flowers is a one hour memorial walk, beginning at 10am, in memory of Lorraine Murphy and others who have contributed to the beautification efforts in Crystal Beach. To participate by walking or by sponsorship contact the Crystal Beach Beautification Committee at 905-894-1093.

May 25, 2014

Hooked on Fishing

From 9:00am - 4:00pm, at Windmill Point Park! This free annual fishing event provides families with the opportunity to connect with each other outdoors while learning about sport fishing, environmental conservation and living a healthy lifestyle. There will be fun activities all day long for all ages. This is a free event with no fishing license required however there is registration upon arrival. For more information contact 905-894-2809 or visit: www.windmillpointpark.com.

May 27, 2014

Opening Day at Fort Erie Race Track

Come celebrate the 117th year of live Thoroughbred horse racing action at one of North America's most picturesque and historic racetracks. 2:00pm post time. For more information call 905-871-3200 or visit www.forterieracing.com.

June 1, 2014

Bridgeburg Car Show

Central Firefighters Association presents the 6th Annual Bridgeburg Car and Bike Show. Held at Central Station Fire Hall, 444 Central Ave, Fort Erie, attendees will enjoy hundreds of classic cars, vendors, kids fun zone and more. For more information visit www.facebook.com/BridgeburgCarShow or email affa2013@outlook.com.

June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014

June Twilight Tuesdays & Tiki Bar Concert Series at the Fort Erie Race Track

Visit the Fort Erie Race Track on Tuesdays from June to August for the thrill of horse racing (4:15pm post time), followed by a great evening of music at the Tiki Bar. For additional information on this or other events call 905-871-3200 or visit www.forterieracing.com.

June 7, 2014

Stevensville Springfest

Kick off the 12th Annual Springfest with an 8:00am pancake breakfast at the Stevensville Fire Hall, followed by celebrations from 10:00am - 5:00pm at the Stevensville Memorial Hall with treated to arts, crafts, food vendors, musical entertainment, kid's games and visit with animals from Safari Niagara to keep you on your toes. For more information contact Linda Housser, 905-382-2032.

June 7, 2014

Mystery Art Sale

Build your art collection with an original work of art by either a famous artist or an emerging artist and every kind of artist in between! Art is for purchase as a first-come-first-served. Artist names are only revealed after purchase. For more information call 905-894-8373 or visit www.forterieartscouncil.com.

June 13, 2014

Friday the 13th Crystal Beach Bicycle Night

The tradition is growing. Starting as a grass roots movement, our last summer Friday the 13th saw over 125 bicyclists on all sorts of bicycles make their way to Crystal Beach for live outdoor music, bicycle judging and more! A great excuse gathering up some friends and having some fun! For more information visit www.facebook.com/visitcrystalbeach.

June 13, 2014

Friday Night Frights

Take a spooky, guided tour of Old Fort Erie with Friday Night Frights. Tickets are \$5.00; the tour is scheduled for 9:00pm. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

June 20, 2014

Aboriginal Day Celebration, Fashion Show & Dinner

From 4:30-9:00PM come and see Indigenous Traditional hand-made regalia and beadwork, made by our Sharing Our Traditional Gifts participants throughout their programming year. Located at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, 796 Buffalo Rd, Fort Erie, this inclusive and family-friendly event is free of charge. For more information call 905-871-8931 or visit www.fenfc.org.

June 27-July 1, 2014

Friendship Festival

Named one of the Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario, the 28th Annual Friendship Festival is celebrated in both Fort Erie, ON and Buffalo, NY and that includes vast entertainment such as concerts series, a "Family Zone," midway, food vendors, merchandise, performers,

demonstrations, artists, and Niagara's largest Flea Market! For more information call 905-871-6454, info@friendshipfestival.com or visit www.friendshipfestival.com.

June 28, 2014 - Hands Across the Border

Rotary Clubs in Western New York and Southern Ontario join us in a celebration of peace along the longest undefended border in the world. Come and be a part of this giant human handshake taking place on the Peace Bridge.

June 28 - July 1, 2014 - Beyond the Battles

Explore Fort Erie's surprising cultural and business influence with artifacts and pictorial display of the town's past commercial ventures presented by local collector and historian Robert Fretz. Come and learn about our diversified commercial background of Fort Erie with storytelling and exchange of information session. You will be surprised!

June 28 - July 1, 2014 - Art in the Park

Heritage Arts Legacy of Fort Erie presents a diversified collection from regional and local artists through creating a legacy of history through the eyes of the artist that spans the bi-national spirit of Fort Erie/Niagara and Western New York. For more information contact hart_fe@hotmail.com.

June 28 - July 1, 2014 - Festival's Got Talent

With performances held on the Festival's main concert stage, this free multi-talent competition features singers, jugglers, dancers, musicians, etc. Registration is open to residents of Greater Fort Erie and the Niagara Region and can be completed by the following contacting the Friendship Festival or emailing inquiry@friendshipfestival.com.

June 28 - July 1, 2014

Binational Chalkwalk Competition

The Heritage Arts Legacy of Fort Erie presents the theme of our 6th annual event as "War of 1812" peace. Chalk creations created along the Friendship Trail at Mather's Arch. Competition is open to artists of all ages and skill levels, from beginners to professionals. The competition is held on June 28, quests artists and free draw area from June 29 - July 1. For more information contact the Festival or email hart_fe@hotmail.com.

June 28 - July 1, 2014

Heritage of Peace Days

Be uplifted by the Niagara Spirit of Youth Pow Wow, featuring local dancers, drummers, artists, storytellers, displays and food. For more information on this Pow Wow contact littlefire09@hotmail.com.

Go back in history with War of 1812 Village with Sutlers- this event includes campfires with period cooking, War of 1812 Musket & Canon demonstrations; dress up station with period clothing and Fife & Drum bands.

June 28, 2014

Border Town Showdown Round 4

From 9:00am-4:00pm, Street Stylez Niagara welcomes vehicle owners including motorbikes, to show off, check out the door prizes, raffles and vendors at Central Ave. from the corner of Garrison Rd, HWY 3 to the Niagara Blvd. For more information call Casey at 289-929-4510/Keith 289-341-1727 or email streetstylezniagara@gmail.com.

June 29, 2014

Antique Classic Car Club of Canada

Located at the Friendship Festival grounds, the Rainbow Region of this car club invites you to its annual Show and Shine, open to all vehicles 20 years and older. Please be advised that no judging will take place and that this is a fundraiser for the Tender Wishes Foundation. Participant admission is \$10 and spectators are free. For more information contact Frank Raso 905-382-4685, frank.raso@acccc.net or visit <http://rainbow.acccc.net>.

June 29, 2014

All-Canadian Pageants

This family run pageant, with 25+ years of experience, focuses on fairness and having fun. Babies through to teens, and both boys and girls, are invited to shine and show your stuff. Join us at Mather's Arch within the Friendship Festival grounds. For more information call 416-621-1956, joanne@allcanadianpageants.com or visit www.allcanadianpageants.com.

June 29, 2014

British Car Show

Niagara British Car Club, a car club for British Car Owners and enthusiasts, collectors, British car mechanics, MG, Triumph, Alpine, TD, TC, Jaguar, and Austin Healy owners in the Niagara Peninsula invites you to the Friendship Festival for a fun filled day. Arrive at 10:00am and enter from the Niagara Parkway, under the Peace Bridge. For detailed information, visit www.niagarabritishcarclub.org.

July 1, 2014

Canada Day Celebrations

Celebrate with Canada Day Celebrations Fort Erie INC. on the Friendship Festival grounds with family and friends, lots of entertainment, a Canadian trivia contest and a spectacular fireworks display at 10:00pm. For general and volunteer information, contact Doug or Denise Everett at 905-871-4362.

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2014

July Twilight Tuesdays & Tiki Bar Concert Series at the Fort Erie Race Track

Visit the Fort Erie Race Track on Tuesdays from June to August for the thrill of horse racing (4:15pm post time), followed by a great evening of music at the Tiki Bar. For additional information on this or other events call 905-871-3200 or visit www.forterieracing.com.

July 4, 2014

Friday Night Frights

Take a spooky, guided tour of Old Fort Erie with Friday Night Frights. Tickets are \$5.00; the tour is scheduled for 9:00pm. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

July 5 & 6, 2014

Ridgeway Summer Festival

Located on Ridge Road in downtown Ridgeway you will find something for everyone including: craft vendors, live music, a pancake breakfast, karaoke, eating contests, face painting, kiddie rides and inflatable area, wildlife displays, kids crafts, custom car show, food vendors, Simon says, balloon toss & 100 musical chairs, numerous bands, street dance & beer tent and so much more. For more information, visit www.ridgewayont.ca.

July 6, 2014

Wrap up Ridgefest

Wrap up the Ridgeway Summer Festival with a bbq at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230, featuring "The Horns from Hell". This event is free of charge and the show starts at 4:00pm. For more information call 905-894-5927 or visit www.legionbranch230.com.

July 12, 2014

Crystal Beach Days

To commemorate the Crystal Beach Amusement Park, a great celebration will take place in the circle park, Queen's Circle on Derby Road, north of Erie Road, Crystal Beach and will feature artifact displays, vendors, swapmeet, old time music, fast food and Crystal Beach waffles & loganberry juice. Admission is free.

July 13 & 20, 2014

Crystal Beach Waterfront Park Concert Series

On July 13, enjoy the sounds of the Big Band era of the 1930's and 40's that made Crystal Beach famous with the Toronto All-Star Big Band. Or on July 20, enjoy a Jimmy Buffet Tribute experience with The Saltshakers as they bring us beach music with the Margarita flair. Both concerts start at 7:00pm on the lawn, overlooking beautiful Lake Erie, so be sure to bring a blanket or chair to this free concert. 3875 Terrace Lane, Crystal Beach. For more information contact the Friends of Crystal Beach or visit www.focb.net.

July 20, 2014

Rods & Relics Car Show

From 9:00am - 3:00pm. 23rd Annual Rods & Relics Car Show. General admission: adults \$2 and children under 12 are free. First 200 vehicles receive dash plaques, Top 20 and specialty awards, food, door prizes, children's colouring contest, and free "Junk in the Trunk" Swap Meet for car show participants. Net proceeds go towards Tender Wishes. For registration and more information 905-894-1070 or 905-382-4685, frank@rodsandrelics.org or visit www.rodsandrelics.org.

July 29, 2014

79th Prince of Wales Stakes at Fort Erie Race Track

The second jewel in the Canadian Triple Crown. Come on out and witness history! 2:00pm post time. For more information call 905-871-3200 or visit www.fortrieracing.com.

August 3 & 24, 2014

Crystal Beach Waterfront Park Concert Series

On August 3, join the Irish band, McPherson's Rant, with the hand clapping music of Old Ireland and Down East or on August 24 enjoy a good old country hoedown with lively bluegrass music with the Peace River Band. Both concerts start at 7:00pm on the lawn, overlooking beautiful Lake Erie, so be sure to bring a blanket or chair to this free concert. 3875 Terrace Lane, Crystal Beach. For more information contact the Friends of Crystal Beach or visit www.focb.net.

August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2014

August Twilight Tuesdays & Tiki Bar Concert Series at the Fort Erie Race Track

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August 9 & 10, 2014

The Siege of Fort Erie Re-enactment

This year marks the 200th anniversary of this historical event as this annual weekend-long event, taking place on the grounds of Old Fort Erie, is the largest annual 1812 re-enactment in Canada. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

August 16, 2014

Community Picnic at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre

At 11:00AM-3:00PM come out as a family and enjoy a barbeque, fun and games for the day.

Located at 796 Buffalo Rd, Fort Erie, this event is a celebration of community, and is a great way to reconnect friendships. There is no cost for this event. For more information call 905-871-8931 or visit www.fenfc.org.

September 6, 2014

Murder Mystery at Old Fort Erie

Walk through Old Fort Erie and meet the shady suspects while solving a murder. There are prizes to be won! The tour is scheduled for 7:00pm. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

September 18, 2014

Business After Five Tradeshow

The Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After Five Tradeshow at Fort Erie Leisureplex from 3-8pm. For more information on this free event, call 905-871-3803.

September 30, 2014

Closing Day at the Fort Erie Race Track

This will be your last chance to see live Thoroughbred racing for the 2014 season. 2:00pm post time. For more information, call 905-871-3200 or visit www.forterieracing.com.

September 27-28, 2014

Split Rock Farm Days

10:00am - 5:00pm - Split Rock Farms Alpacas features a day with the animals, hosted at the barn, visitors will be able to meet the animals, purchase alpaca goods and obtain information on having these great animals for pets. For more information call 905-382-7777, splitrockfarmsbb@aol.com or visit www.splitrockfarmsbb.com

October 11, 2014

Ridgeway Fall Festival

10:00am - 2:00pm. Delight in the sounds and smells of an open air festival and market, located on the Friendship Trail parking lot on Ridge Road, downtown Ridgeway. Enjoy live music, hay wagon rides, great food and free entertainment for the whole family or stroll through an open air artisan and farmers market. For more information, visit www.ridgewayont.ca.

October 18, 24 & 25, 2014

All Hallows Eve at Old Fort Erie

Learn the traditions of Halloween and watch the Burning of Guy Fawkes effigy! A visitor favourite! For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

October 29, 2014

Children's Halloween Party

From 5:00PM-7:00PM bring the family out to enjoy dinner, arts and crafts, costume contests, and much more Halloween fun! There is no cost for this event located at Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, 796 Buffalo Rd, Fort Erie. For more information call 905-871-8931 or visit www.fenfc.org.

November 8, 2014

Honouring Veterans Social

Help us honour our Indigenous Veterans who served Canada and the United States from 5:00pm-9:00pm by bringing the family out for this event. This celebration, located at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, 796 Buffalo Rd, Fort Erie, will include dinner, traditional Haudenosaunee singing and dancing. There is no cost for this event. For more information call 905-871-8931 or visit www.fenfc.org.

November 9, 2014

Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremony

At 1PM a parade from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 71, 130 Garrison Road, Fort Erie will march to Mather's Arch and the Cenotaph for the 2PM ceremony to honour veterans of 2 world wars and others. For more information, please call 905-871-9566.

November 8 & 9, 2014

10th Annual Red Ribbon Art Show

We're celebrating 10 years of bringing Fort Erie a "gift to the community" with art and culture. The Saturday night gala features a special attraction, live entertainment, cash bar and silent auction on all art exhibited. November 9 sees 'kids creation corner' as the family day event. For more information call 905-894-8373 or visit www.forterieartscouncil.com.

November 21-December 6, 2014

Spirit of Christmas Celebration

The Spirit of Christmas is alive in Ridgeway, with free horse and carriage rides, hot apple cider and other wonderful Christmas treats. Santa and Victorian Singers will be strolling along Ridge Road while you do the same and help support Niagara Region businesses by visiting the many festive shops along the way. For more information, visit www.ridgewayont.ca.

November 22, 2014

Fort Erie Santa Clause Parade

The 42nd Annual Greater Fort Erie Santa Clause Parade starts at the Fort Erie Race Track and ends in the Historic Bridgeburg Business District on Jarvis Street. For more information, call 905-871-4938 or historicbridgeburg.bia@gmail.com.

December 13, 2014

Christmas Gathering

Join us from 12:00PM-4:00PM and bring the family out to enjoy a full Christmas dinner with all of the fixings at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, located at 796 Buffalo Rd, Fort Erie! Arts and crafts table, loonie auction, with a special visit and photo opportunities with Mr. Claus himself! For more information call 905-871-8931 or visit www.fenfc.org.

December 13, 2014

Carols of Christmas

At 7PM a Community Carol Sing among the beautifully tree lit Queen's Circle, Derby Rd in Crystal Beach. Led by the harmony voices of Singers. All will want to join this sing along from Jingle Bells

to Silent Night. Hot chocolate and coffee available. For more information visit www.facebook.com/visitcrystalbeach

January 3, 2015

Crystal Beach Polar Bear Dip & Chili Challenge

The 6th Annual Crystal Beach Polar Bear Dip & Chili Challenge is a local tradition and an awesome way to start off the New Year! Enjoy this great day of family fun by taking a dip into frigid Lake Erie followed by chili sampling at the Bertie Boat Club. For more information visit www.facebook.com/visitcrystalbeach

March 7, 2015

Mid-Winter Pow Wow

At 12:00pm-6:00pm celebrate the vibrant Indigenous culture and arts by witnessing and participating in the spectacular dancing, drumming and community spirit at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, 796 Buffalo Rd, Fort Erie. Indigenous craft and food vendors will be on site to sell hand-made Aboriginal crafts and artwork. There is no cost for this event. For more information 905-871-8931 or www.fenfc.org.