

Living History Week

Fort Erie, Ontario



Witness History
Come To Life

August 2 - 10, 1997

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Saturday & Sunday - Aug. 2 & 3

Rekindling Our Traditions Pow Wow

Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre - Open to public 10:00 am.
Grand Entry of Dancers 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm
at 796 Buffalo Road. 905-871-8931

Saturday, August 2

Community Open House

Free Admission with newspaper coupon at the Mildred M. Mahoney Dolls' House Gallery, La France Firefighting Museum, Fort Erie Historical Museum, and Fort Erie Railroad Museum. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. 905-894-5322

Sunday, August 3

Railroad Video Day

Fort Erie Railroad Museum - A series of local and international railroading videos presented throughout the day. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. Regular Admission to museum applies. \$2.00 Adults, \$1.00 Children. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at 400 Central Avenue.

Crystal Beach Memorabilia Day

Queens Circle - Step into the past and join memory buffs from both sides of the border as they display articles, pictures, artifacts, etc. from the Amusement Park, S.S. Canadiana, Pt. Abino Lighthouse and local businesses. 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm

Living History Parade

Bridgeburg Station - Downtown - Historically themed parade winds its way through Fort Erie's historic north end to Courtwright Street for an old fashioned picnic featuring a corn roast, childrens games and live music. 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. 905-871-4938

Monday, August 4

Make Your Own Doll House Furniture

Mildred M. Mahoney Dolls' House Gallery - A hands on workshop for children and adults to each complete a piece of dolls' furniture. Ages 8 to 10 years old. Limited to 10 people. Registration \$2.00 includes materials and instruction. 9:00 am - 11:00 am at 657 Niagara Boulevard. 905-871-5833

Tuesday, August 5

Test Your Antique Firefighting Skills

La France Antique Firefighting Museum - A tour of antique firefighting apparatus and hands-on demonstrations of equipment in the parking lot. Registration \$2.00. Ages 10 - Adult. Limited to 25 people. 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm at 1118 Concession Road. 905-871-1271

Wednesday, August 6

Guided Tours of Centre

Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre - Discover Centre Services, view the craft & gift shop featuring unique items crafted by today's top native artists. See native artifacts on display in the Great Hall and enjoy a refreshing traditional drink. 10:00 am, 1:00 & 2:30 pm.

Recycle Your Old Clothes Into A Quilt

Fort Erie Historical Museum - Learn how to turn scraps & hand-me-downs into family heirlooms. Local quilters will include pointers and patterns. Recommended for adults. Limited to 25 people. Registration \$2.00. 10:00 am - 11:am at 402 Ridge Road, Ridgeway. 905-894-5322

Thursday, August 7

Historic Walking Tour of Ridgeway

Fort Erie Historical Museum - A seminar conducted by L.A.C.A.C. featuring basic architectural terms and concepts based on some of Ridgeway's historic buildings. Recommended for adults. Limited to 25 people. Registration \$2.00. 10:00 am - 11:am.

Thursday & Friday, Aug. 7 & 8

Wares for Sale

Ridge Road - Ridgeway Merchants in period attire sell their wares in an open marketplace. The shops, the charm, the history. Visit our unique shops where courtesy and old fashioned quality are always in style. 905-894-1720

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Friday, August 8

Plan A Traditional Herb Garden

Ridgeway Battlefield Museum - A hands-on seminar to design and prepare for different types of herb gardens. Recommended for adults. Limited to 25 people. Registration \$2.00. 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at Hwy. #3 & Ridge Road.

Fort Erie Garrison Ball

St. Michael's Hall - Relive the 1800's and enjoy a royal feast, period costume attire (optional), celtic music by 'Malarky'. 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm. Advance tickets. For information please call 905-871-1332

Saturday & Sunday - Aug. 9 & 10

11th Annual Siege Weekend

Historic Fort Erie - Relive the thrill of an 1814 battle at Historic Fort Erie. The Annual Living History Weekend recaptures the excitement and drama of the U.S. capture and occupation of the fort in July of 1814, the desperate, failed British Assault in August and the American forces hard-fought attempt to force the British to lift the siege in September. Period camps open each day at 10:00 am. Experience artillery and musket demonstrations, period drills and a glimpse of the life of soldiers and their families on campaign. The Saturday evening lantern tour of the fort brings you face to face with the human tragedy of war. General Admission \$4.75 & \$2.75. Lantern Tour \$2.50 & \$1.50 10:00 am - 9:00 pm at 350 Lakeshore Road. 905-871-0540

Saturday, August 9

Underground Railway River Crossing

Nicholls' Marine - This years' celebration is entitled "Hush, hush, someone is calling my name." Embrace fugitive slave re-enactors stepping into freedom after their river crossing, the final leg on the underground railway! Call 905-871-1332 for details. Dusk

Traditional Native Cuisine & Dance Presentation

Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre - Advance ticket reservations required by August 2. For information contact Lee Ann 905-871-8931. 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm.