



2011 Heritage Mica Festival

FRIENDS OF MURPHYS POINT PARK

The Friends of Murphys Point are excited to be hosting the 2011 Heritage Mica Festival over four weekends in late summer/early fall. The festival events will include Voyageur Canoe rides on Hogg Bay, community theatre presentations along the Silver Queen Mine trail, children’s programming, musical entertainment, storytelling, heritage displays, costumed greeters, great food and three fabulous performances at the amphitheatre. Corkery Road, Freshwater Trade and Crazy Strings featuring Jenny and Dan Whiteley take to the amphitheatre stage on three different weekends. "The Silver Lining", a commissioned theatre piece produced by the Rideau Islands and Lakes Theatre School tells the story of the early 1900's mica miners and the Lally family in an interactive way. This show runs four times over the course of the festival on two different weekends. In between, you will find loads of activities for the whole family. Regular park admission fees apply for each day of the Heritage Mica Festival. Day use fees are \$14 per car (\$11 for seniors; \$7 with a disability vehicle permit). Why not plan to camp at Murphys Point during the festival? **[Advanced camping reservations are recommended.](#)** Your camping pass provides access to the festival. A few of the festival events will have small user fee that will be indicated with the event listing. All food service is provided at a reasonable cost. If you are unsure how to find Murphys Point Provincial Park **[click here for a map of the area.](#)** Check out the activities listed below by



selecting the weekend(s) of your choice. Please remember that dogs are not permitted on the Beach Area, in the mine or in any park buildings. If you need additional information, please contact us at **eventsmurphys@ripnet.com** or 613-267-5340.

<u>Weekend 1, Aug 20/21</u>	<u>Weekend 2, Aug 27/28</u>	<u>Weekend 3, Sept 3/4/5</u>	<u>Weekend 4, Sept 10/11</u>
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"Click **[here](#)** for a summary of activities" **WEEKEND ONE**

Saturday August 20th			
TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	NOTES
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Grand Opening	Main Beach	
	Music by <u>Skirmish</u>		
	Heritage Games		
	Costumed Greeters		
	Beach BBQ		Fee for BBQ
7 p.m. and 9 p.m.	<u>'The Silver Lining'</u> - a theatrical walk through history at Murphys Point Park	Silver Queen Mine Trail	\$2/person or \$5/family – <u>advance tickets recommended</u>

Sunday August 21st

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	NOTES
10 a.m.	Park Program TBD	Main Beach	
12 noon	Hot Dog Roast	Amphitheatre Campfire Pit	Donations Accepted
5 to 9 p.m.	Barn Dance and Corn Roast with Music by Cratur	Lally Homestead Site	\$3/person Under age 12 FREE



TWO

Saturday August 27th

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	NOTES
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Lally Homestead Heritage Day with Musicians, Heritage and Museum Travelling Displays, Children's Programming, Heritage Trades	Lally Homestead Site	Donations Accepted
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Self-Guided Hikes to the Silver Queen Mine	Silver Queen Mine Trail	Mine and Bunkhouse Open for Visitors; Musicians; Lunch for a Fee
8 p.m.	Music by Corkery Road	Amphitheatre	Free Popcorn

Sunday August 28th

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	NOTES
11 a.m. and 1 p.m.	<u>Voyageur Canoe rides</u> with the Rideau Roundtable	Leaving from the Main Beach	\$2/person or \$5/family – <u>advance tickets recommended</u>
12 noon	Music and Stories with <u>'Bear the Tinker'</u>	Tent - Main Beach	



THREE

Saturday September 3rd

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	NOTES
7 p.m. and 9 p.m.	<u>'The Silver Lining'</u> - a theatrical walk through history at Murphys Point Park	Silver Queen Mine Trail	\$2/person or \$5/family – <u>advance tickets recommended</u>

Sunday September 4th

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	NOTES
9 to 11 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast	Main Beach	Fee for Breakfast
12 noon and 2:30 p.m.	<u>Voyageur Canoe</u> rides with the Rideau Roundtable	Leaving from the Main Beach	\$2/person or \$5/family – <u>advance tickets recommended</u>
1 p.m. and 3 p.m.	Music by the <u>Paddling Puppeteer</u>	Tent on the Main Beach	Children's Entertainer
1:45 p.m.	Heritage Birthday Cake	Main Beach	

2 p.m.	Canoe Raffle Draw	Main Beach	
8 p.m.	<u>Concert by Freshwater Trade</u>	Amphitheatre	Opens at 7:30 p.m.
Monday September 5th			
TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	NOTES
10 a.m.	Kid's Heritage Games	Main Beach	
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<u>Music by the Celtic Heritage Orchestra</u>	Tent - Main Beach	
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Beach BBQ	Main Beach	Fee for BBQ



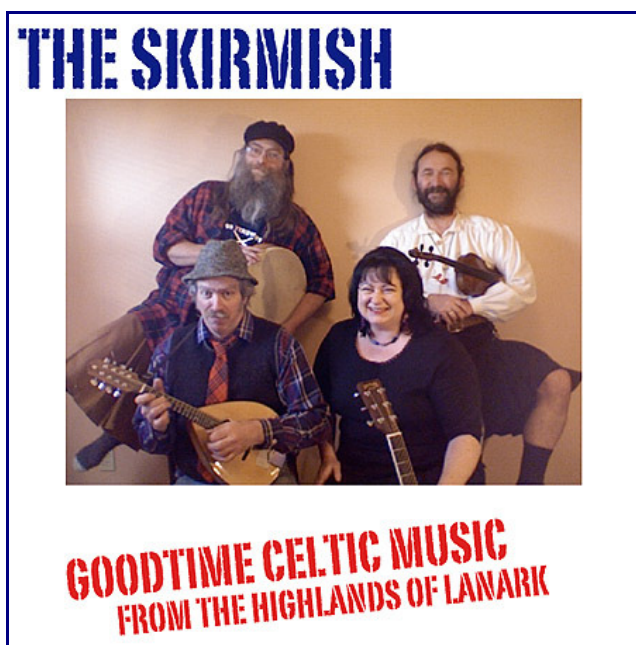
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Saturday September 10th			
TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	NOTES
1 to 5 p.m.	<u>Olde-Tyme Carnival with music, clowns and carnival games</u>	Main Beach	
6 p.m.	Story-Telling and Hot Dog Roast	Campfire Pit	Donations Accepted
7:30 p.m.	<u>Crazy Strings featuring Jenny and Dan Whiteley</u>	Ampitheatre	

Sunday September 11th			
TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	NOTES
11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.	Voyageur Canoe rides with the Rideau Roundtable	Leaving from the Main Beach	\$2/person or \$5/family – advance tickets recommended
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Beach BBQ	Main Beach	Fee for BBQ
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Perth Citizens' Band	Tent - Main Beach	

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Skirmish

"The Skirmish: Because it's nae a real battle" www.myspace.com/theskirmish There's a mob of Celtic rabble-rousers coming to your town, but no worries, they're friendly...meet The Skirmish. This

Lanark County band is dedicated to the notion of bringing over-the-top rock'n'roll energy to the delivery of Celtic-based material on (mostly) acoustic instruments--in short, we're a pub and party band, perfect for your celebration or community festival. We play both familiar and unusual choices from the Irish, Scottish and Maritime sources, including songs, jigs and reels. As good Canadians, we also cover songs by Stan Rogers, Great Big Sea, and more, and play our own compositions, including Gary and Linda's rootsy rants and Bill's instrumentals. Bandleader Bill Cameron, a longtime Ontario musician, started the group in early 2006. He sings, in a resonant tenor, the songs of his Scottish and Maritime heritage, and provides fiery mandolin and guitar-picking, while revealing a softer side with a melodious pennywhistle. In the rhythm section Linda Grenier and Gary Glover alternate between guitar, bass and bodhran (Irish drum) and other percussion instruments. Linda delivers ballads in her powerful, velvet-smooth vocal style, while Gary writes and belts out crowd-pleasers like "Rideau Ferry Pirates." Rounding out the quartet, Victor Maltby plays fine fiddle and adds sublime vocal harmonies. Since their stage debut on St Patrick's Day 2006, The Skirmish has been in high demand in Lanark County, Ottawa and beyond. The combination of energy and tradition embodied in their music appeals to all ages. The Skirmish is the ideal live music choice for your Maritime, Scottish or Irish-themed pub night, festival or special event. Lively material, superior musicianship, and audience participation make an evening into an event to remember. For a good time, and a long time, call The Skirmish! **Sunday, Aug. 21** Join us at the **Lally Homestead** this evening for a **Lally Barn Dance and Corn Roast** between **5 and 9 p.m.** and enjoy some amazing fiddle music by **Cratur**. Cratur is a four-piece band performing Celtic music, but specialising in Cape Breton fiddle music. The band comprises three excellent Ottawa Valley fiddlers, accompanied by guitar. The instrumentation is as traditional as the music. Hear the voices of the far-flung Celtic peoples who shaped this land - from Scotland, Ireland, Newfoundland to the Ottawa Valley. Their repertoire is as diverse as the audiences they please. Click [here](#) for more info about Cratur.



Children's heritage games at the Mica Festival

Saturday, Aug. 27 The **Lally Homestead Heritage Day** will be held from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the **Lally Homestead** site (approximately 2 km beyond the main park entrance). Come and spend a day enjoying displays of heritage trades and crafts, lots of old-tyme music and terrific food offerings. Watch the Parks Canada blacksmith ply his trade. Visit our lace-makers and admire their handiwork.



Parks Canada Blacksmith

Or plan to be amazed as you watch Mary at her spinning wheel. The Rideau District Museum has an intriguing "What Is It" game to challenge you and the Tay Valley 200th Anniversary Committee will

showcase their plans for this important anniversary coming up in 2016. A miners' lunch will be served at the Lally Homestead from 12 noon to 2 p.m. (or until sold out). Cost is \$3.00 each. Take a self-guided hike to the Silver Queen Mine where you can don a hard hat and experience the miners' life underground as it was in the early 1900s. Visit the miners' bunkhouse and meet "Cookie," who ruled the mining camp.



Tay Valley Winds

The **Tay Valley Winds** is a local woodwind trio who bring a love of heritage music to the 2011 Heritage Mica Festival. They will be performing on Saturday, Aug. 27 at **10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** at the historic **Lally Homestead** site during the Lally Days celebration. Tay Valley Winds is a dynamic new chamber music ensemble that is refreshingly different. With Barbara Bolte on oboe, Tony Stuart on clarinet and Richard Hoenich on bassoon, these dedicated and experienced classical musicians blend their sounds into a pleasing and mellow sonority. The group met for the first time to perform at a fundraising concert for Japan in early May to resounding acclaim. They have since performed for the Brooke Valley Studio Tour and future engagements include Blue Sky Festival, noon-hour recitals at St. George's Cathedral in Kingston, and the Town Hall in Almonte. The group is flexible in nature and expands occasionally to include flute, piano, organ and other instruments. Repertoire ranges from the Baroque to the Beatles - something for every taste. Definitely not to be missed.



Linda Grenier and Victor Maltby

At **1:30 and 3:15 p.m.**, Linda Marie Grenier (guitar) and Victor Maltby (fiddle) join us on the **Lally Homestead Day**. For several years **Linda Marie Grenier** has been performing regularly in the Lanark

County and Ottawa area. Linda Marie is a powerful singer who has become an accomplished songwriter with three CDs to prove it. More information on Linda Marie and her various band combinations is at www.lindagrenier.com. **Victor Maltby** has been hooked on music since his grandfather introduced violin to him when he was three. At age 8, formal violin lessons began. He has played in numerous community bands across the country, and studied fiddle with Pierre Schryer, Patrick Ourceau, Maire Breatnach and Cynthia MacLeod. From his home in Carleton Place, he teaches violin/fiddle, saxophone and beginner band instruments and also tunes pianos in the surrounding area. To get in touch with Victor, he can be reached via [e-mail](mailto:) or by phone at 613-250-0729.



Corkery Road

Corkery Road (www.corkeryroad.ca) will perform at the **Park amphitheatre at 8 p.m.** in the evening. This outdoor amphitheatre overlooks the water and the haunting calls of loons can often be heard joining in on the music. The band members will get your toes tapping as they bring a selection of Celtic music for your enjoyment. Click [here](#) for info about the band.



Japhy Sullivan

Japhy Sullivan Maberly resident Japhy Sullivan is a young person who seems destined to move on to great things in the world of music. At the young age of 14, he is already making waves in the musical community and is striking out into uncharted territory through his musical compositions. Japhy is a member of the Blue Skies Community Fiddle Orchestra and the Celtic Heritage Fiddle Orchestra and has been playing fiddle since the age of eight. When asked to describe what he plays, his answer is complex. *“Classical, Jazz, Celtic and Bluegrass are the predominant flavours, but I try to blend in lots of other things (Old-Time, Motown, Gypsy...) all into one unique (and hopefully tasty) Musical Milkshake. I’ve been playing in public for years in a variety of different functions such as fiddle orchestras, my family band Bob Spelled Backwards, or as a sideman for other people. Recently I’ve been developing my own repertoire both songs and instrumental.”* **Sunday, August. 28** [The Rideau Roundtable](#) hosts interpretive tours along the Rideau Waterway. What makes these tours unique is that they take place in

34-foot replica voyageur canoes with guides in voyageur costume!!! With up to 36 participants leisurely paddling in the two canoes (up to 18 per canoe) , the tours explore both the natural and historical aspects of the Rideau Waterway. Our regular paddling instructors and guides provide paddling instruction, interpretation of nature, and historical tales. These trips are enjoyable for groups of all ages.

- PFD's are provided.
- The canoes have flotation protection built into them.
- Instructors have been taught CPR and First Aid.
- Before loading the canoes, each group is shown water safety tips and given paddling instruction.
- Canoes will not go out on the water during thunderstorms or high winds.
- It is hot on the water and there is no shade to protect you. Remember to wear sunscreen and/or a hat, and bring water.

Voyageur Canoe Tours will be held on August 28, September 4 and September 11. Check the schedule above for times. **To reserve tickets for a Voyageur Canoe tour**, please email eventsmurphys@ripnet.com. Be sure to indicate the date and time of the tour you wish to attend and also indicate whether you need single tickets or family tickets. If you are reserving family tickets, please indicate the number of members of your family. A confirmation email will be sent to you and tickets will be held for payment and pickup at the festival. The completion of a waiver from the Rideau Roundtable will be required prior to entering the canoes.



Bear The Tinker at Mica Festival

Bear the Tinker is a massive man in his early 50s. He considers himself “the keeper of traditions.” He looks somehow like a cross between the giant Hagrid in the Harry Potter movies and the dwarf Gimli in The Lord of the Rings movies. He is a 1790’s tinker tossed into the 21st century.. His dark brown hair hinted with white flows over his shoulders and a grizzled beard descends to a Micmac totem he wears around his neck. His brown piercing eyes, ageless and calm, engage his listeners as he draws them effortlessly into the past. In a deep voice he tells his tales, dropping easily into an Irish lilt and calling up songs – one after another, fully and faultlessly – from a memory bank that rivals that of the most complex computer. He keeps his fiddle, dusty with rosin, at the ready, and punctuates his stories with a wave of his bow. **Saturday, Sept. 3** "The Silver Lining" is a theatrical piece commissioned by the Friends of Murphys Point for the Heritage Mica Festival. Written by Yvonne Helwig and produced and directed by Rachel Marks of the Rideau Islands and Lakes Theatre School, this community theatre presentation

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Freshwater Trade

Sunday, Sept. 4 Freshwater Trade takes to the amphitheatre stage for a special festival concert beginning at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with costumed interpreters on hand to greet you as you arrive. Click [here](#) to learn more about Freshwater Trade.



The Paddling Puppeteer

The **Paddling Puppeteers** have been performing their musical puppet shows across Ontario and Quebec since 1999. A variety of puppets bring to life colourful stories having to do with the environment. The shows present ideas of how we can take simple steps to preserve and restore Canada's natural heritage.



Celtic Heritage Fiddle Orchestra

Monday, Sept. 5 The **Celtic Heritage Fiddle Orchestra** will be playing at the **main beach** from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in conjunction with a **Beach BBQ**. The members of this group come from Perth and its surrounding communities and the orchestra is in its 11th year. The fiddle orchestra plays Cape Breton styles (mostly Scottish), Irish and French tunes. This small orchestra consisting of fiddles, guitars, mandolins and penny whistles can encourage the joyous in your soul with a jig or reel or wring your heart with a ballad. **Saturday, Sept. 10 Olde-Tyme Carnival with music, clowns and carnival games**



Caring Clowns

Caring Clown Connections Heart 2 Heart Connections through Smiles, Laughter and Play Linda Shrout a.k.s. Gert –Gramma Moose on the Loose Audrey Baker a.k.a. Aud Aster Gert and Aud Aster started on their clown journey in 2002 when they attended their first clown workshop in Woodstock Ont. They have since participated in advanced clown skill training in Virginia with Leon McBride. They have travelled extensively (Massachusetts, New Jersey, Syracuse, Las Vegas, New York) to attend clown workshops & conferences to train with some of the best clowns. Gert is a caring clown with a special interest in clown ministry. She founded Caring Clown Connections. Gert helps with the Mini Ministers puppet team at the Free Methodist church in Smiths Falls. Gert is trying to get to Disneyland where she hopes to be hired. Her character is very forgetful, loves to have fun, try new things and she is always getting lost. Aud Aster is a caring clown and has been an active partner with Gert, under the umbrella of Caring Clown Connections. Aud Aster lives on a strawberry farm, or as she prefers to call it, an estate, where they grow berries the size of tea cups. Her love for sniffing flowers has resulted in her having a flower on her nose. This duo use their skills to spread the joy of clowning whether it is during Clown visits to long term care facilities; entertaining for groups/organizations; participating in community events, parades, festivals and fund raisers. Gert and Aud Aster partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters to offer a clown mentoring program. The clown team work with students to teach basic clown skills-i.e. magic, juggling, face

painting, skits, balloon creations. Planning and coordinating an annual clown workshop ‘So You Wanna Be a Clown’ is another way for the pair to educate and to share the joy of clowning. Gert and Aud Aster are both retired, have grandchildren and have lived in the Smiths Falls area for more than 30 years. They promote humour and laughter whenever and wherever. Their mission is to make Heart 2 Heart connections. ‘He Who Laughs.....Lasts’ **Sunday, Sept. 11** The **Perth Citizens' Band** entertains under the Big Top on the **main beach**. Join us from **1 to 3 p.m.** as Canada's oldest band performs some tunes to get you up and dancing. The band has been in continuous operation since it was established in 1852. Band members are all volunteers and they play at many venues around the Perth area every year. You can hear them play at the bandstand in Perth behind Town Hall every second Thursday evening in the summer starting at 7:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs...but you may not be sitting down for very long!



Blacksmith at Mica Festival

Check back frequently as more details will be posted as soon as dates and times are confirmed.

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