

Lovely lavender weekend

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GRAFTON -- Pat Scott of Scott's Barn Cultural Centre is hosting her annual Lavender Festival on July 10-11.

Northumberland festivals celebrate beloved plant

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NORTHUMBERLAND--If this weekend in Northumberland has a color, it will be lavender.

The violet plant will be on everybody's minds thanks to the Lavender Festival at Scott's Barn, 160 McLean Rd., in Grafton. On Saturday, July 10 and Sunday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pat Scott will host the event, which she calls "a celebration of all things lavender."

"It's bigger and better every year. Last year we had a thousand people," said Ms. Scott. "Everybody loves lavender. We've been using it for a millennia."

Those who visit will find no shortage of it at Scott's Barn, which features a one-acre field of the plant. Although popular, it is not common in Canada because the weather is generally unfavorable, except in the summer. It's also not easy to look after, according to Ms. Scott.

"It keeps you busy. It's a lot of work," she said.

Lavender foods available at the event will include ice cream, cookies, lemonade and even beef on a bun. Other products on sale will include textiles, hats and jackets, pillows, soaps, wreaths, cards, books and much more. The event will also feature an art exhibit: Guests to the barn will be free to explore the beautiful property overlooking Lake Ontario and its remarkable lavender field.

In fact, Ms. Scott grows 16 different varieties of the plant at her barn, but the field that boasts them will look a lot different by this time next week. As soon as the festival is over, she will begin cutting them all down for next year's event.

"You have to cut them when a third of the stalk is open," she explained. "The flowers are in bloom."

That's why the festival, which is free to attend, is held on the second weekend of July each year. This is the third year for the event. For more information on Scott's Barn and the Festival, visit www.scottsbarn.ca.

Lavender at Henkel Farm

There's more than one place to see lavender this weekend.

The Henkel Farm, the annual site of the Shelter Valley Folk Festival, will open from Thursday, July 8 to Sunday, July 11. With its own lavender fields, the barn will have a number of products for sale.

The barn is located at 295 Vernonville Rd. and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all four days.

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