

Festival

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house, and memorabilia and book sale. This is a fundraiser for the library and you will be able to buy souvenir T-shirts and caps as well as other sundry items there.

The Colborne and Cramahe arena will be a busy place, with 105 vendors displaying their wares at a hobby and craft show organized by the Colborne Rotary Club. The arena activities are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Crafts, hobbies, baking

Also in the arena, the Colborne Inner Wheel will be accepting entries for the Applelicious Baking contest between 9 and 11 a.m. Judging will take place between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and at 1:30 p.m. the winners will be announced and the winning entries — all made with apples — will be auctioned. There is an adult and a junior category in this contest, so, bakers, get your aprons on!

Baking contest entries will be sampled by the public at a tea room, also hosted by the Inner Wheel between 2 and 4 p.m. in the arena. As well in the afternoon, to give families a break, the Inner Wheel women will supervise a Mr. Applehead creation centre for young fry, where small children can use edibles such as raisins and nuts, etc. to create their own Mr. Applehead face using — what else? Apple Country apples.

Giant flea market

A giant flea market and fair-weather family barbecue will be held between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Colborne Curling

Club on Durham Street. Bea Mutton indicated that the club is "filled to capacity" so there should be plenty of fleas to choose from!

An antique sale and display of fine, hand-painted china will take place at the Colborne Legion hall on King Street East, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You don't need to worry about transportation to the Legion and Curling Club; two shuttle-buses, donated by Orville Isaac and Rutherford bus lines, will provide continuous transportation between centres of activity all day long.

Shuttle bus service

Your Apple Blossom button gets you on the bus free, but all riders under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. You can get on the bus, or leave it, at any location mentioned in this itinerary.

The shuttlebuses will also take festival-goers north to the Big Apple, where there will be an art show and sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring local artists from the Van Dyke studios on Highway 2; Wilhelmina Kennedy, who has exhibited at the Northumberland Art Gallery, and guest artist Ron Leonard. As well, Joan Harnden will have a special display — a doll house correct in meticulous, miniature detail.

Art, crafts, history, books

The shuttles run farther north to Castleton where you can enjoy a visit between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to the Castleton General Store (established circa 1832). Castleton's old Purdy Mill will be open for

tours by owner Roseanne Quinn between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., a crafts display and book sale will be held in the town hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and lunch will be served by the women of Castleton United Church at the church.

Also in Castleton between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. will be "rural" games such as "cowflop bingo" and other traditional country activities like log sawing contests and nail-pounding competitions. These take place across County Road 25 from Purdy Mill.

In addition to Colborne's fine restaurants, lunches will be available at various local churches including, as mentioned, Castleton United, as well as Eden United in Dundonald, Trinity Anglican and Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Colborne. No festival goer should go hungry, with lunch and goodies also available at the Drop-In Centre, Fox IGA, Sunnyside Meats, and the Curling Club, as well as the tea room in the arena.

While your button covers admission to all attractions, it does not cover the cost of food or refreshments.

Tours of orchard, Hoselton's

Anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., you are invited to tour Pieter's Appleyard with orchard tours, nature walks and fresh cider as an added inducement. Pieter and Anne Wyminga of Salem invite you to picnic in their orchard if you wish, but you must provide your own picnic lunch.

Hoselton Studios is open for tours as well. Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. a guided tour will begin every hour on the hour and everyone is welcome. At Hoselton's as well, the showroom and sales area will be open so that touring visitors can also purchase some of Colborne's famous sculptures.

Walking tour of village

A walking tour of the village will leave Victoria Park at 1:30 p.m., with Karen Benson of Colborne Home Hardware as guide to local points of interest. The entire tour takes 45 minutes and there will be a brochure available at an information booth in the park, should you wish to take the walking tour and act as your own guide.

Also at the information booth in the park will be brochures, maps and pamphlets for tourists and residents to discover or rediscover some of the surrounding attractions in the Colborne-Presqu'ile area and greater Northumberland.

Mammoth as the task of organization has been, Apple Blossom chairperson Bea Mutton says modestly, "I lucked into a really great group of people." She says the men and women who helped her co-ordinate the various activities, "are already talking about next year."

She also advises festival goers not to neglect to look well into the envelope you receive with the Apple Blossom button. Inside are discount coupons, draw tickets, and other exciting offers from local businesses. Also inside is a pocket guide to Apple Blossom Tyme events so you don't need to carry this newspaper with you to make sure you see everything!

Apple Blossom Tyme is the beginning of the tourist season and the beginning of warm-weather fun for those of us who make our home here in Apple Country. The season is bracketed at its close by Brighton's annual Applefest on the last weekend in September, when the harvest is in.



Walk-a-thon -- To raise money for a new foundation for Salem United Church, Patrick, Jane and Erin Keeler and Sarah Williams hoofed it along Blyth Road, Saturday. Others rocked for bucks in the church hall. At right, Patrick Keeler shows his checkpoint star and cookie for energy. Photos by Eileen Argyris

