

As a merchant, what do you like about Pioneer Days?



JEANNETTE MILLESSE
Jeannette's Dutch Deli

"To see the crowds, to see the people from all of Georgetown. It's a nice family time. Last Pioneer Days was terrific for my business."



CHRIS MILNE
North Halton Sports Ltd.

"They close the Main Street off and make it a carnival atmosphere, and that's what they should do all summer around here."



NORMAN HOLT
Oxbow Books

"I like the people who come down. It's such a pleasant change, particularly some of the old-timers attracted by the name. Really, it's meeting the variety of people."



KIOH KIM
Main Mart

"This once a year - we have lots of traffic. It reminds me of Yonge Street. The downtown is never more active."



ELIZABETH McNEILLY
Elizabeth's Fashions

"The informality of the shopping, sidewalk sales, displaying wares outside and meeting the customers in a more relaxed atmosphere. It's a fun three days whether you sell a lot or not."

Two awards to Pioneer citizens

Pioneer Days is a festival celebrating the old fashioned ways and hearty spirits of our early homesteaders.

Each year the merchants of downtown Georgetown have fostered this motif with the presentation of trophies or plaques to special honored guests.

These people symbolize man's unique ways of looking back over the past searching for the experience our forefathers have gained, while always striving forward with enthusiasm and hope.

Pioneer Days has two awards. One is for the youngest pioneer. It's an annual award given to the baby who is born closest to the opening date Pioneer Days is held.

The award is sponsored by Lynn Barnard of Penniesworth on Main Street.

The other award goes to the senior citizen displaying a pioneer spirit either by their contribution to their community or through their connection to one of Georgetown's founding fathers.

The Halton Hills Herald on Guelph Street presents this award annually.

First to receive the award was Col. John R. Barber, a direct descendant of the Barbers who started a paper mill on the Credit River before the turn of the century.

In 1961 Barbara Tost was selected as the Pioneer citizen while her sister Francis Wilson was chosen the following year. Both ladies are descendants of George Kennedy, one of the first pioneers in the area and the man whom the town Georgetown is named after.

In 1963 Emily Bessey was chosen as the fourth recipient of the award. A long-time member of the community, Mrs. Bessey has been very active with the Georgetown Fall Fair as well as other town activities.

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Shows and sales

At Pioneer Days there are opportunities to browse, shop or just investigate an interesting hobby or skill someone else is displaying.

Each day from June 20-22 local merchants

and staff will be demonstrating some types of arts and crafts.

As well, the Credit Valley Artisans will be giving demonstrations of their skills to on-lookers Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

A bake sale is being held by the combined efforts of a variety of women's institutes in the area starting at 10 a.m.

From 2-5 p.m. inside Knox Presbyterian Church on Main Street

you can watch a flower show or buy some goodies at a bake sale or strawberry social.

The Golden Triangle Club are holding a rummage sale Friday starting at 10 a.m.

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