

Meet you in September at the 2001 Fall Fair

by Deborah Quaille

There it is - the scent of candy-coated popcorn on the breeze, the bark of midway salespeople enticing you to try your luck, the high pitched whinny of an excited horse, the music, the loudspeaker announcements... and you know you're at the Fall Fair.

Within North Halton, we're blessed with three fall fairs, all wonderful reminders of our long-standing ties with the land. We have an opportunity for our local 4-H to shine when they parade their dairy and beef calves, to lean on a rail and watch heavy horses thunder by, or sidle into a homecrafts barn to see who's created the most beautiful needlework or chutney.

Agricultural Societies have been an integral part of Ontario culture and a tradition since 1792. They are committed to raising awareness of our agricultural base and community involvement. The events educate and entertain, combining the rich rural and urban diversity we have in our area.

The Georgetown Agricultural Society is a non-profit organization, carried on by a Board of Directors assisted by the work of many devoted volunteers. The society has educated and entertained rural and urban members of this community and surrounding areas by presenting the Georgetown Fall Fair at the Georgetown Fairgrounds the first weekend following Labour Day for 155 years.

This year, the Georgetown Fall Fair takes place September 7, 8 and 9 and they guarantee you and your family a fun, entertaining and educational weekend. Over the three-day period you can enjoy horse shows - English hunter, Western, heavy horses (Clydesdales), 4-H shows, dairy cattle, homecrafts - antiques & collectibles, culinary arts, needlecrafts and more, a pet show and kiddie tractor pull, rides, entertainment, the demolition derby and a truck and tractor pull.

For more information, visit their new website at www.georgetownfallfair.ca, or you can email them at agriculture@haltonhill.com.

Gates open at 4 p.m. on the 7th, and the midway, Ag Awareness tent and homecrafts open at 5 p.m. In the evening Georgetown Rock n Rollin' Classics is in front of the Grand Stand, and the COTPA Truck/Tractor Pull begins at 7 p.m. The Fair Ambassador Competition is also Friday, September 7 at 6 p.m. at centre stage of the fairgrounds. For information call Kenda Nurse at 905-877-0537. On Saturday, Kinsmen Girls' Softball begins at 8 a.m., the English horse show and 4-H Rabbit Club Achievement at 9 a.m., and the Junior Dairy show at 11 a.m. Midway and exhibits begin at 10 a.m. During the afternoon, check out the Georgetown Dance Company, Dog-On-It (Dog Flyball and Agility), and Birds of Prey demonstrations. The demolition derby starts at 7 p.m., with per-

formances by The Glen Band before and after. Sunday is show day, with all day events again beginning at 10 a.m., and special shows - from a pipe band to horses - running until closing.


The fair is also taking their work a step further this year by using grade nine and ten students so that they may use the time for their Community Involvement Activities, a recent requirement in high schools. Students will be assisting with sheep shearing, carding, spinning and wool processing demonstrations; English and Western horse shows, armories

exhibits, the pet show, and the kiddie pedal tractor pull. If you have any questions, please call John Owen at 905-877-5965.

One week later the Acton Fall Fair rolls into town. Friday, September 14 begins with education day for schools, where the grounds are open free of charge from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for school groups (but not the midway, which opens at 5:30 p.m.). There are ongoing demonstrations by craft and community groups, and agricultural displays. Homecraft exhibits open at 4 p.m., and a few

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