

Norval to celebrate Montgomery Christmas this Saturday

Norval residents are putting the finishing touches on preparations for Montgomery Christmas this Saturday.

This annual event celebrates the life of Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of the Anne of Green Gables series of novels, who lived in the village during her husband's tenure as Norval Presbyterian Church minister from 1926 to 1935.

This year the celebration will be even more special—it's the 125th anniversary of the birth of Montgomery.

Villagers have planned many activities and invited special guests including Santa and his elves.

At Crawford's Village Bakeshop, Kevin McCabe and Alexandra Heilbron will autograph copies of their recently published *The Lucy Maud Montgomery Album*, 10 a.m. to noon. Vancouver author Mary Frances Coady will sign copies of her newly released children's novel, *Lucy Maud and Me*, 2-4 p.m., and Jack and Linda Hutton, owners of the Bala, Ontario museum devoted to Montgomery memorabilia, will be selling a new limited edition Montgomery collec-

tor's plate which celebrates the 125th anniversary of the author's birthday. As well, the Norval United Church Brass Ensemble will carol its way through the village.

Take time to stop by the Presbyterian manse for afternoon tea in the parlor, where Montgomery once served her guests. Now of the home of Rev. John and Lois Giurin, they will serve tea from 1:10-5:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale at 1 p.m.

Book/collectible releases, teas, bazaars, crafts, carolling, and entertainment

At Canoe Country, visitors will be entertained by harpist and folk singer Anneliese Cameron, 1-4 p.m. Members of the Ontario Woodcarver's Association will be demonstrating their craft all day.

While there check out the assortment of turn of the century style pinafores and dresses—that Anne may have worn, and homemade preserves and heritage seeds from the Norval's Lucy Maud Montgomery Garden. Kindred Spirits

of Hamilton, a group dedicated to learning about the life of Lucy Maud Montgomery, will be hosting a photo display.

Return to Canoe Country at 4 p.m. for Norval Community Association's grand draw and enjoy a slice of birthday cake.

At Crawford's enjoy lunch with a selection of desserts including Montgomery's special Christmas cake from Elaine and Kelly Crawford's prize-winning Aunt Maud's Recipe Book. Also check out what Norval Clayworks Boutique has to offer.


Thinking about Christmas gift buying? Norval Presbyterian Church, on Guelph St., will have a country craft sale, then cross the road to the United Church for its bazaar and lunch. On Adamson St., St. Paul's Anglican Church also hosts a bazaar and lunch. All events go on between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

At St. Elias Ukrainian Catholic Church on Heritage Rd., between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there's a tea room, choir performance and church tours all day. Ukrainian folk dances will be held at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Stop in for a country craft sale at Heritage House, 10712 Winston Churchill Blvd. Saturday and Sunday, between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Couldn't get enough on Saturday? Come back on Sunday at 2 p.m. when Norval Sings! performs Christmas carols at the Presbyterian Church. Crawford's, Norval Clayworks, Heritage House Crafts and Canoe Country Outdoor Shop and Nature Centre will be open for Christmas shoppers.

Visitors can obtain a complete event program by calling 877-7119 or www.haltonhillschamber.on.ca or www.canoe-country.com.



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