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Area people take part in Mennonite festival

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Staff Reporter

Markham and Stouffville area Mennonites will participate in a celebration of culture and faith that was 200 years in the making.

The Mennonite Bicentennial Festival, which began last month, will conclude with a three-day event at Harbourfront. The public is invited to see displays of crafts, literature and art, and music will fill the air as a variety of Mennonite performing artists entertain.

Story tellers will weave their tales every hour on the hour from a replica of a Conestoga wagon and children can enjoy special activities geared to the younger set.

Stella Reesor of Gormley is on the festival steering committee and has been working on the celebration since February, 1985.

About 160 local residents are on subcommittees because, in traditional Mennonite fashion, volunteers will provide all the manpower.

Local women have made pies and will organize the first course of Saturday's supper and Wideman Mennonite Church is responsible for the salad bar. The ladies are anticipating ab-

out 1,200 diners.

Chicken barbecue and back bacon on a bun booths are also the responsibility of Markham and Stouffville Mennonites. Mrs. Reesor explained that 2,700 pounds of chicken has been ordered for the weekend.

One of the musical groups is the Rouge River Family Band whose members hail from the Markham area. And Andy Reesor McDowell is organizing the lineup of talent as part of a subcommittee.

The celebration commemorates 200 years of Mennonites in Canada and takes place the civic holiday weekend of Aug. 2, 3 and 4. It runs Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free and simultaneous activities are planned for the various theatres and stages on the Harbourfront site.

The festival began the last weekend of June in Vineland and continued July 5 and 6 in Kitchener.

Saturday and Sunday evenings will feature traditional Mennonite fare. On Saturday the food will represent the Pennsylvania Dutch element of the Mennonites while a Russian meal will be prepared Sunday

night.

Tickets for Saturday's supper are \$10.95 for adults and \$6.95 for children. The borsch/supper tickets are \$5 and \$3.50.

All proceeds will go to the Mennonite Central Committee which does relief work around the world.

The food schedule is as follows:

Brigantine Room
Saturday, Aug. 2

11 a.m. bake sale
11 a.m. BBQ chicken and pork on a bun
4:45 p.m. Pennsylvania Dutch church supper

Sunday Aug. 3

noon BBQ chicken and back bacon on a bun
4 p.m. Russian Mennonite church supper

Monday, Aug. 4


11 a.m. bake sale
11 a.m. BBQ chicken and back bacon on a bun

11 a.m. Hispanic and Oriental foods
Musical performers include the Witness Choir, Locusts and Wild Honey, Diamond St. Church Choir, Vineland Male Choir, Dorian and Cathy Falconer-Lichty.


Also Rouge River Family Band, Jim Ediger and the Irish contingent, Tim Bergen, Andrew Cash, John Wilson, Mooncoin, Bethany Bell Ringers and Singers and Peter Elias and Friends.

Performing on stage in the Studio Theatre will be Robert Loewen, Menno Singers, Wes Elias and Bertha Hoepfner-Elias, Wendy Bartley and Carol Ann Weaver, Armin Strings and Andrea Weber.

Crafts for children begin at 11 a.m. each day in the Lookout. Demonstrations by craft makers will be held in the Shipdeck Tent at noon each day.

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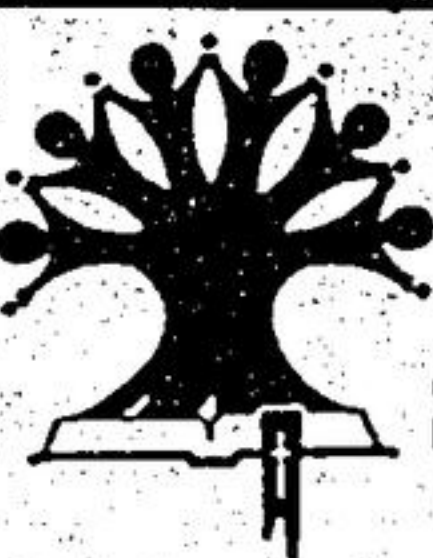
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