

## RIDEAU CRAFTS SPRING FESTIVAL

Rideau Crafts Spring Festival: a pleasant array of sights and sounds beautifully located in Chaffeys Locks. In the centre: this year's organizer, Mary Warren.



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The weather co-operated this year for Rideau Crafts' Annual Festival and Sale. An estimated 1000 families flocked to the festivities at Chaffey's Locks, strolling through the village to view the 48 booths and displays.

The hard work of organizer Mary Warren was evident in the wide variety of displays presented. There was something for everyone!

The crafts booths included some excellent stained glass, much crochet and stitchery, batik, functional pottery and hand painted china. High quality cibachrome photography was also displayed. For the children, there were delightful wooden toys by Deb & Dora Boyd of Westport.

For the lover of fine arts, there were the paintings of local artists Lawrence Hayward, E. P. Pinsinneaut, and E. Kirkland.

The Women's Institute provided tasty refreshments. Visitors could munch their goodies in the shade and enjoy a variety of entertainment provided outside the

W.I. Hall. Among the entertainers were fiddler Roma McMillan, guitarists Gary Bowden and Gerry Nontell of Elgin, the South Crosby Public School Ukelele band and Commonwealth Public School Band from Brockville.

An extensive historical display was set up in the Lockmaster's House by the Rideau Historical Society. The Bonwills presented a fascinating display of old photo albums. Because Chaffey's Locks has been a tourist attraction since its early history, many photos depicted the gracious style of turn of the century fishing and picnicing expeditions.

A new addition to the Festival this year was an appropriate technology display by St. Lawrence College and Eneraction of Brockville. A small methane digester was on hand along with a humus toilet and a great deal of related literature.

Mary Warren is justifiably pleased with the success of the Festival. She comments, "It was very satisfying that so many worked so hard. I couldn't have done it without their help." Rideau Crafts is to be commended for its efforts in enriching our community life with crafts.

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