

Village Voice

KAWARTHA
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VILLAGE

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Celebrity Chef featured at 2008 Wine and Food Festival



Chef Corbin Tomaszewski, a regular on the Food Network's

Restaurant Makeover show, will be at the 2008 Bobcaygeon Wine and Food Festival that will be held at The Village on September 13th.

Corbin is originally from Edmonton, and is the resident chef at Toronto's Holt's Café at Holt Renfrew. The Makeover show, on which he is known as the "great ideas chef" is seen locally on Channel 60 most nights at 8 p.m.

He will be giving demonstrations at The Village at 1:30, 3:30 and 5:30, using wine with seasonal foods.

The festival is an opportunity to taste wines from the Kawartha's,

other Ontario vineyards and other countries. We have forty vendors of wine, beer and food.

Several area restaurants are also participating. While enjoying food and beverage you can listen to classical, jazz and folk music, tour the pioneer buildings and view the work of local artists.

The Bobcaygeon Wine & Food Festival is a fundraising partnership between Kawartha Settlers' Village and the Bobcaygeon and Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, at Settlers Village, the Chamber of Commerce office and



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various locations throughout the area. The gates will be open from noon to 7:30 p.m..

The planning committee expects that approximately 3,000 will attend this year's event. We need a number of volunteers for this event so please show your support for the Village when you are asked to participate!

Importance Of Volunteers

Kawartha Settlers' Village was created and developed by interested and dedicated community members who volunteered their time and skills.

The Village continues to grow through events, programs and courses delivered in large part by volunteers. Every volunteer plays an important role in the life of the Village.

Some people devote many hours on a regular basis while others take part in an annual event. Without these volunteers, Kawartha Settlers Village would cease to exist.

On August 2, at the first annual Caygeon Carnival, volunteers were invited to have cake and coffee as a small token of appreciation for their efforts. We hope to have a "thank

you" get together for volunteers in the Christmas season this year.

If you have any interest in volunteering in this way, please call Wendy Flynn in the office and register. We will develop a schedule that will be responsive to the personal schedules of volunteers.

Writer's Guild Formed

Local writer Comrie Palmer has just established the Writer's Guild Bobcaygeon for serious writers who have been published or are in the process of writing something that they intend to publish.

Comrie, who is already a member of a writer's guild in Ajijic Mexico, has been published on three continents, and currently writes for the Lindsay Post, has established the guild on the principle of Toastmasters International.

Members will help one another, do writing and reading exercises, share opinions and information on how to get published. "We're looking for both men and women who have a serious interest in writing," she said. "This isn't a classroom, and there won't be teaching involved."

Appreciating our Volunteers...

Following the Caygeon Carnival on August 2, a Volunteer Appreciation Night was held at The Village.

All of the many people who volunteer their time on a regular basis were invited to come out for coffee and cake.

Organizer Anne Baxter said that one of the volunteers wrote a fictional history of the village that was to be told while touring through the various buildings. The heavy rain, however, kept the group on the front porch of Henderson House, where they sat and enjoyed to the story.

Approximately 30 volunteers attending the eve.

Our Mission

The Kawartha Region Arts and Heritage Society exists to foster our cultural heritage through the development of Kawartha Settlers' Village, and to encourage regional involvement through educational, arts and recreational programs.

She said members will be encouraged to make helpful and positive suggestions to each other, but they are not there to strongly criticize the other members. Several members signed up immediately when the guild was established.

Membership is \$30 for a year, and meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month in Henderson House at The Village from 2 to 4 p.m.

"If anyone isn't sure if this is for them, they are welcome to attend a session for \$5," Comrie said. "Members can also bring a guest for \$5, and the cost also includes a coffee break."

Anyone who would like to get more information or to sign up should contact Comrie at 705-731-0054.

A Haunting We Will Go!

The ghosts are getting ready for the annual Haunted Village that will be held Saturday October 25.



Last year, despite pouring rain, more than 1,300 people turned out and visited the 15 different attractions set up in the village buildings.

Bruce Hoble, Chairman of the Haunted House, said that the highlight is usually the scarier of the two haunted houses in the Boyd Carriage House

Brice and his committee begin working on this event each August, and their efforts are rewarded by the fun and excitement the children experience.

Everyone is asked to make a donation when they enter, so this isn't actually a fund-raising event.

There is usually face painting in Henderson House, a body in a casket in the jail, crafts at the Duggan House, the Muir House and the Fire Hall, and candies were handed out at the Junkin House.

2008 Festival of Trees

The 11th annual Festival of Trees will be held at the Village from Thursday, November 13th to Sunday November 16th.

The Sponsorship Team, consisting of John Wylie, Wendy Hall, Gord Zimmerman, Dave Roberts, Rich Coulter, Ross Armstrong, Dave Dexter and Ron Webb have been out knocking on doors to get sponsors this summer. The Sponsorship Information package will go out to over 300 organizations on August 15th. The number of sponsors has steadily grown over the years, with 100 in 2005, to 140 in 2006 and 175 in 2007. One way "the team" has increased the numbers was to include the whole City of KL and expand out of Bobcaygeon.

In the past, mailings to potential sponsors were 70 per cent Bobcaygeon, 30 per cent further afield. Today that has changed to 40 per cent to 60 per cent respectively. Attendance for the Festival has grown from a few hundred in 1997 to close to 5000.

This year there will be more than 45 decorated trees in the event, up from 33 last year. RuthAnne Wilson's "decorating elves" hit the various suppliers in mid summer and have started dressing trees by the last week of August.

Bruce Hoble continues as Chairman of the FOT Committee for

the 6th year. He has done a terrific job in growing the Festival to one of the largest events in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

So, come and enjoy KSV's FESTIVAL OF TREES. Tell your neighbours, your merchants and even your brother in law all about this delightful event held in a magical venue.

Summer "Unplugged"



More than 50 kids spent at least five days of their summer vacation away from the modern electronic world.

They attended one of three summer camps held at The Village the weeks of July 21st and August 11th and 18th. The camps were run by Anne Baxter, and they gave the kids a glimpse of what life would have been like back in the early 1800's.

Anne began the program last summer as a way to teach kids about the past, and to also show them there are many other ways to play and entertain themselves away from electronic entertainment.

"Pioneer life is everything from washing clothes, learning about animals, and how pioneers lived and interacted with each other," Anne said. "The kids learn about

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	13 Saturday Wine & Food Festival	25 Saturday Haunted Village	13 - 16 Thursday - Sunday Festival of Trees

something different to do on their summer holidays, and about different methods of entertainment away from their computers, televisions and video games.”

The camp ran for one week last year, but was so popular that it was expanded to the three weeks this year. And it’s been such a success again that Anne is already sure she’ll do it again next summer

One participant, Kayla Williams, said she really enjoyed her week at the camp, and really enjoyed learning how to bake bread and make a number of things the way the settlers did.

“I also really liked meeting the other kids, and made some new friends—some from London and some from Ottawa who were visiting their grandparents,” she said.

Although the camp kept the kids from watching TV, they were able to have a few moments in the spotlight as TV stars, when a story on the camp was featured on the local CHEX television news.

Some of the highlights included milking a cow, making homemade butter, learning how to make a rope, how to make paper, washing clothes by hand and to experience school settler-style.

An old-style photo was also taken of the entire group, most of

whom made an effort to dress like a settler. The girls wore dresses, aprons and bonnets, and the boys wore suspenders and straw hats.

“I had such a good time,” Kayla said. “I wish I could do it again.”

We Did It First!

The World may have been watching the Olympics in Beijing the second week of August, but the Kawartha Settlers’ Village beat



them to the punch when they held a Farmer’s Olympics on August 2 as part of the first annual Caygeon Carnival.

Organizers Carissa Ferguson and Anne Baxter planned the event as a way to bring more families and kids in to enjoy The Village. The event was advertised in the local paper and on CHEX TV, and attendance reached 250.

The highlights included a barbecue, a candy store, kids story telling, a poster contest, and of course, the Farmer’s Olympics.

Games in the Olympics included an obstacle course, the

kids threw haystacks, carried eggs on a spoon, hammered nails into a log, and a competition to guess the weight of two pigs.

“The winner of the contest to guess the weight of the pigs could choose to either take home a pig or a ham,” Carissa said. “One of the winners really wanted to take home the pig, but his parents insisted on just taking the ham.”

She indicated everyone said they had a really great time.

Byron Edney

Kawartha Settlers’ Village recognizes and honours Byron Edney with a certificate of appreciation for his 17 years of volunteer service at The Village

The Village is renovating the snack bar and would like to thank Bert’s Appliances for the refrigerator on which we have placed an acknowledgment sign.