

Fiddle contest nearing its 60th year

The 2009 Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship August 5 - 9, will be the last before the contest marks its golden anniversary.

Sponsored since its inception in 1951 by the Shelburne Rotary Club, the event will again feature Canada's top fiddlers in competition for more than \$17,000 in prizes.

Community events in conjunction with the fiddle championship include fiddle workshops, camping, a giant Fiddle Parade this year featuring the Metropolitan Toronto Police Winged Wheels, midway, fiddle jam session, an open air market, non-denominational church service and pork

barbecue.

The festival will open on Thursday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m., by welcoming back Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Champion and Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle Champion April Verch and her band to the stage in Shelburne.

April is a world-class fiddler, a champion Ottawa Valley stepdancer, an acclaimed composer, and a vocalist whose voice has been hailed by a Toronto Star critic as "absolutely captivating." She has released seven recordings to date; her 2001 album Verchosity earned a JUNO nomination for Best Roots/Traditional Album. Her most recent effort,

Steal the Blue, was released in 2008 and features the songs and vocals of many of Nashville's bluegrass and roots musicians.

The Shelburne show will feature Ottawa Valley stepdancing, vocal selections, and numerous styles of fiddling, including Old Time Canadian, Ottawa Valley, Bluegrass, and Old Time American.

If you had the pleasure of hearing April during one of her previous appearances in Shelburne, you know that her stepdancing and singing alone are worth the price of admission! For more information about April, visit her website, www.aprilverch.com.

The fiddle contest starts with the playdowns on Friday August 7 at 1 and 7 p.m. at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. Classes that will compete in the afternoon include the young (9 and under, 12 and under) and the young at heart (65 and over). The evening features the remaining classes.

The contest finals happen on Saturday, starting at 6:30 p.m. and will feature entertainment by several young fiddle and stepdancing groups including CAPE Ceol, Elly Squared, and Triple Explosion. The judges' showcase was such a hit in 2008 that it will be featured again in 2009: Webb Acheson, Doug McNaughton and April Verch will take to the stage to demonstrate their fiddling skills.

Ticket are available by phoning 519-925-8629. Prices: Event Package (Thurs. evening, Fri. all day, Sat. evening), adults \$40, children (12 and under) \$20. April Verch Show, adults \$20, children \$10; Playdowns, adults: \$10, children \$3; Finals, adults \$20, children \$10.

For more information visit the website, at www.shelburnefiddlecontest.on.ca.

Farmers' Market

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Orangeville Parks & Rec children's program, offering fun activities and pet crafts; free face painting at the market booth.

Vendor Harriett Spot Designs will take a photo of your pet and have it transferred to a bag or wallet.

Saturday's musical performances will be the Orange Peel Morris Dancers sponsored by Zehrs Food Plus at 10:30 and 11:30 in the market area and Seven Crow's Native Drumming in the Town Hall circle in front of Town Hall throughout the morning.



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ARTISTS AND ARTISANS in five different disciplines pooled their resources over the weekend to put on a show at the Mono Centre Community Centre. Simple called "5", the artists were (left back) potter Rosemary Molesworth, and (left front) glass blower Kathryn Thomson, as well as (right back) weaver Pat Burns-Wendland, (left front) painter Linda Janette and (front) jeweller Brenda Roy.



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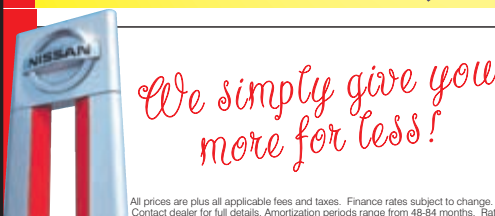
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