



Stars in the Park

At any time you can look at photographs of the planets, stars, and galaxies in books, magazines and on the internet. But have you ever wondered if what you are looking at in pictures really looks like that, and have you ever wished to be able to see for yourself? Well now you can, and we will show you how.



“STARS in the Park” is a variation on a similar concept called sidewalk astronomy. It is an event created by the **Smiths Falls Amateur Astronomy Group** in order to “Bring Astronomy to the People”. It is a great way to allow most people who do not have a telescope a chance to look through one and see the many wonders that fill the sky above us every day.

The “STARS in the Park” event is just one way that we use to share astronomy with everyone. We invite you to join us for an “Out of this world experience” and join our online community this year at Lower Reach Park in Smiths Falls. We look forward to seeing you under the stars.

Clear nights at Lower Reach Park Smiths Falls. Times vary so check out the website for information www.sf-aag.org and http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/sf_astronomy/. There is no cost for this event. For more information contact David O'Hare at smithsfalls.aag@gmail.com



Cruise In Nights



The 14th Annual Cruise In Nights are happening again.

Unique car display for anyone interested in showing off their vehicles. Thursday evenings from May to September, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Walmart parking lot on Lombard Street.

Contact Donnie Bates at 613-283-1297 or 613-267-8218 for more information.

Open Stage

Free Music "In the Park"
June 5 - September 4, 2011



Lower Reach Park, 5 P.M. – 8 P.M.
every Sunday night in the summer!
Bring the kids, the pets, the bikes, the kites, the fishing rods, the GUITAR along with your talents and join us! Revolving performances every 15 mins – first there, first up!

Bev Hitchins: (613) 284-8446





Canal, Railway Festival

July 15 - 17, 2011

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Celebrate three full days of family fun along the historic Rideau Canal waterway in beautiful Centennial Park.

This *Sensational* festival offers live music, historic exhibits, children's entertainers, family puppet workshops, balloon twisting and so much more. Also not to be missed are the many artisans, the midway, and the very tasty food booths. You can see it all for yourself for only \$5 per adult or \$2 per child, per day.
website: www.canalrailwayfest.com

Catch some music with your friends in the park





Medieval Fair

July 16 - 17, 2011

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The festival weekend will be filled with continuous Medieval demonstrations and entertainment. Watch a traditional Medieval village in action! Join the excitement and wear your own costume. All performances are included with admission to the Canal Railway Festival and are brought to you by the Free Companies of Bailey's Blade & Bow.

Other Festival Highlights:

- Annual Soap Box Derby
- The Great Rideau Cardboard Box Boat Race
- Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario
- Musical Guests
- Festival Parade
- Adventures in Chocolate/Creations in Chocolate





Rolling Thunder Show & Shop

July 24, 2011



Stop by the park for a unique display of vehicles or show off your own! Classic or new, all vehicles are welcome!

Lower Reach Park, 10:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Awards for the top 15 vehicles, best FORD, GM, Import, and motorcycle. Special prize for a pre-registered vehicle as well as major door prizes. Breakfast available on site.

Pre-registration: \$10.00 Day of Show: \$12.00

Cheque payable to "Rolling Thunder Car Club".

Mail pre-registration to Rick Desjardins at:
60 Abel St. Smiths Falls, Ontario, K7A 4M3.

Contact: Rick Desjardins

Phone: 613-284-1884

Email: hdsjardins@cogeco.ca

*Address: Lower Reach Park
Smiths Falls, Ontario*





Pickle Fest

September 10, 2011

Centennial Park (under the water tower)
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm
www.sfpicklefest.ca
Wilf Toop (613) 283-0823

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Come, join in the activities and events of the Smiths Falls Lions Club PickleFest. Located on the shore of the world heritage waterway under the water tower in Centennial Park, home of 100,000 blooms.

Sample crispy dills, sweet pickles, tomato relish or plum butter. Bring in your favourite preserve to enter the pickle contest. Get the kids to bring in their garden cucumbers to enter the Junior gardener contest. Eat the most dill pickles and become Pickle King or Queen for the day.





2011 Festivals & Events Calendar

APRIL

APRIL 24TH

Easter Egg Hunt

Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario
(613) 283-5696

1 – 3 pm; Regular museum admission applies.

Pre-registration is required. The Easter Bunny made a special stop at the Railway Museum. Kids are invited to come down and hunt for all the eggs hidden around the museum. The hunt begins at 1 pm. Collect as many eggs as you can, special prizes will be awarded at the end of the hunt.

APRIL 16TH

6th Annual Spring Fling Indoor Games

8am-4pm at Smiths Falls & District High School

Brought to you by Smiths Falls Gordon Pipe Band
www.gordonpipeband.com

APRIL 18 - OCTOBER 30

Wishing you were here! Postcard and Camera Exhibition

Heritage House Museum, Exhibition Hours,
10:30 – 4:30, Mon. – Fri.
until May 1, then daily
until October 30.
Call 613-283-6311 or
613-283-8560 for info.

View the history of Smiths Falls through over 200 vintage Smiths Falls post cards from the private collection of Donald Bryant and supported by the antique camera collection of Patrick Miller. Postcards are a visual record of history capturing a snapshot of life, buildings, events and

information from Smiths Falls and area that are now gone.

APRIL 25 – MAY 1

Pitch-In Smiths Falls

Rideau Environmental Action League
(613) 283-9966

APRIL 29TH & 30TH

So You Wanna Be a Clown' Workshop

Special Guest: Susan Kleinwachter aka Pancakes
Early registration \$75.00 by Feb. 28th 2011
Contact: Linda
Phone: 613-283-4871

A clown workshop for anyone who may be interested in implementing a caring clown program, becoming a clown, hiring a clown or attending a workshop to relieve stress through fun and laughter.

MAY

MAY 7TH

Astronomy Day

2:00 pm to 11:00 pm at Lower Reach Park
www.sf-aag.org

This FREE event offers a giant free public viewing session through telescopes of Saturn, the Moon and lots more! Bring your family and friends!

** In case of inclement weather, we will not be set up outdoors. For more information and updates please visit: http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/sf_astronomy*

MAY 8TH

Edwardian Tea

Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario
(613) 283-5696



1 – 4 pm; \$15 per person - Reservations required
Visit the museum on Mother's Day where we will be hosting an Edwardian Tea. Sample various teas and traditional fare in the beautiful 1912 Station. A special exhibit opening on Edwardian attire will be featured.

MAY 27TH
Medieval Feast

Smiths Falls Legion
(613) 283-0385

JUNE

JUNE 4TH
"Treasures of the Rideau" Voyageur Canoe Tours

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
www.ridearoundtable.ca
or call Stew Hamill at 613-269-3415,
email: shamill@ripnet.com

The guest interpreter for this special Environment Week full day tour is Simon Lunn, naturalist, biologist and photographer. Simon has spent most of his life exploring and learning about the natural environment, and then sharing his experiences with others using his considerable photographic and interpretive presentation skills. Since graduating from Acadia University in Nova Scotia with graduate degrees in zoology and wildlife management, he has enjoyed a career spanning several decades with agencies like the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Canadian Wildlife Service and Parks Canada. Since retiring in 2004 Simon has been active in various citizen science initiatives and

volunteer organizations. He will provide participants with insights into the natural history and secrets of the Swale, a very important marsh that should be full of life and photographic opportunities at this time of year, supplemented by a slide show of "the four seasons of the Swale" following lunch. A hands-on photography session in the afternoon will provide participants with practical tips and suggestions on how to photograph what makes the Rideau Waterway so special. Cost: \$80 including lunch and the hands-on-photo session from 2-4 p.m.

JUNE 4 - OCTOBER 30
Living with Redwork Exhibition

Heritage House Museum Exhibition Hours,
10:30 – 4:30 daily until October 30.
Call 613-283-6311 or 613-283-8560 for information.

From the collections of Marilyn Crawford and Mary Young, redwork household accessories, such as dolies, aprons, pillows, and quilts, will be displayed throughout the museum's period rooms, and then the exhibit will end with a gallery of redwork pieces giving us an insight into women's work and attitude to life in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

JUNE 5TH
Doors Open Smiths Falls

10:00 am – 4:00 p.m.
(613) 283-4124

This FREE event invites visitors to explore unique and historic buildings, including personal homes, businesses and special locations throughout the Town of Smiths Falls. Go behind the scenes and into the places



of long ago. If you would like to participate or volunteer your services please contact us for more information. This event is in collaboration with the Ontario Heritage Trust.

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JUNE 5TH
Open Stage

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bev Hitchins: (613) 284-8446

Free music at Lower Reach Park every Sunday! Bring the kids, pets, bikes, kites, fishing rods, the guitar and your talents and join us! Revolving performances every 15 mins-first there, first up!

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JUNE 11TH
*“Treasures of the Rideau”
Voyageur Canoe Tours
with canoeist, biologist
and author Max
Finkelstein*

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
www.ridearoundtable.ca
or call Stew Hamill at
613-269-3415,
email: shamill@ripnet.com

Max has spent 50 years on the Rideau, and paddled up and down the whole system. Max will discuss changes over the last 50 years and challenges for the future, as well as pointing out some treasures that you can discover while paddling different sections of the Rideau, including the Swale. Based on participant interests, Max can provide practical tips on canoeing, including planning one’s next trip, equipment to bring and how to keep it dry, reading maps, wind patterns, boating traffic, natural and cultural features, and some good access points along the Rideau, as well as further sources of valuable information for canoeists and kayakers. Cost: \$65 including lunch

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JUNE 19TH
Transportation Expo

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
**Railway Museum of
Eastern Ontario**
(613) 283-5696

Bring dad down to the museum on Father’s Day to tour our train cars. We will also have on display antique carriage and vintage cars. Step inside a fire truck and ambulance., you may even get to sound the horn.

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JUNE 22 – 25
*Smiths Falls Lions
Carnival & Midway*

Betty Laronde
613-283-1490

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JUNE 26TH
*Smiths Falls Classic
Triathlon*

Canada’s oldest triathlon,
9:30 – 11:30 A.M. at
Lower Reach Park
www.somersault.ca

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JUNE 30TH
Movies Under the Stars

Show begins at dusk
www.togethersmithsfalls.com

Join us for Movies Under the Stars, a 10-week series of free outdoor movie screenings by the Rideau Canal in beautiful Centennial Park (under the Smiths Falls Water Tower). Bring the family and a blanket or a lawn chair and spend your summer evening watching a family-friendly movie on the big inflatable screen.

Come early to find a good spot and enjoy activities prior to the start of each screening. Snacks, drinks and other treats will also be available for purchase before and during the show in support of various community partners and organizations.



JULY

JULY 1ST

Canada Day Festivities

Join us for a day of celebration in Centennial Park alongside the Rideau Canal.

JULY 1ST

Great Canadian History Quiz

Heritage House Museum
Open daily.
Call 613-283-6311 or
613-283-8560 for
information.

On Canada's Birthday, we challenge your Canadian history trivia knowledge and receive a free gift. 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., admission fee applies.

JULY 7, 14, 21, 28

Movies Under the Stars

Show begins at dusk
www.togethersmithsfalls.com

JULY 15 – 17

Canal, Railway Festival

www.canalrailwayfest.com
Fun for the entire family.
For more information
see page 30.

JULY 16 – 17

Medieval Fair

For more information
see page 31.

JULY 17

Soapbox Derby

For more information
see page 31.

JULY 24TH

Rolling Thunder Classic Car Show and Shop

Lower Reach Park,
10 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
hdsjardins@cogeco.ca

Come show off your classic car – Stop by for this annual showcase of beautiful vehicles or show off your own car, truck, bike or classic car.

AUGUST

AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 25

Movies Under the Stars

Show begins at dusk
www.togethersmithsfalls.com

AUGUST 27 - 28

RailFest

Railway Museum of
Eastern Ontario
613-283-5696

10 am – 4 pm; \$5 per
person, \$10 for families

Bring Dad down to the museum on Father's Day to tour our train cars. We will also have on display antique carriage and vintage cars. Step inside a fire truck and ambulance. You may even get to sound the horn.

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1ST

Movies Under the Stars

Show begins at dusk
www.togethersmithsfalls.com

SEPTEMBER 10TH


6th Annual Pickle Festival

Sponsored by the
Smiths Falls Lions Club

SEPTEMBER 10TH

Ontario Horticulture Society: District 2 Flower Show

at the 6th Annual PickleFest
in Centennial Park.
Public viewing 11:30 a.m. –
3:30 p.m. Silent Auction.
Hosted by the Smiths Falls
Horticultural Society.



SEPTEMBER 24-25
Storytelling Festival

Anne Shropshire,
613-283-5696

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 16TH
“Treasures of the Rideau” Voyageur Canoe Tours

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
www.ridearoundtable.ca
or call Stew Hamill at
613-269-3415,
email: shamill@ripnet.com

Fall Colour Special with guest interpreter, Simon Lunn, naturalist, biologist and photographer. Learn about life on the Swale in the fall season, and photograph the rhapsody of colours . The hands-on session in the afternoon includes practical tips and suggestions on how to photograph what makes the Rideau Waterway so special. Cost: \$80, including lunch.

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OCTOBER 22 & 23
Halloween

Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario
7 pm to 9 pm; Adults \$6,
Youth \$5 (6-18 years)
Reservations required,
space is limited

Visit museum after hours for a lantern-guided tour of the site. You may be surprised to hear some of the stories our trains have to tell. Hot chocolate will be available after tours as well as goody bags for the children.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5 – 19
30th Annual Art Show & Sale

Heritage House Museum
Carol Miller
613-283-6311
www.smithsfalls.ca

Original works by over 25 local artists. Whether your personal taste leans towards landscapes, still life studies, impressionism or sculpture, you will be surprised and pleased by the wide variety of works available. Come find the perfect Christmas gift for family, friends or yourself!

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NOVEMBER 20TH
Capital City Chorus

Heritage House Museum
Carol Miller
613-283-6311
www.smithsfalls.ca

Back by popular demand!! It will be a Dickens of a Christmas concert as Heritage House Museum host this fundraising performance of this 80 men Capital City Chorus. Performance at the Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute begins at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult/senior or \$20 for a family of 4 (2 adults & 2 children) and \$5.00 for each additional family member are available at the museum.

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NOVEMBER 27TH
Smiths Falls Santa Claus Parade

613-283-4124
www.smithsfalls.ca

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 4TH
Victorian Christmas Tea

Heritage House Museum
Carol Miller
613-283-6311
www.smithsfalls.ca

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DECEMBER 7TH
Prelude to Christmas: 13th Annual Benefit Concert
Central Band of the Canadian Forces

SFDCI - 7:00 p.m.