

Preserving, promoting, and developing Wellington North's unique cultural resources to build a vibrant community and a prosperous economy.

CULTURAL MOMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 CELBRATES CULTURE DAYS IN WELLINGTON NORTH

We've all heard about Culture Days but may not know exactly what it means.

Culture Days is a vibrant, province-wide celebration of arts, culture and heritage held annually across Ontario. This year, this celebration runs from September 19 to October 12, inviting communities to engage with creativity through thousands of events, a majority of which are free to enjoy.

The Wellington North Cultural Roundtable includes Culture Days as part of its range of activities and is planning and/or supporting several events to showcase our cultural diversity across the township.

Some events fall outside the provincial window but are more than worthy of being included as part of Culture Days. Earlier this month, we celebrated the 169th Arthur Fall Fair from September 4-7, Arthur Cash and Carry's Fall Butter Tart Fest and Market on September 6, Arthur Auto Fest on September 12, Orchard Days at McLean Crest Farms on September 13 and 14, and the Township's Volunteer Celebration and Newcomer Welcome on September 18 in Mount Forest.

While these great events have passed, there are still great opportunities to explore our arts, culture and heritage!

The Wellington North Artisan Showcase takes place on Saturday, September 27 at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., showcasing the talent of the Township through various local artisans. As an added bonus, the Wellington North Farmers' Market will also be held at the Sports Complex that day!

And we can't forget about Metz Pumpkinfest, which also runs on September 27 from 3-9 p.m. at Metz United Church. Bring your pumpkin and enjoy activities, food and music – and don't forget to launch a pumpkin out of a cannon!

Saturday, October 4 features the very popular – and nearly sold-out! – Saugeen Culture Bus Tour. This full-day event features stops at six locations throughout Wellington North, Minto and Hanover. Tickets are \$35 per person, and can be purchased on <u>Eventbrite</u>.

And if you are busy and can't make it to one of these great events, fear not – you can enjoy the culture, arts and heritage of Wellington North on your own schedule with one of the many self-guided tours and longer-term exhibits! Whether it is the Wellington

Barn Quilt Trail, the Arthur Murals and Banner Trail, the Wellington County Library branches in Arthur or Mount Forest, the Hybrid Hair and Detox Spa's Art Gallery (they have a fully accessible outdoor gallery, as well as an indoor gallery) or a visit to the Arthur and Area Historical Society or the Mount Forest Museum and Archives, there are several ways you can enjoy the rich culture, arts and heritage of our community.

For a full list of Culture Days events, visit www.simplyexplore.ca.

Submitted by the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable