



Cultural Round Table

County Culture: It's more than you think!

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COUNTY CULTURE CELEBRATION – A DAY NOT TO BE MISSED!

On Saturday, March 31, Prince Edward County's first Cultural Rally promises to be an extraordinary day. From 9:00 until 4:00, you are invited to join with dozens of the County's finest story-tellers, characters, performers and creative movers and shakers for a day of celebration and an opportunity to get to know some of the quirky and wonderful people that make this a special place to live – and to let them get to know you.

We all know how great the County is -- we live here! But on this one day, more aspects of County Culture will be under one roof than ever before. Throughout the day, there will be cabaret performances by the Anahata Drummers, the Frere Brothers, Jenica Hammett and Jo Sargeant, Billy Ostrander, and Celine Papizewska with Celia Sage. Rumour has it that there will also be a special appearance by Steve Wilkinson (our local Juno winner).

Twelve of our finest local characters – including Eleanor Lindsay-MacDonald, Don Williams, Steve Carroll, Susanne Pasternak, Olive Adams and George Underhill – will be sharing never-before-heard stories on important local subjects such as hockey, unexploded bombs, farmer's humour and country living. Nathan Garrett, Grace Larose, Steve Campbell, John Burns and Janet Kellough will share highlights of their favourite County Horn Trips. The amazing Comix Jam team will be on hand, capturing great moments that happen throughout the day.

There will be several opportunities to share your stories, make connections, discover hidden talents and find new employment opportunities in a "speed-dating" session in the morning and a "trade secrets" discussion in the afternoon. And mid-afternoon, a moderated discussion will explore new ways to make our County Culture even stronger.

Breakfast starts at nine, and at noon the Prince Edward District Women's Institute will be treating everyone to a real church supper (at noon). At four o'clock, the Grange of Prince Edward is sponsoring a closing reception.

This first annual Cultural Rally is being organized by the Cultural Round Table, a group that includes representatives of the arts, recreation, health, education, economic development, and municipal council, working together to make sure that County Culture remains strong – and always, more than you think. The Economic Developer's Council of Ontario of Ontario recently awarded the County first prize (out of six hundred municipalities) for its Cultural Development Plan. The day has been sponsored by the County of Prince Edward, Clapp & Jackson, the Picton IGA, the Prince Edward County Arts Council, and several other local businesses.

March 31st, 9:00am-5:00pm, Prince Edward County Community Centre. *Tickets for the day (including light breakfast and lunch) are \$10 prior to March 25th, and \$15 afterwards and available at Books on the Bay in Picton, Green Gables in Bloomfield, Wight's Greenhouses in Wellington, and at the Rossmore Stop. For more information, call 613-476-9272.*

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