# The Fair Town Mirror

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## Welcome to Spencerville - The Fair Town

know about our little secret - we're an actual community.

real thing.

Just look around you.

The majority of people dressed up for the Heritage Fair and contributing to programming live within a ten minute drive of the village. That might not be too surprising, but consider this - • just 300 or so people live in Spencerville.

Beyond a high rate of voluntarism, Spencervillians in general • share a respect for their heritage and exceptionally high quality of life. Aside from the occasional musket or cannon fire, our air is clean. The food we eat comes from local farms. And our green space includes rivers and forests.

And while some might consider our social life a 30-year throwback, we have high-speed internet and easy access to major . transportation routes. Our township even owns a port.

If you aren't already familiar with Spencerville, you might not Don't let our rural setting fool you. Spencerville is the ideal place for an entrepreneurial spirit.

Sure, people throw that word around all the time - a community Yet for all our amenities it's our people who really make of home owners or an online community - but Spencerville is the Spencerville the special place it is. Without them the Heritage Fair would not be.

> Below is a list of some of the groups and people supporting the fair:

- Spencerville & District Optimists with the Children's Games
- Spencerville Fair Board in providing space and other support 2<sup>nd</sup> Spencerville Scouts as re-enactors and support
- Grenville County Historical Society with walking tours
- The Spencerville Legion with volunteer breakfasts and space The Kemptville Players Inc. in the 1812 vignettes
- Canadian Fencibles in training the Spencerville Sedentary Militia consisting of our local recruits
- The ladies from the United, Catholic and Presbyterian churches hosting our British Tea
- Forsyth Rifles & Glengarry Light Infantry with our camps
- The Jam Room, Triune Productions and Pete Dukes with production support

- The St. Lawrence War of 1812 Bicentennial Alliance with marketing and production assistance
- The Township of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal with venue and administrative support
- Michael Berk for calling our weekly English Country dances
- Thousand Island Writers Festival with 1812 talks
- Antiques Appraisers Kim Murray, Mike Cleary, Ross Wilson, Bruce Toshack, Krista MacCoy, Thomas D. Grossman and Ken Lawless
- Campaigners Mayor Bill Sloan, James Purcell, and Councillors John Hunter and Gerry Morrell

Far from being a comprehensive list of support, the above presents a snapshot of those working behind the scenes. Others such as Chervl Robertson, Brenda Bennett, Mardi MacFarlane, Lyle Henderson and Debra McKinstry have been constant supporters in bringing this event - and history - to life.

So when you see a volunteer - or even a local - at the Heritage Fair this weekend, be sure to say hello and thanks for making this event happen and sharing our little secret with you.

### Women of 1812

The latest addition to our programming is a series of vignettes Help us beat the current Guinness World Record for the most taken from first-hand accounts during the War of 1812.

Portrayed by Kemptville Players Inc., a talented group of amateur Register your entry to both the Guinness Attempt and the Costume actors, the 1812 vignettes spotlight life during the conflict and are aimed at keeping the memory of what the war meant to women in this area alive. Historic figures showcased through the vignettes include:

> Peggy Bruce by Barb Stiles Alicia Cockburn by Sandra Tobin The Subwife by Susan Hunt Amelia Ryerse by Veronica Vary Elizabeth Hopkins by Barb McDerby

Vignettes will be performed on the Main Stage on a scheduled basis. Historic characters will be available to the public at the Mill Tent throughout the weekend.

Historic material for scripting the vignettes was provided by Honour our 1812 Heroes (www.1812heroes.ca).

## Help us Break Guinness & Win a Prize

people dressed in Regency clothing and enter to win great prizes.

Competition at Austen's Armoire inside the Spencerville Mill.

Once entered to participate in the Guinness Attempt arrive outside the Mill at 1:30 PM on Saturday, June 2 to be corralled with (we hope) at least 409 other people in period costume.

Costume Competition entrants will be posted to the Spencerville Mill's Facebook page after the Heritage Fair for a popular vote which will close on June 15. The entrants gaining the most "likes" for their costume will win the following prizes:

#### Grand Prize:

4 round-trip tickets from anywhere between Brockville and Niagara Falls courtesy of VIA Rail

#### Children's:

Two family passes for the season to Fort Wellington

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Road #44 Bennett Street Hwy 416 The Bridge | the Mill Ryan Street Map Legend Wagon Coach Stops 6. The Legion Hubbard & Co. Shuttle Stop ArtScene Bicentennial P Parking Village Pantry The Mill Washrooms 11. Austen's Armoire Heritage Fair Re-enactor Camps Mill Tent Cricket Demos 13. Ye Ol' Mutton n' Ale Tent

#### Men's:

A Beau's Beer Swag Basket Two Premium Passports to Upper Canada Village

#### Women's:

\$100 Gift Certificate to Spa Jada A Mary Kay Gift Basket from Colleen Forrester Two Gift Baskets from Dream Weaver valued at \$75 each

To qualify for Guinness please follow this dress code:

#### For Men:

- Front fall trousers, breeches or kilt
- Flowing/poet's shirt
- Waistcoat
- Tail coat (optional)
- Period uniform

#### For children:

- Babes in gowns
- Girls 5 and up in dresses

• Boys 5 and up in trousers and shirt, waistcoat optional

#### For women:

- High/Empire waist dress
- Head covering, i.e. bonnet, mop cap, ball dress (i.e. turban, plumes, head band etc)
- Lower waist dress or skirt and top à la Loyalists for older women

Please also try to avoid man-made fibres in your period clothing. There are no restrictions in entering the costume competition.



Next year's Heritage Fair is planned for June 21-23, 2013. If you are interested in participating contact michael@crowderhouse.ca



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Government

14. Main Stage

15. The Market

Lions Hall

Gouvernement

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Town Hall

United Church

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## TICKETS & REGISTRATION

Drop by Austen's Armoire store in the Spencerville Mill and introduce yourself to the organisers of the Bicentennial Heritage Fair.

In addition to everything you might need to mark the Bicentennial, Austen's Armoire is also the box office for the Heritage Fair.

Tickets purchased in advance of the Heritage Fair weekend can be picked up at Austen's Armoire as of May 21.

Likewise, tickets for dinners, concerts, carriage rides and the shuttle are available at Austen's Armoire.

Re-enactors and other participants are asked to register at Austen's Armoire upon arrival for Guinness Attempt and other purposes. Your welcome packages will be waiting!

## DANCING WITH MR. DARCY

With the Regency Ball selling out two months before the big day, Heritage Fair organisers were overwhelmed by the response to English country dancing in Spencerville.

In an attempt to meet demands and encourage those interested in dancing, we began offering free dance classes every Tuesday night since February at Town Hall.

In addition, the ball was moved to a bigger venue from the Mill to the town hall.

Programming was expanded to offer an English Country Dance Weekend with three workshops and a second dance with live music by Playford Players on Friday, June 1.

While the Ball is sold out, the workshop on Sunday, June 3 is open and free to the public. Space is still limited, so to ensure access please contact the Mill at 613.658.5885 or drop by Austen's Armoire to reserve your spot.

Lucky ticket holders to the Regency Ball are invited to have their picture taken at the Spencerville Mill in advance of the evening starting from 7:00 PM. Attendants can proceed as a group from the Mill to the Town Hall after 7:30 PM.

A period dinner for the Ball participants only will be served by the Red George Public House at the United Church.

Dancers from Studio C will be giving demonstrations of English Country Dancing on the Main Stage on Saturday June 1 at 1 PM and Sunday June 2 at 11 AM.

## Bicentennial Heritage Fair Schedule 2012

#### ONE OF A KIND AFFAIRS

#### FRIDAY JUNE 1

- Heritage Fair Opens 12:00
- OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY 14:00 14:30 Mill Deck
- CONCURRENT 1812 TALKS

13:00 - 15:00

Major John Grodzinski interviews Donald Graves on The War of 1812 • The Legion Ronald Doering • Battle of Crysler's Farm • Council Chambers

15:00 - 17:00

Dianne Graves • Women in the War • The Legion Victor Suthren • Military Life • Council Chambers

- · LAURA SECORD BOOK LAUNCH, PEGGY DYMOND LEAVEY 17:00 - 18:00 · ArtScene
- Music by Sage Brush Country 19:00 21:00 Main Stage • \$5 cover charge for Mutton 'n' Ale Tent
- REGENCY DANCE WITH PLAYFORD PLAYERS 20:00 22:00 CRICKET DEMONSTRATIONS Field behind the Town Hall Upstairs at Town Hall • Pre-Ordered Tickets Only

#### Saturday June 2

- HERITAGE FAIR OPENS 10:00
- Antiques Appraisals 10:00 14:00 Mill Tent
- MILITIA MUSTER 11:00 11:30 Outside Mill
- ELECTION CAMPAIGNING 11:30 12:00 Mill Deck
- Book Signings 13:00 14:00 In the Mill
- ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING BY STUDIO C 13:00 13:30 Main Stage
- Guinness World Record Attempt 13:30 15:00 Outside Mill
- VIVIAN DICKIE, SMALL SCOTTISH PIPES 15:00 15:30 Main Stage
- Music by Fiddlers + 15:30 16:30 Main Stage
- Skirmish Re-enactment 17:00 18:00 The Bridge
- FIELD SURGEON, AMPUTATION 18:00 18:30 Mill Lawn
- ROAST CHICKEN DINNER & MUSIC BY RIVERTHIEVES 17:30 - 21:00 · Main Stage & Ye Ol' Mutton 'n' Ale Tent \$20 per person
- REGENCY BALL 20:00 24:00 SOLD OUT

#### Sunday June 3

- HERITAGE FAIR OPENS 10:00
- ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING BY STUDIO C 11:00 12:00 Main Stage
- Kemptville Legion Pipe Band 13:00 13:30 Main Stage
- Music by Village Voyces 13:30 14:00 Main Stage
- TEA PARTY 14:00 16:00 Ye Ol' Mutton 'n' Ale Tent
- ELECTION RE-ENACTMENT 14:30 15:00 \* Mill Deck
- Heritage Fair Closes 16:00

#### AFFAIRS THAT LAST A WEEKEND

• 1812 Medical Procedures, Surgeon Baran • Mill Lawn

Saturday June 2 • 11:00 - 11:30 & 15:30-16:00 Military Field Surgery - Amputation \* 18:00 - 18:30 Sunday June 3 • 11:00 - 12:00

• 1812 HISTORICAL VIGNETTES • Main Stage

Saturday June 2 • 11:30 - 12:00, 13:30-14:00, 15:30 - 16:00 Sunday June 3 • 10:30 - 11:00, 14:00 - 14:30 & 15:00 - 15:30

• Akwesasne Travel Troupe performance • Main Stage

Saturday June 2 • 12:00 - 13:00 Sunday June 3 • 12:00 - 13:00

• CHILDREN'S HERITAGE GAMES • Outside the Mill

Friday June 1 • 12:00 - 17:00 Saturday June 2 • 10:00 - 17:00 Sunday June 3 • 10:00 - 16:00

Saturday June 2 • 13:00 - 14:00 & 15:00-16:00 Sunday June 3 • 11:00 - 12:00 & 14:00 - 15:00

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE WEEKEND

Upstairs at Town Hall • Workshops Friday June 1 • 15:00 - 17:00 Saturday June 2 • 10:00 - 12:00 Sunday June 3 • 13:00 - 16:00 • Open Session

• Heritage Crafts Demonstrations Quilting • Millinery • Spinning & Weaving • Basket Making• Rug Hooking • Herbalist • Forging & more

Historic Market in the Mill Garden Friday June 1 • 12:00 - 17:00 Saturday June 2 • 10:00 - 17:00 Sunday June 3 • 10:00 - 16:00

• HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS • Starting at the Bridge

Saturday June 2 • 15:30 - 16:30 Sunday June 3 • 13:30 - 14:30

Horse & Carriage Tours • At the Mill

Friday June 1 • 12:00 - 17:00 Saturday June 2 • 10:00 - 17:00 Sunday June 3 • 10:00 - 16:00

• MILITARY RE-ENACTMENT CAMPS

Front Lawns of the Mill & Town Hall Friday June 1 • 12:00 - 17:00 Saturday June 2 • 10:00 - 17:00 Sunday June 3 • 10:00 - 16:00

PIONEER GATHERING RE-ENACTMENT CAMP

The fields behind Town Hall Friday June 1 • 12:00 - 17:00 Saturday June 2 • 10:00 - 17:00 Sunday June 3 • 10:00 - 16:00

> Demonstrations on Saturday & Sunday Whip Tricks, Hawk & Knife Throwing • 12:00 - 12:30 Camp Sheriff, Period Wedding • 13:00 - 13:30 Tea Boil • 14:00 - 14:30 Wife Sale, Period Fashion Show • 15:00 - 15:30

• Wampum Belt & War of 1812 presentation • Mill

Saturday June 2 • 15:00 - 16:30 Sunday June 3 • 13:00 - 14:30

For more events visit www.spencervillemill.ca











