

2014 AFMHS Fall Fair Comments
New & Long-Term Community Partners/Sponsors/Volunteers
+ Artists/Vendors/Groups

All Masters Martial Arts Centres- on STAGE 2...New Community Partners:

"...Saturday's AFMHS Fall Fair was a wonder full time for all who attended the weekend's events. The **All Masters Martial Arts Centres** demonstration group was pleased to showcase their talents to the fairs public. Our students and team coaches put on a fabulous one hour show that attracted many onlookers. All of our students had the opportunity to visit many of the other Vendors and sample the variety of foods and games available

We are pleased to contribute to this year's 2014 Fall Fair our training and preparations for the Kung Fu performance is unlike any other in this region. With the 30 students that made this day possible I would like to thank them, but the most pleasing moments where the smiles on all the children and families that attended. The feedback the All Masters Martial Arts Centre received has been very humbling see you next year. Thank you."

Sifu Robert Moxam

RusTic ReViVal-New Craft Vendor:

"...Thanx so much for all your hard work at the Anderson Farm Event! We came out a wee bit ahead after ALL expenses etc. Weather could sure have been a LOT better but it was a great road trip & we had FUN!"

Sandy, "RusTiC ReViVaL" Garden Art

Creative Clay Ceramics-Craft Vendor:

"...I just wanted to thank you again for the opportunity you gave me to be a vendor at this year's Fall Fair. I also appreciate you providing me with the same location, it was ideal. I enjoyed the experience and hope to return next year. Best wishes, take care, and see you next year! Yours very truly"

Dale Vitale - Creative Clay Ceramics

Lia Sophia- Craft Vendor:

"...Had a great time even tho it rained I honestly feel your team of volunteers did an amazing job and I was thrilled as always to be there. Put me down again for next year my friend. It would be an honour to support you again. (Muriel too) Thank you again for a fabulous Fall Fair!!!!!!YOU GIRLS ROCKED IT AGAIN"

Gail Firby, Unit Leader Lia Sophia

Bill Whittaker, annual visitor to Fall Fair

Just wanted to let you know that I thought you & your committee did a great job on the AFMHS Fall Fair. Every year it just gets better & better. I agree with our former Mayor (John Rodriquez) who said at an Art Show at Artists on Elgin: "*A community that does not appreciate & support art and culture is destined for the ash heap of history*". Thank you Gwen & Fall Fair Committee.

Bill Whittaker, Artist, Sudbury

Historic Perspective, New Vendor from Barrie: *Note: Paul is a Master Storyteller & Assistant Curator Simcoe County Museum*

Hello you two Lively ladies, just back from Cinefest and thought I would let you know that, while the fair was not exactly a financial success (weather being the factor obviously), Mike and I are interested in being involved next year as we have a better sense of what to bring.

To cut our costs a bit, both Mike and I would be willing to partner with you and do some Storytelling as a trade off for the booth costs. If this idea is of interest to you let me know.
Cheers

Paul Rollinson, Historic Perspectives

Knights of Pendle: Medieval Display + Demonstrations- New Community Partners *Note: Mike King is from Elliot Lake*

"...Thanks for your kind words. Yes I would do the fall fair again, but I am thinking also of having a stall to sell my swords/shields and assorted bits. I had Ray Seltzer with me on Saturday. He also makes wooden swords and shields and would like to join in with the stall rental next year. We also had Ray's granddaughter Brooke with us to help. All in all it was enjoyable.

In the UK I used to sell all sorts of Medieval ware along with charging for the Trebuchet. We used to call it **"Have a Go Trebuchet"** and I charged a dollar/Pound for 3 shots. This money went towards expenses.

The swords and shields and especially the Trebuchet take a bit of time to make...A winter project. Cheers for now"
Mike King, Medieval Welsh Mercenary

2964 Walden Irish Army Cadets...New Community Partners

"...Thank you for including 2964 Walden Irish Army Cadets in the Fair this year – we had a great time and were pleased with the turnout considering the weather! It would be great if we could participate next year – maybe we'll even try to add another activity."

Captain Risk and Cadets Schouten, Fairbairn, Graham and Veinot helped at our Booth which had our Banner & picture boards on display. We handed out contact information, pamphlets and promotional items including wrist bands, carabiners & lanyards and we had Free Camo face painting for the kids

Our Cadets also volunteered to help other Groups: Cadet Schouten helped AFMHS deliver FREE Lunches to Volunteers...Cadets Gristey & Thompson ran the Fish Pond for the Walden Lions Club and Cadet Graham did Camo Face Painting at our Booth and then for the Walden Lion Club as well
Cathi Schouten, Walden Irish Arm Cadets

The Tremonics...Fall Fair Main STAGE + 2014 'Rock The Farm' Concert

Thank you for all your hard work in planning this event...it's people like you that make this world a better place for all of us.
Gaetanne Evans, The Tremonics

Dynamic Earth...Pumpkin Cannon + Zombie + Pumpkinstalker- New Sponsors

"...We had a great time at the Anderson Farm Fall Fair....lots of fun and it was such a great opportunity to showcase the pumpkin cannon. Glad you liked it!....We had 3 staff from Dynamic Earth and 2 of our Teen Advisory Group volunteers help out....Hope you can stop in to experience Halloween at Dynamic Earth."

Julie Moskalyk, Senior Manager, Dynamic Earth

**Leuschen Transportation...FREE Shuttle Bus Service in Lively 10am-4pm-
New In-Kind Sponsors:**

"...It was our pleasure to participate in your event and we will gladly offer our services again next year. I am glad it was a success. "

Jean-Marie Guillemette, General Manager, Leuschen Transportation

"...Everything went really well...we had Two 48 capacity Buses were driven by myself [Everett] & Tony-making the circuit every 15min...We averaged 6-8 people from the Arena...more people were on the buses leaving the AFM to return to Arena Park & Ride Location...no one used the LDSS, Walden PS or Ecole St. Paul Park & Ride locations...many people were walking from Arena parking, some even jumping the fence at St. James...they did not know about Shuttle Bus Service-in spite of all advertising...We need more Signs along the HWY...perhaps more Bus Stops...should hand out Fall Fair Site-MAPs on Bus...it would be good to have some student volunteers helping older people on/off the Bus ...I'd do it again"

Everett Matthew, Bus Driver + AFMHS Fall Fair Volunteer

Lowe's Sudbury FREE Build & Grow Workshops for Kids: *New Sponsors*

"...We had 3 store associates , Melissa Hall, Danielle Tremblay, Myself Kim Drigo [7:30am-5pm] and then my son Jackson for about 4hrs. We did have 3 volunteers from the Walden Youth For Youth Group but they were not needed to stay [to help with workshops because of the rainy weather] so we had them build some of our kits for just an hour."

"...We had a very amazing response from the public despite the rain. I think being set up properly with 2 tents it also attracted people to come over and get out of the rain and see what we were offering."

"...As for numbers, I would say we had well over 600 [Build & Grow] Kits given away. The estimated value of each kit is \$9.99, so $\$9.99 \times 600 = \6000

Kim Drigo, Lowe's Sudbury

The North Shore Search & Rescue- *New Community Partners/Sponsors:*

"...It did turn out to be a fun day after all! So much fun to see everyone there despite the cold and on/off rain"

SAR Display: Lynn James, Jeff Landriault and his two sons Daniel and Troy, Brad Estabrooks and myself Angele Carr manned our Display which included: SAR command unit van, SAR Truck with large trailer, Snowbulance, ATV and Kubota. The kids & adults alike loved sitting in the Snowbulance & asking questions about it.

FREE activities for Children: They could pick up a little activity sheet and do the following: Learn about Adventure Smart (wilderness safety), Learn a knot, Use a compass and take a bearing, Check their tracking skills. They also got prizes for trying out activities (whistles, emergency blankets, colouring book, etc.)

Mel Cecchetto and Michelle Mathews **provided First Aid Services for the AFMHS** at the First Aid Tent...only one minor cut on a finger for a lady working in the kitchen

Angele Carr, President-North Shore Search and Rescue

Walden Youth For Youth Centre...*New Community Partners:*

"...It sure turned out to be a successful day! We were very pleased with the youth who gave their time volunteering at the fair. "

Youth who volunteered to help at various Booths this year:

Hannah Juoksu, Tiia Nurmakivi, Aiden Gallard, Savannah Shaver Tyla Mitchell & Mia Little – helped in shifts at **Trec Education Booth**

Brody Howland, Nick Witzke & Jacxsoen Cress – helped assemble crafts kits at **Lowe's Sudbury 'FREE Build & Grow Workshop' Booth** & helped at **AFMHS Booth** –selling water/pop (offered help to Const. Sirkka, none was needed)

Brady Moore & Clairece McFarland – helped at **AFMHS Booth** selling water/pop
John McFarland – helped at **Walden Youth Centre Booth**

Over 40 people visited our Booth...

- a. We had several parents approach our booth commenting on how valuable the youth centre is to the community. One parent even went as far as to mention that years ago her son came to the centre on a regular basis and it was a great place for him to meet new friends and it helped him to become the person he is today (which is one of the reasons I am so passionate about our youth).
- b. It helped us to reconnect with some of our community partners from past years. (This is great for our youth centre presentations)
- c. Many parents of young children were not aware that we even had a youth centre (they will definitely keep it in mind once their children get of age to attend).

Thank You once again for your help and dedication to the fair. All members work so very hard to pull this event off, and I must say it was a "Job Well Done".

Kelly Haner, Walden Youth Centre Coordinator

LDSS Students & Teachers...*Long-Term Community Partners/Sponsors:*

LDSS Students Friday, Sept.12 8:30-Noon: The set up crew consisted of both my Senior Transportation classes...many of them are on various school teams. Glad we could help out.

Tyler Gardner, Nic Chevrette, Greg Zarichney, Jordan Hambley, Jamie Hawes, Ashton Bell, Lee Trick, Andrew Bloomfield, James Saal, Brandon Digby, Andrew St Germain, Wyatt Garuverau, Scott Foy, Ben Patrick, Bennon Dupont & Jonah Owens

Steve Robinson, Technology Teacher robinsst@rainbowschools.ca

LDSS Student Council...Tear-Down Team [3:30-6pm]

"...Many thanks once again for offering our kids the chance to volunteer at Anderson this weekend. What a perfect opportunity to get involved in the community. This is just the follow-up message we discussed on Saturday with the names of the students who were involved."

LDSS Student Council: Ashley Reimer, Madison Reimer, Tara St Jean, Simon Orser, Ashley Remington, Jayden Kidd & Katie Lapierre

Thanks again! Looking forward to maintaining cordial contact with yourself and the folks at Anderson! Please feel free to contact me at langlor@rainbowschools.ca any time.

Ryan Langois, LDSS

Walden Srs & Pensioners/Woodworkers: *Long-Term Community Sponsors*

"...Once again, our *Long-Term Community Sponsors, the Walden Srs & Pensioners & Woodworkers* were *KEY* to the success of our annual Fall Fair- providing 265 Volunteer Hours to help us set-up the BBQ Area, Granary Display & 14acres site [Mon-Sat] + coordinating our annual BBQ [preparing food, selling Tickets & serving food] and tearing-down/cleaning-up the site [Sat, Mon, Tues]...we couldn't host our annual Fall fair without their generous support!"

Gwen Doyle & Betty Budgell , Co-Chairs 2014 Fall Fair

Walden Srs. & Pensioners Woodworkers:

Set-up of BBQ Area + Site Sept. 8-13:

- Mon. during the day: Reg, Connie [8hr] getting supplies for BBQ
- Wed. during the day: Connie, Dave, Aubrey, Glen, Reg, Brian, Ron [35hr]
- Thurs. during the day: Brian & Reg [4hr]
- Friday am/afternoon/evening: Connie, Ray, Brian, Reg [24hr]
- Sat. 7-9am Set-Up: Connie, Brian, Dave, Ralph, Aubrey, Jack, Ron Glen [12hr]

Set-Up Woodworkers Display in Granary Sept. 10-13:

- Wed. during the day: Greg, Dave, Aubrey, Glen...moved Milk Wagon from Barn; moved new benches from Sea Can & set-up outside; set-up display of projects
- Fri. during the day: Tyler Fauvelle came to set-up his statues inside Granary + Tent
- Sat. 7am-4pm: Greg, Dave, Aubrey, Glen

"...Most people came from visiting the loft of the Barn to see the Milk Wagon, Tyler & his work & then visited the Granary...a couple of hundred people came inside the Granary...we sold a few pieces and got some orders for projects"

Reggie White

Fall Fair BBQ –Walden Srs & Pensioners & Woodworkers:

Woodworkers: *Preparing food on BBQs, moving supplies etc*

- Connie & Brian [8hr], Dave [4hr], Ralph [4hr], Aubrey [4hr], Jack [5hr], Ron [6hr], Glen [6hr], Greg [3hr]

Walden Sr & Pensioners:

Selling Tickets: Bernie & Fern Piche, Joanne & Les Burford

Serving Food...in Shifts: Pat & Lloyd Strong, Doug Papin, Emma Byrne, Bev Lacroix, Karen Dumencu, Frank Deburger, Brad Bradley [onion-cutter] & Hans Gramann [server & gofer]

Tear-Down/Clean-Up BBQ Area, Granary, Site:

- Sat. 4-6pm: Connie, Ralph, Aubrey, Ron, Glen
- Mon. during the day: Brian & Reg
- Tues. during the day: Brian & Reg

Observations from Reggie White, AFMHS & Walden Srs Woodworker:

"...I really missed seeing the owners of Ice Lake Cottage, from Gore Bay in the Farmers Market Area this year and was sorry to learn that they couldn't come...but it was great to see that Sucrierie Seguin Sugarbush made it...Roger's Fish Fry was a great addition to the fair...the quality of the fish was unbelievable and their portions were great [3 pieces + chips]

...Dynamic Earth's Pumpkin Cannon was a huge hit...I watched them setting-up the Pumpkin Cannon on Friday and their first shot went over the trees and landed in the parking lot...they had to cut the pressure back to 13PSI..it had an 8" pipe with a plastic disc & ramrod to push down the small pumpkins...after the kids chose their pumpkins, they gave them a safety speech, provided them with safety glasses & the chain to pull fire the cannon...Awards were presented to those that shot the farthest.

...The Finn Coffee & Pulla Café hosted by Ladies of Kaleva in the Stable was perfect on such a rainy day...I made many trips to buy some coffee...It was great to see Mrs. Wahama [85yrs old] selling Tickets for Pulla & Coffee- I've know her for years [they have a Camp on Lake Penage]

...Darryl was able to take some amazing photos of the whole fair up on the 65' boom- thanks to Equipment North- which we can use for publicity...and Dynamic Earth asked him to take videos of their Pumpkin Cannon to use in promoting their Halloween events" **Reggie White**

The Walden Lions Club...Long-Term Community Partners/Sponsors:

Set-up of Site Sept. 10-12:

- Wed. during the day: Claire, Mait, Bob
- Friday am/afternoon/evening: Claire , Diane, Bob

Set-up & Traffic-Control/On-Site Parking on Sat 7-9:30am

- Claire, Bob & Mait
- Dakota Brandle-Robson, 1st Waters Venturer Scout helped Bob- Rear Entrance 7-9:30am

Set-up Walden Lions' Booth 7-9:30 am: Mait, Claire, Diane,

FREE Children's Activities:

FREE Cotton Candy:

- Diane, Claire & Bob
- Volunteers Marilyn & Stewart McBain
- Two Scouts helped make Cotton Candy

"...1,000 Cotton Candy cones were handed out...the same number as last year- in spite of the rainy weather! We have one box of candy floss mix for next year"

Fish Pond:

- **Walden Irish Army Cadets:** Jacob Thompson, Hunter Grisley, Garnet Graham, Darion Fairbairn + Officer Capt. Risk
- **Trinity Church youth**

Candy Kabobs:

- Brian and Betty Walton
- Laurene from Scouts helped on Sat.
- **Made Candy Kabobs Thursday night from 6-8.30 pm:** Betty , Bonny + Daughter, Claire, Barb Beaudry, Laura Seguin, Marilyn McBain, Laureen Wiens from Scouts

FREE Helium Balloons:

- Logan Twilley, Lee Trick, Reilly & Carson Patterson [Scouts] helped the Lions- passing out balloons all over the site

Inflatable Castle:

- Two Scouts took a shift so that 2 hired help could go for lunch

Tear-down 14 acres [4-6pm]:

- Mait, Diane, Bob, Stewart and Marilyn

Walden Lion, Claire Hobden

1st Waters Scouts...Long-Term Community Partners/Sponsors:

Dakota Brandle-Robson helped Bob Hobden 7-9:30am at the Rear Entrance and then helped the Walden Lions with the kid's activities. Logan Twilley, Lee Trick, Reilly & Carson Patterson were with the Lions- passing out balloons all over the site; making and handing out cotton candy. Several Scouts also helped the Police Auxiliary, moving the barricades along the road.

Christel's Mom, Laurene Wiens was around all day doing whatever someone wanted done All stayed to do cleanup including Lee's mom, Marilyn Trick

Don Dodds, 1st Waters Scouts

"...Thanks to the generous long-term support of the Walden Lions Club & 1st Waters Scouts our FREE Children's Activities continue to grow & expand...for small groups they provide hundreds of volunteer hours to support AFMHS events at the AFM" Gwen Doyle CIO AFMHS

Mait Wilson, AFMHS Director...Tours in the Loft of the Barn:

"...I had a great time in the Barn...talking to people of all ages from 11am-3:30pm and I would do it again next year...About 750-800 people came into the Barn this year...they came about 50 at a time...They came from all over Sudbury and out-of-town...even some from Newfoundland...many didn't even know the AFM was here before they came to the fair"

"...They were very interested in anything & everything on display...but they were mainly interested in finding out more about the operation of the agricultural equipment: hay forks, binder, potato digger, two antique tractors- the Old Fordson and the stationary Massey Ferguson Engine [for cutting wood] and how the Dairy Barn was used...and they were interested in old artifacts ie wringer washers"

"...Glen Philips, Walden Sr. Woodworker helped for an Hour, while I competed in the 1st Annual Pumpkin Pie-Eating Contest with Dakota, 1st Waters Scout...We came in 2nd Place!"

Mait Wilson, AFMHS Director & Walden Lion

Creightonites in the Creighton Log Cabin...New Community Partners

"...It really did help to have Creightonites in the Creighton Log Cabin. When they were coming in the door, I greeted as many as I could by saying to them ...*WELCOME TO CREIGHTON!* That was appreciated by many who visited.

Besides answering their questions, I listened to their stories and learned a lot more about the town. My greeting opened the door for visitors to comment or tell a story of their own....It was Slow in the AM but it got busy later.

One interesting story was told by a Mr. Makkinen, who was a close friend of Elmer Tuuri – a stockcar driver from Creighton. Mr. Makkinen told me that he always repaired Elmer's car after a race and often attended the races as well in case he was needed. As a result he was able to fix anything on any car and he was proud of that!

Yes, I will do it again next year...Alex & I were in the Log Cabin from 9am-4pm

Erna Fex, Creighton Reunion

GS Volunteer Firefighters...Long-Term Community Partners/Sponsors:

We had two fire apparatus [1 Station 6, 7] with Volunteer Firefighters Brent Hagen Station 7, Shawn Hongell Station 7, Dave Gibson Station 7 & Daryl Volpel Station 6

Brent Hagen, Inspection Officer, Rehabilitation and Compliance Section
Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Willet Green Miller Centre

GPS Rural Community Response & Tactical Units + Police Auxiliary...Long-Term Community Partners/Sponsors: The Fair was awesome considering the weather.

Tactical officer: Cst. Jason Marriott was in attendance and a huge hit I might add. The tactical unit was also with us. They brought all their equipment including rubber bullet guns.....riot shields...all kinds of gadgets

Rural Community Response officers: Cst. Curtis Freeman, Cst. Chris Moggy and myself [Cst. Angie Sirkka]

Greater Sudbury Police part-time employees:

Jessica Nykilchyk volunteered (taking one of the Auxiliary positions)

Auxiliary officers: Troy Spicer, Ralph Grabowski, and Luis Garcia attended

Inspector Mousseau: was not in attendance (I believe he took the night shift security position 7pm-7am at AFM for the AFMHS Ha Ha!!)

Cst. Angie Sirkka, GS Rural Community Response Unit

NOAFEM Giant Pumpkin Contest-Annual Event at Fall Fair

Markus and I heard many comments and extremely surprised folks when they saw the GIANT pumpkins. What resonated with me was that many people could not believe that these were grown right here in the Sudbury region. I hope that this excitement will transmit to next year and even more entries. It was a lot of fun and I am already looking forward to next season.

I am very excited to say that my 3 GIANT pumpkins have been donated to Boreal Winery who will be making a new Northern product (pumpkin wine) and are planning on creating 600 litres over the fall. Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/borealberry.farmwinery?fref=ts>

Steve Smith, Director NOAFEM, Giant Pumpkin Grower

NOAFEM Small Farm Animals Display + Farmers' Market Booth:

In spite of the late start Sat. because of rain, we had an excellent response from the public- the best sales of produce/products ever at Fall Fair!...NOAFEM plans to book 3 Tables under the Farmers' Market Tents next year and we'll have our Northern Maple [The Cow] Exhibit set-up beside us...our small farm animals were as popular as ever and everyone enjoyed meeting Dare 2 Dream Alpacas

Farmers' Market Tables: Don & Sue Manchur, Neil Tarlton, Leslee Salo & Pat Marcotte

Small Farm Animal Display: Goats from *Just Ewe & My Kids at Rocky Acres Farm* + Miniature Beef Cattle from *Manon Whitman's Farm*- with help from Manon Whitman, Ken Graham, Nancy McMurdy, Pat Marcotte & Ryan (her grandson)

Dare 2 Dream Alpacas, McKerrow: Lina & Ray Goddard brought their very popular two Alpacas + their trailer for protection from rain

Preparation/Set-Up/Tear-Down: Pat drove all the way to Sturgeon Falls the day before to pick up all the farmers market produce from Leisure Farms and Leslee picked produce up the night before and set-up in the morning. (Pat, Don & Sue helped too). We all helped with take-down. Stephen and I set up the Giant Pumpkins (we moved the tent closer to NLFB Marquee Tent).

Leslee Salo, Director-NOAFEM & AFMHS

Jan Fregonese Professional Ballroom Dancers on STAGE 3...Long-Term

Community Partners: "...We had a wonderful time Saturday, despite the weather."

Set-Up STAGE 3 Friday: Ken Gagnon and myself set up the Stage on Friday. We started at 2pm and we were done at 5:30pm Note: The extra wood [purchased by AFMHS] provided better support and I received great comments from my dancers, those that compared it to last year, and also I was able to make it much more level!

Decorating STAGE 3 Sat: My wife Jane Kuhn, Gail Henri-Smith & Ken Gagnon set-up/decorated the Stage on Sat am

Dancing demonstrations: Jan Fregonese, Bob Leduc, Angela Pepin, Jeff and Jane Kuhn, Angela Lafleur, Toni and Pierina Calabrese

In spite of the rainy weather, we had excellent feedback, and we found some new people that are interested in taking dance lessons. We had one little girl just mesmerized by the line dancing and was mimicking us, we have her on video

Unfortunately, the new 10'20' tent did not keep the rain off the dance floor and by the end of the day the floor was too slippery to continue dancing and we did have to stop early before someone got hurt.

I calculate 65 hours of volunteer time in total counting set-up Friday, Saturday, Dancing and take down.

This year, we took fewer pictures, but lots of videos we filmed most of the dances all day, which I can share with you if you like

Jeff Kuhn, Jan Fregonese Professional Dancing Group

Classic & Special Interest Shine & Show: *Long-Term Community Partners*

" ...As last year, I was the only one recruiting sponsors & getting prizes from local businesses. ...I managed to recruit 16 In-Kind Sponsors of Prizes this year... And we purchased 20 Prizes from AFMHS funds...We made up 60 bags but only handed out 20 and we have stored the remainder for next year.

Pauline Emond, Joe Gervais and Michelle Gervais helped me with set-up of our Registration Booth on Sat am. The rain put a huge damper on the car show...only 20 cars were on display this year...We gave out 30 prizes this year and have reserved Prizes without Expiry Dates for next year"

Roger Emond, Sudbury Classic Cruisers