



**Above:** Vintage shoe making is one of the displays at the Mallorytown Village Fair.



**Middle:** Four year old William Zufelt tries out the fish pond while volunteer Barbara Golding looks on at the 2017 Mallorytown Village Fair.



**Far Right:** Janice Penny demonstrates how to spin wool into yarn.

# AUTUMN'S APPROACH

## Signals the Time for the Popular Mallorytown Village Fair

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The approach of autumn is a favourite time of year, as we anticipate cooler days, the appearance of fall foliage, harvesting apples, pumpkins, etc., and of course, the preparations for the return to school. Then there are the thoughts of the comfort and coziness of pulling on a sweater and sitting by the fire with some apple cider.

For many in this area the approach of fall also signals the time for the very popular Mallorytown Village Fair and Artisan Show. The Fair takes place on the beautiful grounds of Tony Kall Park at the Mallorytown Coach House, Heritage Gardens and Mallorytown Community Centre. Recently the new tourism kiosk and washroom area have added to events which take place on the grounds. The community Fair is in its 9th year. This year it is being held on **Saturday, August 25th**.

The Mallorytown Fair is quite unique, in that, it originally sought to be reminiscent of an "old English fair". That atmosphere is evident in many ways. It also truly honours local heritage through vintage crafts, skills and demonstrations like tatting, spinning, canning, shoe making, wood carving and

more, along with a variety of community displays which make a total of about 40 exhibitors in all. It is remarkable to realize the number of artisans in the area. It is a great time to encourage and celebrate local crafters and vendors.

The Coach House Cafe is always popular and offers a BBQ lunch, drinks and snacks all day. There is an opportunity to connect with more local history in the Mallorytown Coach House, which includes a fascinating new display room featuring the Mallorytown Glass Works, the first of its kind in Canada.

The Fair is a real family event and kids have a chance to enjoy activities including; a ring and bean bag throw, a fish pond, face painting, a magic show and a petting zoo, which usually includes pony rides. There is even a story teller and professional illustrator available to draw portraits. Young and old are always thrilled by the giant soap bubbles created each year by "Mr. Bubbles". Visitors can also board a horse drawn wagon and take a short tour. A favourite for many is the used book sale which helps support the local library. *Antique Wheels in Motion* will also be on site this year. All the while

music from *County Rd 5 Bluegrass Band* and *The Silvertones* will drift through the park, adding to the festive atmosphere. Like many country fairs, there are old fashioned competitions displayed in the Community Centre, which include; baking, preserves, vegetables and crafts with prizes being awarded.

Of course, it is also a time for community members to connect with old friends and make new ones. **Admission is free**, but donations are gratefully accepted for the Food Bank and other local charities. The event is organized by the Fair Board, a non-profit organization. The fair is funded by generous donations made by local sponsors. Over 100 volunteers are involved in making the fair such a success each year. In 2017 about 700 people came through the gates to participate in this outstanding community event. **LH**

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