



FERNIE

CHAUTAUQUA
& FALL FAIR

**2019 FESTIVAL
MEDIA KIT &
SCHEDULE**

FERNIE CHAUTAUQUA AND FALL FAIR - OVERVIEW

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS!

A showcase of Fernie's heritage, cuisine, music and art in Historic Downtown Fernie, September 19th to 22nd, 2019.

The Fernie Chautauqua & Fall Fair is a four-day cultural festival featuring insightful and engaging celebrations of community and place. The event is a revitalized and invigorated version of the traditional Dominion Chautauqua of the early 20th century, set against the spectacular B.C. Rocky Mountains. Whether it's your first time visiting Fernie or a homecoming with family and friends, special room rates at our partner hotel, **Park Place Lodge**, will help make the Chautauqua & Fall Fair weekend a real treat.

FANTASTIC LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy live music throughout the weekend, with **Buskers** performing on Fernie's main street Friday to Sunday, at the **Chautauqua Main Stage** on Saturday, at the **Fall Fair** on Sunday, and at special events throughout the weekend. Local favourites including the **Hark Raving Sirens**, **The Audielles**, **Barbara Bassett**, **Rick Miller & Emilie Fitton**, **Red Girl**, **The Forest Trio**, **Seany J**, **The Doggone Brothers**, **CCR Experience** and **Good Valley**, will be joined by party acts including **Steamboat Vacation** and **Between Covers** for lots of fun late into the evening. **Friday's Chautauqua Picnic and Dance** with the Kootenay's own music star, **Craig Moritz**, is a chance for the community and visitors alike to gather and kick off the weekend's celebrations in earnest.

Families will find plenty to be entertained by in the **Chautauqua Tent** with special shows featuring **Dr Van Hooligan**, **Kellie Haines** and **Mandy Morris** throughout the day on Saturday, plus crafts, facepainting, balloon animal and roving performers.

EXPLORE FERNIE'S ARTS, HERITAGE & TRADITIONS

Celebrate arts and heritage with a series of engaging events at Saturday's **Culture on the Lawn**. Peek inside the lives and work of artists, artisans and heritage organizations. Immerse yourself in traditional art and crafts on the Chautauqua grounds with 'painting en plein air' demonstrations and art installations, or join members of the **Ktunaxa** for insights and stories on Indigenous life and learn about the region's history at guest Museum booths.

Visit selected **Doors Open** locations to explore buildings not usually open to the public, discover more about heritage restoration efforts underway in Fernie today and learn about fascinating local histories on **Heritage Walking Tours** and on the **Heritage Home Tour**.

Sunday's **Fall Fair** is a gathering of traditional home & farm lifestyle arts featuring agricultural, craft and kitchen expertise mixed with traditional fairground fun. See artisans in action, take in the zucchini races or an apple cider demo and discover local farmstead practices.

DISCOVER CULINARY CREATIVITY AT UNIQUE INTERACTIVE EVENTS

Creativity is curated at a fusion of art and cuisine on the **Art after Dark Tour** on Saturday evening. This four-hour extravaganza is hosted at a series of art locations, each featuring unique sound and culinary creations from celebrity Chef Barrie Elliot. The **Chautauqua Cultural Dinner** will close the festival on Sunday evening, and will feature the history of the Sikh community who were integral to the Elk Valley's early forestry industry. The cultural dinner is a one of Chautauqua's most popular events, featuring a delicious meal and a chance to learn more about, and reflect on, Fernie's founding communities.

Taste the bounty of harvest season when you sample from the food truck vendors lining the street fronting the Chautauqua grounds on Saturday and Sunday. The popular **Pancake Breakfast** returns on Saturday morning, and the **Fall Fair** on Sunday features a cornucopia of homestyle culinary creativity with blue ribbon contests in a variety of kitchen pursuits.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

**12:00 – 1:00 PM | THE CORNER STAGE: REGGIE
HUCKLEBERRY PLAZA, CORNER OF 2ND AVE & 6TH ST | FREE!**

Fernie's vibrant music scene hits the street to kick off four days of live entertainment in Historic Downtown Fernie.

**6:30 – 8:00 PM | PJ STORYTIME: PIONEER DAYS
FERNIE HERITAGE LIBRARY | 493 3RD AVE FREE!**

Join Anie Hepher for stories and songs of early life and learn how folks lived back in the day. For ages 3-5 and their families/caregivers.

FREE

**6:30 – 8:00 PM | UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS HERITAGE HOME TOUR
FERNIE MUSEUM | 491 2ND AVE | TICKETS ONLINE**

Follow heritage consultant Elana Zysblat on a tour of three homes which exemplify the wealthy lifestyle of some of Fernie's early movers and shakers and learn about the efforts to preserve these homes for future generations. Wine and cheese reception will follow, sponsored by IGS Group and Heritage Fernie.

Advance tickets required; \$20. Available at the Fernie Museum and online.

Hosted by Heritage Fernie. Maximum 20 people.

**8:00 – 9:30 PM | CHAUTAUQUA OPENING GALA
THE ARTS STATION | 601 1ST AVE FREE ADMISSION & APPIES**

Join members of the Ktunaxa Nation, the City of Fernie and the festival organizing committee in kicking off Fernie's premier cultural festival with culinary artistry by Fernie's celebrity chef, Barrie Elliott, and live entertainment by Red Girl and Hark Raving Sirens. Exhibiting artist Peggy Black will be in attendance.

All welcome. Cash Bar.

CHAUTAUQUA SPOTLIGHT

RED GIRL | Musical married couple Anie & Michael Hepher are a creative tour-de-force playing a variety of instruments including ukulele, banjo, mandolin and guitar. They also both sing together and in a number of bands with other musicians and are the creative force behind next weekend's Gillbilly Festival on September 27-29. Red Girl's music is a light shade of bluegrass with visible folk roots showing about homegrown life, family, fields, ponies and railroads.

HARK RAVING SIRENS | Hark Raving Sirens are an all female vocal trio performing a repertoire of cleverly crafted covers that draw from classics including The Andrews Sisters, Ray Charles and the Carter Family, to more contemporary artists such as First Aid Kit and The Lumineers. Rearranging vocal melodies from both modern and vintage tunes into breathtaking harmonies that often take on a jazz and swing feel, these women are sure to have something for everyone.

ELANA ZYSBLAT | Elana is an accomplished heritage consultant with expertise in heritage conservation, cultural tourism and community engagement. Since 2012, Elana's practice as an independent heritage consultant has reached all areas of BC, with an emphasis on the Kootenay region since 2016.

CHEF BARRIE ELLIOT | After growing up and working in her family's health food store and restaurant in rural Nova Scotia, at 17, Barrie headed west and spent time working the kitchens in isolated fishing camps on the West Coast and backcountry lodges in the Rocky Mountains. She completed her apprenticeship in Vancouver and attained her Red Seal Chef Certification in Culinary Arts before making her way to Fernie, where she has spent the past 10 years running kitchens and consulting on menus.

Fortune favours the brave, and in 2015 Barrie competed on the popular national Food Network TV show "Chopped Canada." Winning her episode helped her launch her dreams of starting her own business, Fernie Catering Co. in Fernie together with business partner, Lacey Wilson. Their food philosophy is deeply rooted in seasonality and sustainability, utilizing the very best local, fresh, in-season ingredients whenever possible.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

12:00 – 1:00 PM | THE CORNER STAGE: JJ AND NEVAEH
HUCKLEBERRY PLAZA, CORNER OF 2ND AVE & 6TH ST | FREE!

Fernie's vibrant music scene hits the street!

12:00 – 1:00 PM | LUNCH AND LEARN
FERNIE SENIORS CENTRE | 562 3RD AVE | TICKETS ONLINE

Learn more about Ktunaxa history and culture with guest speaker Janice Alpine over a delicious homestyle lunch.

Advance tickets required; \$15. Available online or at the Fernie Museum.

Hosted by the Fernie Museum.

1:30 – 2:30 PM | FERNIE'S ITALIAN HERITAGE
FERNIE MUSEUM | 491 2ND AVE | FREE!

Join members of Fernie's Italian community and the Fernie Museum in launching a new virtual museum exhibit, Fernie's Pioneer Italian Community: 1880 to 1920s, with live entertainment and refreshments provided by the Italian community.

Hosted by Heritage Fernie.

5:00 – 7:00 PM | CHAUTAUQUA COMMUNITY PICNIC
CHAUTAUQUA MAIN STAGE | WEST TENTS AT CITY HALL, 501 3RD AVE | FREE ADMISSION - FOOD & DRINK SALES

Bring the whole family down to the grounds of Fernie's historic City Hall, once the headquarters for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, for a community picnic with DJ Jeff McRae. Hot food will be available from the Chautauqua Grill, plus beer garden with FBC beer, BC cider & non-alcoholic beverages.

All welcome. Hosted by Elk Valley Bulls Rugby Club.

7:00 – 10:00 PM | CHAUTAUQUA COMMUNITY DANCE FT. CRAIG MORITZ
CHAUTAUQUA MAIN STAGE | CHAUTAUQUA TENT AT CITY HALL GROUNDS, 501 3RD AVE | TICKETS ONLINE

Craig Moritz, the Kootenay's own music star, takes the stage in the Chautauqua tent beginning at 7:00 pm.

Beer garden with FBC beer, BC cider & non-alcoholic beverages.

Tickets \$15. Children 12 & U FREE. Available online or at the Fernie Museum in advance, or at the tent on the evening.

Hosted by Elk Valley Bulls Rugby Club.

CHAUTAUQUA SPOTLIGHT

CRAIG MORITZ | Craig is a natural, captivating performer who ensures that every fan and audience member is gonna have a great time and feel like they are part of the show! Backed up by his stellar band, it's a live experience that has proven that Craig is the "real deal" and has earned him an army of loyal fans all over North America and beyond. An avid lover of life, animals, people, travelling, music and nature, Craig connects with his fans on so many levels beyond his lyrics. Craig is now a bonafide Kootenay boy, calling Canal Flats home.

VIRTUAL MUSEUM OF CANADA | The Virtual Museum of Canada is the largest digital source of stories and experiences shared by Canada's museums and heritage organizations. The Community Stories investment stream helps smaller Canadian museums and heritage organizations such as the Fernie Museum work with their communities to develop virtual exhibits that engage online audiences in the stories, past and present, of Canada's communities.

DR. ADRIANA DAVIES | The Fernie's Pioneer Italian Heritage exhibit was curated by Dr. Adriana Davies, a well-known researcher, writer, editor and poet. Dr. Davies was invested in the Order of Canada, in 2010 for her contributions to heritage. In 2015, she was awarded a knighthood (Cavaliere d'Italia) by the Government of Italy for her contributions to the preservation of the Italian language and culture, and her research and publications on Italian immigration to Canada.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

9:00 – 11:00 AM | CHAUTAUQUA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

FERNIE FAMILY CENTRE | 541 4TH AVE | **FREE ADMISSION - FOOD & DRINK SALES**

Get ready for a full day of activities with a hearty pancake breakfast hosted by the **Elk Valley Dolphins Swim Club**.

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM | CULTURE ON THE LAWN

CITY HALL GROUNDS, 501 3RD AVENUE | **FREE – FOOD AND DRINK SALES**

- **CHAUTAUQUA STAGE** | Hosted by Rachel Behan, with live music by local musicians Barbara Bassett, the Audielles, Chelle Power, Rick Miller & Emilie Fitton, and the Forest Trio. **Sponsored by Teck.**
- **CHAUTAUQUA FAMILY EXTRAVAGANZA** | Join family performers Dr. Van Hooligan, Kellie Haines and Mandy Morris in the Chautauqua Tent for a full day of magic, storytelling and music! Plus balloon animals, face painting, crafts, and roving performers.
- **HERITAGE ON THE LAWN** | History and culture meet on the lawn of Fernie's century-old City Hall with hands-on activities for the whole family with members of the Ktunaxa, Sparwood Museum, Crowsnest Museum, Cranbrook History Centre, Fernie Cemetery Society and Fernie Family History Project.
- **ART ON THE LAWN** | An artisan fair offering a chance to meet a wide range of practicing local artists, see artists working 'en plein air', and visit onsite art installations.

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM | DOORS OPEN

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FERNIE | FREE!

Explore 7 of Fernie's unique heritage buildings with volunteers providing short tours of each facility to learn more about how Fernie's historic places are serving the community today and the ongoing efforts to maintain them. Stop in at Fernie's City Hall to learn more about the Fernie Heritage Strategy and grant programs designed to assist heritage building owners and heritage organizations in the Columbia Basin region. **Hosted by Heritage Fernie and the Columbia Basin Trust.**

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM | CHAUTAUQUA CORNER STAGE

DOWNTOWN FERNIE | 2ND AVE AT CORNER OF 5TH ST, 6TH ST, AND 7TH ST | FREE!

Fernie's vibrant music scene hits the street with local performing including Naena Robinson, Awthentrix, Nell, Reggie, Barbara Bassett, the Ukelele Crew, and visual artists rotating on the hour. Visit resident artist Michael Hepher at the side wall of Beanpod as he works throughout the weekend on Fernie's latest public art installation, a mural titled *All Kinds of Beauty*.

11:00 AM | FERNIE'S GREATEST HITS HERITAGE WALKING TOUR

FERNIE MUSEUM | 491 2ND AVE | FREE!

Five significant Fernie heritage buildings have recently been successful recipients of Heritage Grants funded by the Columbia Basin Trust and managed by Heritage BC. Join heritage consultant, Elana Zysblat, on a walking tour to learn about their history, evolution, a few fascinating and little known facts, and the plans for their conservation. The buildings on tour are: City Hall (former Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. headquarters), Holy Family Church, Fernie Courthouse, Knox United Church and the Fernie Museum (former Home Bank of Canada).

1:30 PM | ADAPTIVE REUSE WALKING TOUR: FERNIE'S HERITAGE PROJECTS THEN, NOW AND UPCOMING

FERNIE MUSEUM | 491 2ND AVE | FREE!

One of the unique aspects of old buildings is their ability to adapt to new uses, contract and expand and evolve without losing their character. Follow heritage consultant Elana Zysblat, and planner Patrick Sorfleet on a tour analyzing two completed heritage projects - the conversions of Fernie High School and Fernie Masonic Hall to condo complexes, one underway project - the rehabilitation of the Leroux Mansion, and one future project - the conversion of Fernie Lutheran Church into a residence. Meet designers and owners at each site to get additional insider's perspective.

3:00 PM | RUM RUNNING AND WHISKEY SIX WALKING TOUR

FERNIE MUSEUM | 491 2ND AVE | FREE!

Join Lindsay Vallance for an whirlwind tour of one of Fernie's most fascinating historical stories. Discover the story of the three larger-than-life king-pin Rum Runners – Emilio Picariello, Jack Wilson and Mark Rogers – who ruled the illicit liquor trade from Lethbridge to Fernie down as far as Spokane, Washington.

TIME TBC | FAMILY SAFETY DAY

FERNIE FIRE HALL | 692 3RD AVE | FREE!

Join the Fernie Fire Fighters and local safety and service providers to learn how to keep your family safe when you recreate, work and relax in our beautiful region. Info booths and demos from: BCWildsafe, Bylaw Services, BCAS, Avalanche Canada, Search and Rescue, BC Hydro, Stars, ESS, Fire Department and more! Plus free bouncy castle and BBQ!

4:00 – 6:00 PM | CHAUTAUQUA HAPPY HOUR

FERNIE DISTILLERS | 531 1ST AVE | FREE ADMISSION – DRINK SALES

Join the cocktail masters from Fernie Distillers for tours of their production space and sample from their cocktail tasting board (\$5). Like what you've tasted? Enjoy one of the specially crafted Chautauqua cocktails during our inaugural Chautauqua Happy Hour! Pop-up art show by Laura Nelson, Michael Hopher & Mel MacVoy, with artists in attendance.

8:00 – 12:00 PM | ART AFTER DARK

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FERNIE | TICKETS ONLINE

Explore Fernie's vibrant visual and performance art scene through the lens of one of Fernie's most unique historical events - the arrival of the Texas Bill and his three ring circus in 1911. This spectacle-for-the-senses cultural experience features special performances by the Circus Insomniacs and Dr. Van Hooligan, cocktail mastery by the Fernie Distillery, culinary artistry by Fernie's celebrity chef, Barrie Elliott, and live music at each of the evening's five venues.

Advance tickets only, \$70; tickets are available online and at the Fernie Museum. 19+ event. Includes food presentations and 5 craft drinks, followed by a cash bar for additional beverages at the final art party venue.

CHAUTAUQUA SPOTLIGHT

DR. VAN HOULIGAN | Dr Von Houligan began his journey as a confused youth, when he was taught a magic trick at the tender age of 7. It was amazing yet odd all at the same time. Dr Von Houligan has been bringing this knowledge to his show and has been entertaining folks all over the world. He has a unique style that hails from the 1920's, with a dash of flamboyancy. He lives from his steamer trunks that he takes everywhere with him, so he always has his props with him and is ready to raise a show at the drop of a hat.

KELLIE HAINES | Ventriloquist and family entertainer Kellie Haines started talking to her puppets at the age of 8 and when they started talking back, she knew she had a show. Kellie is a multitalented entertainer who connects with audiences both young and old with her catchy tunes and playful puppets who also sing. Her musical ventriloquist shows combine witty repartee with songs you can dance to and bring important themes to kids such as believing in yourself, embracing diversity and celebrating nature. She performs at festivals, schools and theatres across Canada and as a puppeteer for tv.

MANDY MORRIS | Mandy Morris uses her training as a jazz vocalist combined with her experience as a music and early childhood educator to entertain children and their families. In September 2018, Music with Mandy released their debut album "On the Sunny Side of the Street". Mandy has played for many packed houses in Alberta and Manitoba with her band at venues like The National Music Centre, Calgary Public Library for JazzYYC's International Jazz Day, and the Medicine Hat Public Library.

CIRCUS INSOMNIACS | Circus Insomniacs are a dynamic performance troupe offering a visceral experience through ritualistic dance, awe-inspiring aerial acrobatics and powerful fire choreography. The relationship between music and movement influences their unique storytelling into universal means of communication. Their mission is to encourage playfulness and inspire people to find their own strengths.

FERNIE DISTILLERS | Fernie Distillers is driven by passion. They use proven age-old techniques and the best quality ingredients to produce spirits we can be proud of. Their product line will start with No 9 Mine Vodka, Fernie Fog Liqueur and will grow to include a variety of infusions, unique barrel-aged and seasonal batches. Located in Historic Downtown Fernie, Fernie Distillers faces the railroad track where the original pioneering prospectors and miners disembarked ready to begin their new lives.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM | FERNIE FALL FAIR

CITY HALL GROUNDS | 501 3RD AVENUE | FREE ADMISSION – FOOD AND DRINK SALES

Located at Fernie's City Hall, this re-invention of Fernie's fall fair brings together urban and rural living and celebrates home crafts, household arts and natural living. Features include:

- horticultural displays and blue ribbon contests
- Craft exhibits and art demonstrations
- Backyard livestock and agricultural demonstrations
- Fairground games and contests including tricycle races, potato sack races, zucchini races, and chicken poop bingo
- Chilli cook-off, cake walk and community apple press day
- Mountain Market with food trucks
- Live music by Good Valley, Seany J, and CCR Experience

FREE ADMISSION. Hosted by Wildlight Elk Valley.

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM | CHAUTAUQUA CORNER STAGE

DOWNTOWN FERNIE | 2ND AVE AT CORNER OF 5TH ST, 6TH ST, AND 7TH ST | FREE!

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5:00 – 8:30 PM | CHAUTAUQUA CULTURAL DINNER

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL | 301 2ND AVENUE | TICKETS ONLINE

As the finale of Fernie's four-day cultural festival, the Chautauqua Cultural Dinner this year celebrates the contributions of Fernie's early Sikh community to the cultural fabric of Fernie with special speaker Dr. Michael Hawley and live entertainment.

Dr. Hawley's presentation, *The History of Sikhs along the Crowsnest*, explores the Sikh pioneers and personalities who made their way to southern Alberta and southeastern BC in the early part of the 20th century. Sikhs have settled along what would become the Crowsnest Highway for over a century. Yet their story has been overlooked and largely undocumented ... until now. This presentation offers a glimpse into some of the documents, photographs, and colourful personalities of some of the earliest Sikh arrivals to the region. **Hosted by Himalayan Spice Bistro.**

Advance tickets only, \$35; tickets are available online and at the Fernie Museum. Includes Indian dinner, presentation & live entertainment. Cash Bar.

CHAUTAUQUA SPOTLIGHT

MICHAEL HEPHER | As an Interdisciplinary artist, Michael Hepher has built a fascinating artistic career over 20 years. His work is an exploration of unique ways of seeing the world. From the beautiful to the banal, his paintings and prints lead him to seek that one angle that gives each moment its particular voice. A professional artist in a variety of mediums for more than two decades, Michael found his stride after founding Clawhammer Press (a historic printmaking studio) in 2011 where he focused his work on painting and printmaking. His works can be found in homes and collections all over the world as well as from quality Western Canadian galleries. Michael currently lives with his family in beautiful Fernie, BC.

DR. MICHAEL HAWLEY | Michael Hawley is Associate Professor in Religious Studies at Mount Royal University and Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Calgary. He is founding Chair of the Sikh Studies Group at the American Academy of Religion (AAR). He is currently working on a multi-year project documenting Sikh history, religion, and culture in Alberta. His favorite Indian dish is karela (bitter gourd).