

Festival Schedule

Now in its fifth year, the Fernie Chautauqua & Fall Fair is a four-day celebration of music, arts, heritage, cuisine and community, held in Historic Downtown Fernie. 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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 6:30 PM - **STORIES FROM PIONEER DAYS**, Fernie Heritage Library. Free.
- 6:30 PM - **UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS HISTORIC HOME TOUR**, Fernie Museum. Advance tickets only, \$20
- 7:30 PM
- 8:00 PM - **CHAUTAUQUA OPENING GALA**, Fernie Arts Station. Featuring live entertainment by Red Girl and Hark Raving Sirens and the culinary artistry of Fernie's celebrity chef, Barrie Elliott. Free, with cash bar.
- 9:30 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 12:00 PM - **LUNCH AND LEARN**, Introduction to Ktunaxa Culture with Janice Alpine, Fernie Seniors Centre. Hosted by Fernie Museum. Advance tickets only, \$15.
- 1:00 PM
- 1:30 PM - **FERNIE'S ITALIAN HERITAGE**, Fernie Museum. Music and refreshment by Fernie's Italian community. Launch of the new Fernie's Pioneer Italian Community virtual exhibit. Free.
- 2:30 PM
- 5:00 PM - **THE COMMUNITY PICNIC**, City Hall. Live DJ, with hot bbq and beer garden available.
- 7:00 PM - **CHAUTAUQUA COMMUNITY DANCE**, Fernie City Hall. Headlined by Craig Moritz. Beer garden available.
- 10:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 9:00 AM - **CHAUTAUQUA PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, Fernie Family Centre. Hosted by the Elk Valley Dolphins Swim Club.
- 11:00 AM - **CULTURE ON THE LAWN**, City Hall. Celebrate arts and heritage with a series of engaging events designed to 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. Live music and family entertainment throughout the day.
- 4:00 PM
- 11:00 AM - **DOORS OPEN**. Explore seven buildings not usually open to the public and Family Safety Day at the Fernie Fire Hall. Free.
- 4:00 PM

11:00 AM - **THE CORNER STAGE**. Fernie's vibrant busking culture comes alive on the corners of 2nd Avenue and 5th and 6th Street during Chautauqua. Free.

4:00 PM

11:00, 1:30 and 3:00 PM **HISTORIC WALKING TOURS**, Fernie Museum. Discover more about heritage restoration efforts underway in Fernie today through heritage walking tours hosted by Heritage Fernie. Free.

4:00 PM - **CHAUTAUQUA HAPPY HOUR**, Fernie Distillery. Join the cocktail masters from Fernie Distillers for tours of their production space and sample from their tasting board (\$5).

8:00 PM - **ART AFTER DARK**. Touring five venues, guests will explore the Fernie's vibrant art and culinary scene, with performance art by the Circus Insomniacs and live entertainment throughout the evening. Advance tickets, \$70; must be 19+ to participate.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 AM - **FERNIE FALL FAIR**, City Hall. Includes horticultural displays, blue ribbon contests, craft exhibits, art demonstrations, a small backyard livestock zoo, agricultural demonstrations and live music throughout the day. Free.

3:00 PM

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4:00 PM

5:00 PM - **CHAUTAUQUA CULTURAL DINNER**, historic Fernie Central Hotel. Celebrates the contributions of Fernie's early Sikh community to the cultural fabric of Fernie with special speaker Dr. Michael Hawley and live entertainment. Advance tickets required, \$35



Dr. Van Hodigan, Magician
Culture On the Lawn



Craig Moritz
Chautauqua Community Dance

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