

Spirit of Potton Festival

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community groups and both young and young at heart to come out and show attendees Potton's community spirit and diversity.

"The parade and the participation of the local people is one of Potton's proudest contributions to the festival each year," said Ball. "It is always an amazing feeling to watch our community as they greet the smiling crowd who gather each year to cheer them on."

Starting at noon, children's activities will include a variety of inflatables, Super Hero activities, Firemen and First Responder activity and more. Back this year! The soap box derby will take place on Saturday, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and is a great activity for kids.

The afternoon activities begin with something new, the Birds of Prey, from 11:30 to 1:30 where those attending can get up close and ask questions about local species. This will be followed by an afternoon of entertainment with something for all country music lovers! Come on out and be entertained by two country groups 'Country Cousins' followed by

'Shirley & Arnie'. These two groups are sure to have country music fans entertained as they share familiar songs that tell a story and celebrate our country roots.

Also new this year, there will be wine and beer tasting followed by the BBQ supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. From 6:30 to 7:30 Blues artist, Rob Lutes who is one of the best acoustic Roots Blues artists on the scene today will perform in the big tent. From 8-9 p.m., Amos J will perform a variety of rock/pop numbers. Amos has long been one of the Townships treasures and is sure to please the crowd with his talent and his diverse musical ability. At 9 p.m. it is Vincent Giroux and the fireworks display, a crowd favourite! After the fireworks are over, to bring the evening and event to a celebratory end, Gaetan Bergevin & the Vintage will have everyone on their feet and dancing.

Volunteers wanted! Interested in getting involved in the festival and making it an amazing event for everyone? Contact Trish Wood to sign up as a volunteer: loisirs@potton.ca (450)292-3313 ext. 228.

"Many other activities are happening

in the town of Mansonville on Festival Day," added Ball. "The Farmer's Public Market on Main Street, the Retirees Flea Market in the basement of the Catholic Church, the Reilly House offers a tea room, second hand books, furniture and more... There are local art galleries, Potton Heritage Association display at the Anglican Church hall (the group is also holding a photo contest), and a plethora of beauty to take in. Come and enjoy the

Spirit of Potton."

Ball acknowledges that he was not able to implement all of the changes he had hoped.

"While change is good and sometimes necessary," stated Ball, "I acknowledge and applaud those who worked all of the years before me in making this festival happen. Their contribution and dedication has created a vital foundation to build upon," he added.

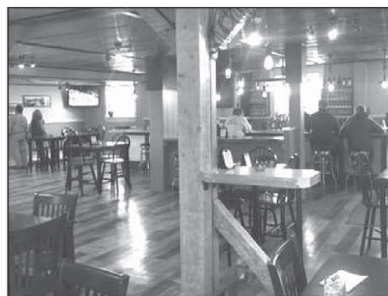



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