



WELCOME TO MADAWASKA'S 45TH ANNUAL ACADIAN FESTIVAL

August 10th - 15th, 2023



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH

- 8am~4pm **SILENT AUCTION** Senior Citizen Center 291 Newberry Drive
- 1pm **CHARLEMAGNE TOURNAMENT** Senior Citizen Center
291 Newberry Drive \$5.00 entry per person.
Contact: Pauline Marquis (207 728-4737)
- 6pm~8pm **SOIREE DU BON VIEUX TEMPS** Bi-Centennial Park.
Music by: Showtime

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH

- 8:00am~1pm **GUIDED BUS TOUR**, Tour Guide: Lise Pelletier
Multi-Purpose Building (7th Ave) Bus trip to Acadian
Archives (UMFK), Fort Kent Historical Site, Frenchville
Historical Site, St. Agatha Historical Site & back at the
Multi-Purpose Building. \$20 per person. Lunch provided at
the Senior Picnic. FMI & Tickets: St. John Valley Chamber of
Commerce (207-728-7000)
- 8am~4pm **SILENT AUCTION** Senior Citizen Center 291 Newberry Drive
- 9am~5pm **MERCHANT SIDEWALK SALE** Main Street Madawaska.
Sponsored by the St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce
FMI (207-728-7000)
- 10am~8pm **QUILTING SHOW** ~ Daigle's Furniture Store, 350 Main St.
Sponsored by the Acadian Quilters & Daigle's Furniture.
- 10am~7pm **ART EXPO** ~ St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce,
356 Main St. Les Artistes de la Vallee St. Jean
Contact: Gerald Fongemie (207-895-9551)
- 10am~8pm **SITTING WHIMSY ARTISAN PAINTED CHAIR AUCTION**
St John Valley Chamber Office. Sponsored by: Madawaska
Beautification Committee & St. John Valley Artists.
- 10am~4pm **CRAFT FAIR** ~ 7th Avenue, Multi-Purpose Building
Applications can be found on website or the chamber office.
Contact: Bern Thibeault (207- 543-2151)
- 10am **WATERMELON EATING CONTEST** ~ Paradis Shop and Save,
58 Main St. Free for Children & Adults
- 11am~2pm **FREE PLOYES!** Visit NorState Federal Credit Union,
78 Fox Street for Free Ployes.
- 11am~2pm **SENIOR PICNIC** Multi-Purpose Building, 7th Avenue. Hot Dogs
& Beans, \$5 per person. Music by Dean & Maria. Sponsored by
American Legion Post #147, Little Debbie's (CHASE).

PARTY DU MAIN STREET

MAIN STREET CLOSSES AT 4:30 PM

- 4pm~7pm **CATHIE PELLETIER BOOK SIGNING** ~ Novelist born & raised
in Allagash, ME, Cathie will be available to sign copies of her
newest national bestseller, *Northeaster, A Story of Courage
and Survival in the Blizzard of 1952*. Copies of all of Cathie's
books will be on hand for purchase and autographed.
Location: St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce
- 5pm **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT** ~ 20 teams of
needed. \$20 per team. Winner gets bragging
rights, cash prizes and Tournament trophy.
To register, contact
Brooke Baron at (978-400-1236)



- 5pm** **HUMAN BILLARDS** ~ 3rd Annual Human Billiards, 2 Person teams, limit 20 teams. \$30 per Team. Cash Prizes. To register, contact Brooke Baron (978-400-1236)
- 6pm** **MR. DREW AND HIS ANIMALS, TOO!** Mr. Drew and His Animals Too, is a truly unique educational show. Using animals, he has rescued and rehabilitated, Mr. Drew brings hands on experience with snakes, lizards, turtles & more!
- 6pm~8pm** **FREE FACE PAINTING** ~ by Melanie Boucher.
- 6pm~10pm** **FOOD VENDORS ON SITE**
- 6pm~8pm** **MUSIC BY DAN CHARETTE** ~ 11th Avenue Pocket Park
- 6pm~8pm** **DISPLAY OF MADAWASKA MEMORIES:** with over 60 - 8 x 10 photos by Liz Morneault; 11th Avenue, at the Chamber Office
- 6pm** **FIRE TRUCK SPRINKLER** ~ Madawaska Fire Dept. For kids of all ages! Bring your swimsuit. Near Daigle's Sports Center
- 6pm** **ROCK N ROLL RACING** Super Speedway Track Event \$3 for a 15-Lap Race.
- 6:30pm** **POUTINE PALOOZA EATING CONTEST** Hosted by Big Rick's Burger & Wings. Age Categories: 10 and under free, 11-17 \$5 entry fee, 18 & up \$10 entry fee.
- 7pm~11pm** **TEEN DANCE with A PERFECT MIX DJ SERVICES** ~ All teens are invited to join us for an evening of your favorite songs along with today's hits & remixes. Pocket Park near Daigle's Furniture Store
- 7pm~10pm** **STAR CITY SYNDICATE**
A group of Maine based musicians with diverse backgrounds playing Motown, Classic Pop and Contemporary music. Farmers Market Pavilion
- 8pm~11pm** **DJ STACIE COLTART** American Legion
- 9pm~1am** **BIG RICK'S BURGERS AND WINGS ~ Beer Garden:**
Music by: Guilty Pleasure



SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

- 8:30~1:30pm** **GUIDED BUS TOUR** ~ Tour Guide: Lise Pelletier Multi-Purpose Building (7th Ave). Bus trip to Acadian Landing Site/Madawaska Historical Site, Grand Isle Historical Site, Van Buren Héritage Vivant Village (lunch) and back to Multi-Purpose Building. \$20 per person. FMI & Tickets: St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce (207-728-7000)
- 8am~4pm** **SILENT AUCTION** Senior Citizen Center 291 Newberry Drive
- 8:30am** **5K RUN** Multi-Purpose Building, 7th Avenue. Sponsored by Madawaska Athletic Boosters, 7:30am Registration; 8:30am Race Starts. Contact: msdathletics@madawaskaschools.org
- 8:30am~2pm** **QUILTING SHOW** ~ Daigle's Furniture Store, 350 Main Street. Sponsored by the Acadian Quilters & Daigle's Furniture Store.
- 8:30am~2pm** **SITTING WHIMSY ARTISAN PAINTED CHAIR AUCTION** St John Valley Chamber Office. Sponsored by: Madawaska Beautification Committee & St. John Valley Artists.
- 9am~4pm** **CARICATURE ARTIST** Senior Citizen Center, 291 Newberry Dr
- 9am~5pm** **MERCHANT SIDEWALK SALE** ~ Main Street, Madawaska. Sponsored by St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce.

- 10am **ANTIQUÉ TRACTOR PULLS** ~ Hosted by Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club Location: Madawaska Public Works – 9 Public Works Road, (Behind Central Building).
- 10am **PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT** ~ Sponsored by: Madawaska Parks & Rec Dept. FMI: call Mad. Rec Dept (207-728-3604)
- 10am~4pm **CRAFT FAIR** Multi-Purpose Building, 7th Avenue. Applications can be found on website or at St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce office. Contact: Bern Thibeault (207-543-2151)
- 10am~4pm **ART EXPO**
St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce, 356 Main Street.
“Les Artistes de la Vallée St. Jean.”
Contact: Gerald Fongemie (207-895-9551)
- 11am~2pm **4TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW** Bob’s Neighborhood Store, 554 Main Street. Proceeds go to Charity

FAMILY FUN DAY

MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER ON 7TH AVENUE

- 10am~12pm **MADAWASKA REC DEPT CARNIVAL GAMES** Come play a variety of carnival games and win some fun prizes!
- 10am~4pm **GIANT INFLATABLE FUN PARK** Bouncy Houses by COUNTY INFLATABLES Play all day for \$3, Ages 1-5 years old.
- 10am **MR. DREW AND HIS ANIMALS, TOO!**
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- 10am~4pm **FIRE FIGHTER OBSTACLE COURSE**
by Madawaska Fireman and EMTs.
- 10am~4pm **MONSTER TRUCK RIDES**
By Moose Maine-iah, \$8 a Ride.
- 11am~3pm **FACE PAINTING**
By Melanie Boucher – Free.
- 10am~4pm **ATV TRACK COURSE** ~ Free Course ride for kids, must be 10+ Sponsored by Madawaska ATVenture Club.
- 10am~4pm **ROCK N ROLL RACING**
Super Speedway Track Event \$3 for a 15-Lap Race.
- 2pm & 5pm **MUSIC by: DJ Don Dumond**
- 10am~10pm **FOOD VENDORS ON SITE**



CULTURAL & DEMONSTRATION EVENT

Multi-Purpose Building on 7th Avenue

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY

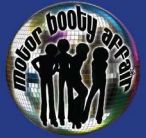
- 10am~3pm **LOOM WEAVING DEMONSTRATIONS**
~ Monica Cyr & Jackie Lausier
- 10am~3pm **ILLUSTRATOR & PATTERN DESIGNER** ~ Anna Bouchard
- 10am~3pm **SPINNING DEMONSTRATION** ~ Brenda Cyr
- 10am~3pm **PLOYE MAKING**
- 10am~3pm **ART EXPO**
- 10am~3pm **ST. JOHN VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**

- 10am~3pm **MADAWASKA MEMORIES** ~ Photos by Liz Morneault
- 10am~3pm **WOOD CARVING & WOOD BURNING**
Tom Cote & Granddaughters
- 11am~3pm **SNOWSHOE DEMONSTRATION** ~ Brian Theriault
- 11am~ 11:30am **MAKING SNOWSHOES** ~ Brian Theriault
- 12~ 12:45pm **'POT EN POT' AUTHENTIC ACADIAN MEAL DEMONSTRATION**
By Fran Gendreau.
- 1pm~1:30pm **ROPE MAKING DEMONSTRATION** By Sage Gendreau-Distler.

SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER ON 7TH AVENUE

- 5pm~10pm **BEER GARDEN** ~ By Big Ricks Burgers & Wings.
- 5pm~7pm **MUSIC** ~ By: ISAAC LEACH
- 7pm~10pm **MUSIC** ~ By: MOTOR BOOTY AFFAIR: \$10 per ticket. Tickets available at the St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce (207-728-7000)
- 9pm **FIREWORKS**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

- 10:30am **FIREMEN'S CHICKEN BBQ** ~ Tickets \$10.00 (\$13.00 Canadian)
Location: Madawaska Fire Station. Tickets can be purchased from any Fireman
- 1pm **45TH ANNUAL ACADIAN FESTIVAL PARADE** ~ Main Street.
- 5pm **SKYLITE DRIVE-IN 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** ~
More info to come!

MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH

- 6pm~8pm **MUSIC IN THE PARK** ~ Bi-Centennial Park. Music by: Jerry T

ACADIAN DAY

BI-CENTENNIAL PARK, 11TH AVENUE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

- 1pm **ACADIAN MASS** at MIZPAH Doucette Road in Grand Isle.
- 4pm~7pm **FOOD VENDORS ON SITE** Bi-Centennial Park
- 4pm~5pm **MUSIC BY: THE ACADIAN SINGERS**
- 5pm~7pm **MUSIC BY: THE DYNAMICS**



- 6pm **TINTAMAREE PARADE**
Bring your noisemakers, pots, pans and Grosse Tetes. Come join us for this Acadian tradition! FMI contact the St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce (207-728-7000)

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45th Acadian Festival

Dear Fellow Acadians, Visitors & Residents,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to our 45th Annual Acadian Festival August 10-15, 2023. The Acadian Festival is held each year in the home of the Acadians, Madawaska, Maine. The Acadian Festival is a celebration of our Acadian heritage and allows you to experience our culture through authentic Acadian foods, music, crafts, dance, and artistry, along with our wonderful French-Acadian hospitality! Vive les Acadiens!

We invite you to visit historic sites throughout the region during your stay and welcome you to participate in the many events scheduled for your pleasure! We are so pleased to have you join us in our celebration and know you will leave us with memories to last you a lifetime!

Bienvenue à Madawaska, notre petit coin de l'Acadie de Terres et Forêts!

For further information please visit our website at www.madawaskaacadianfestival.com or call the St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce office at (207)728-7000.

Sincerely,
2023 Acadian Festival Committee

