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Event Listings

To have your events listed in the FREE Community Events Calendar in *What's on Woodstock*, please visit cityofwoodstock.ca/wowevents



Changes coming with 2026 Municipal Election

Woodstock voters will have the opportunity to elect a Deputy Mayor in the next election. The Deputy Mayor will take on the responsibilities of the Mayor when they are unavailable. Under the current model, members of Council appoint an acting mayor annually to fulfil those duties as needed. While this is a great opportunity for other members of Council to gain new experience, it could require them to take on more responsibilities than they expected in the case of a prolonged absence.

The Deputy Mayor will be a new, elected position that will replace one of the two current City-County Councillor roles. This ensures they are fully versed in both City and County business and can seamlessly act on behalf of the Mayor if required. Staff brought forward a bylaw to formalize the details at the March 20 Council meeting.

What Does This Mean for the 2026 Election?

The next municipal and school board election will be held on October 26, 2026. Woodstock residents will go to the polls to elect the following municipal offices in addition to their school board trustees:

- A Mayor
- A Deputy Mayor / City-County Councillor
- A City-County Councillor
- Four City Councillors

This restructuring maintains the current size of our Council and incurs no additional financial burden on the city.

When preparing the report for Council's consideration, staff looked at comparable municipalities across Ontario. Of 14 similarly sized municipalities, four have an elected Deputy Mayor role. In addition, of the seven other Oxford County municipalities, three have a Deputy Mayor.

Other changes being introduced for the 2026 election include:

Online voting – In January, Council supported moving to a hybrid voting model for the next election, giving voters the opportunity to vote either in person with a paper ballot or online.

Voter list management – The voters list is now being managed by Elections Ontario. You can visit their website to make changes to your personal information or remove someone from the register. Now future voters can also register so they can automatically be added to the voters' list when they turn 18. Information is also available at www.registertovoteon.ca.



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Mark your calendars for 2025 special events!



Spring is well underway and so is planning for another year of events in Woodstock.

The City's special events kick off in May with the Victoria Day long weekend, but bringing a parade, midway or festival to life takes months of preparation.

"We organize or support more than a dozen events each year and bring together thousands of people with free activities and entertainment, local vendors, food and fun for all ages," said Kristen Brodhagen, Manager of Special Events.

Staff start booking musicians and performers in the fall with planning ramping up in January, including finalizing the schedule, organizing activities, getting supplies, and connecting with community partners, sponsors and volunteers.

Applications are currently open for parade floats, bands and groups for Victoria Day and the Santa Claus Parade, as well as food and marketplace vendors for Canada Day and Cowapolooza. You can also sign up to volunteer or support an event by becoming a sponsor.

New event coming this fall

The special events team is always exploring new ideas and opportunities to bring people together, celebrate our community and create lasting memories.

This year the City is moving away from the Easter Egg Hunt and Cultural Canvas, and will be partnering with the Downtown Woodstock BIA to offer additional activities during Summer Streetfest in July.

"We're also excited to be introducing a brand-new event called Fall Fest, which will be happening on Oct. 4," said Brodhagen. "This family-friendly event will showcase the fall and Halloween traditions you love, while bringing people downtown to Museum Square."

Follow the City of Woodstock on social media for news and updates about events throughout the year. You can also visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents for details and to get involved!

Victoria Day Weekend

- **Midway:** Thursday, May 15 - Monday, May 19 in Southside Park
- **Parade:** Monday, May 19 at 10 a.m. from Woodstock Fairgrounds to Southside Park
- Parade applications due May 4 at 11:59 p.m.

Canada Day Celebration

- Tuesday, July 1 from 2-10 p.m. in Southside Park

Summer Streetfest

- Hosted by the Downtown Woodstock BIA
- Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 along Dundas Street

Cowapolooza

- Friday, Aug. 8 from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 9 from 2-10 p.m. in Southside Park

Fall Fest

- Saturday, Oct. 4 (time to be announced) in Museum Square

Remembrance Day Ceremony

- Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in Victoria Park

Lighting of Museum Square

- Friday, Nov. 14 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Museum Square

Santa Claus Parade

- Saturday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. from Woodstock Fairgrounds to Victoria Park
- Parade applications due Nov. 2 at 11:59 p.m.

Decoration Exchange

- Saturday, Nov. 22 from 8:30-10 a.m. at Goff Gymnasium
- **Decoration drop-off:** Thursday, Nov. 20 and Friday, Nov. 21 from 5-7 p.m.

CPKC Holiday Train

- Date to be announced in October

WOODSTOCK LEGION ATHLETIC CLUB

Track & Kids Camp Programs

Summer Day Camp Registration



Summer Camp is just around the corner! We are back at the Terry Fox Track at CASS! Pricing is \$200/whole day/week or \$130/half day/week.

Full Day Camp runs from 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Half Days are from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. noon or

1 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Camp is run at College Avenue Secondary School, 700 College Ave, Woodstock. Registration is limited per week and is offered on a first come, first served basis. For summer camp inquiries, please email wlaccamp@gmail.com.

- July 7–11
- July 14–18
- July 21–25
- July 28–August 1
- August 11–15
- August 18–22

Register your camper(s): www.wlac.ca

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- **July/August 2025** – RESERVE BY MAY 28
- **September 2025** – RESERVE BY JULY 30

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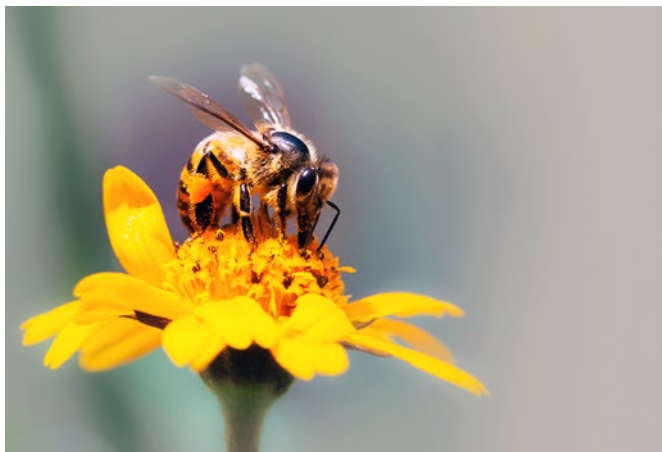


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WEAC would like to thank guest columnist, Sarah Hodgkinson, for her insight and tips on *Supporting the monarch butterfly*. Sarah's article can be found in the March issue of *What's on Woodstock*.

What is a pollinator species?

Pollinators carry pollen on their bodies and move it between flowers. This tiny act happens millions of times each day, allowing flowering plants to reproduce. Thousands of different species act as pollinators, including **bees, flies, beetles, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds and even some small mammals.**

Why are they important?

- They help sustain at least one third of our food source*
- Pollinators support native plant communities (plants that occur naturally in an area). Pollinators equally rely on native plant communities.
 - Native Plants:
 - Are resilient to invasive species
 - Reduce flooding
 - Capture carbon to help combat climate change

* <https://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore/pollinators/>

Why should we be concerned about them?

Globally, pollinator populations are declining. **Loss of meadow wildflower habitat is a primary reason for this decline**, in addition to pesticide exposure, transfer of disease from domestic bees and climate change.

What can municipalities do?

Municipalities are on the front lines of native biodiversity protection. How municipalities manage their lands and construct by-laws has significant impacts on pollinators.

By recognizing, protecting, restoring and promoting pollinator habitat on both public and private land, **municipalities can support long term, positive effects on pollinators. These actions can decrease municipal costs while increasing native biodiversity.**

WEAC is currently undergoing a review of the City of Woodstock's by-laws and policies to identify opportunities that will encourage strategies for pollinator restoration in private and public spaces.

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Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day this April

This month is all about taking action to protect the environment!



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Earth Day is held each year on April 22. The first event took place in 1970, with 20 million people joining in demonstrations across the United States. It quickly spread around the world, drawing attention including air and water pollution, public health, wildlife preservation, renewable resources, recycling and waste reduction.

Today, one billion people in over 190 countries participate in Earth Day activities including rallies, community clean-ups and education programs.

Arbor Day (named for the Latin word for tree) has an even longer history. Tree planting festivals date back centuries and many regions and countries around the world celebrate Arbor Day or similar holidays throughout the year. In North America, it's widely observed on the last Friday in April.

Arbor Day recognizes the important role natural and urban forests play in our communities and the environment — from improving air quality and reducing the impacts of climate change, to supporting biodiversity and providing habitats for wildlife.

Here are some ways you can get involved in Earth Day and Arbor Day this year:

Spring Clean-Up

Join the Parks Department for its annual Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 19 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Volunteers meet at the Parks Department facility in Southside Park (192 Old Wellington St. South) to review safety information and pick up cleaning supplies before heading out to designated locations around the city.

All supplies and transportation are provided, and the event will be followed by a BBQ in Southside Park at noon.

In 2024, 91 volunteers collected over 690 kg of garbage and 80 kg of recyclable materials from city boulevards and parks.



Zero Waste Film Screening

Head to the Woodstock Museum on Tuesday, April 22, from 6:30–9 p.m. for a screening of the *Clean Bin Project*.

The 2010 Canadian documentary follows couple Grant Baldwin and Jen Rustemeyer as they compete to produce the least amount of garbage for one year. They also speak to experts on waste management, examine how packaging contributes to the growing problem of waste and explore the impact of plastic pollution in our oceans.

Following the movie, there will be an opportunity to share ideas and talk about what people can locally to reduce waste. You can register in advance at www.woodstockmuseum.ca.

Community Tree Planting

Plant trees with the Forestry Division on Saturday, April 26 from 8:30–11:30 a.m. In 2024, community volunteers planted around 400 trees in Burgess Park.

Make sure to wear appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes and bring a shovel, bucket and gardening gloves if you have them. There will be a BBQ at noon and you can even take a seedling to plant at home! The exact meeting location of this year's planting was still being finalized at time of print, so please visit the website to find out where volunteers should meet.

The Forestry Division will also be visiting a local school again on April 25 to plant trees and talk to students about urban forestry. Last year, staff presented Eastdale Public School with a tulip tree and red maple.

You can sign up to volunteer for the Spring Clean-Up or Community Tree Planting at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents.



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EARTH DAY
Saturday, April 19

Community
TREE
PLANTING

ARBOR DAY
Saturday, April 26

Visit cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents for more info

Transit Update: New stops, service hours, fares and fees



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Over the last year, Woodstock Transit has introduced several changes to improve access and make riding the bus more convenient for residents as the city continues to grow.

In addition to increasing service by two hours on Saturdays, more stops have been added in the northeast and northwest areas.

Council recently approved an extension to Route #1 to add five stops east on Devonshire Avenue, looping onto Griffin Way. Six stops were also added to Route #4 last October, extending eastward on Upper Thames Drive to Queenston Boulevard.

You can find the updated route maps at www.woodstocktransit.ca or plan your trip using Google Maps. New paper maps will also be available soon.

Here are a few more updates and reminders for the spring and summer.

Register and reload your oneCARD

Starting April 1, there will be a \$6 fee for all new oneCARDS.

oneCARDS are a convenient and secure way to ride Woodstock Transit. Your transit pass or fare can be loaded onto your oneCARD in person or online. To ride, simply tap your card against the validator on board the bus.

By registering your card, you can protect your account balance, so if your card is lost or stolen, it can be deactivated and your balance transferred to a new card. The fee to replace your card has been reduced to \$3.

Easter Monday service

Conventional and para-transit service will now be offered on Easter Monday. Council supported adding the service as part of the 2024 budget process, with the change coming into effect for 2025.

Buses will run from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Monday, April 21. There will be no transit service on Friday, April 18 for the Good Friday stat holiday.

Downtown construction detours

Construction for Phase 1 of the Downtown Streetscape began at the end of March. Dundas Street is currently closed to traffic from Victoria Street to Museum Square. Routes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are affected by the closure.

You can find information about the detours, closed and temporary stops at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/streetscape.



Summer SStride Passes

Students can once again ride the bus for just \$27.50 in July and August. SStride passes will be available in June for current and returning students with proof of enrolment (valid student card, email or letter on school letterhead). The passes can be purchased online and at select locations including City Hall and Woodstock Public Library.



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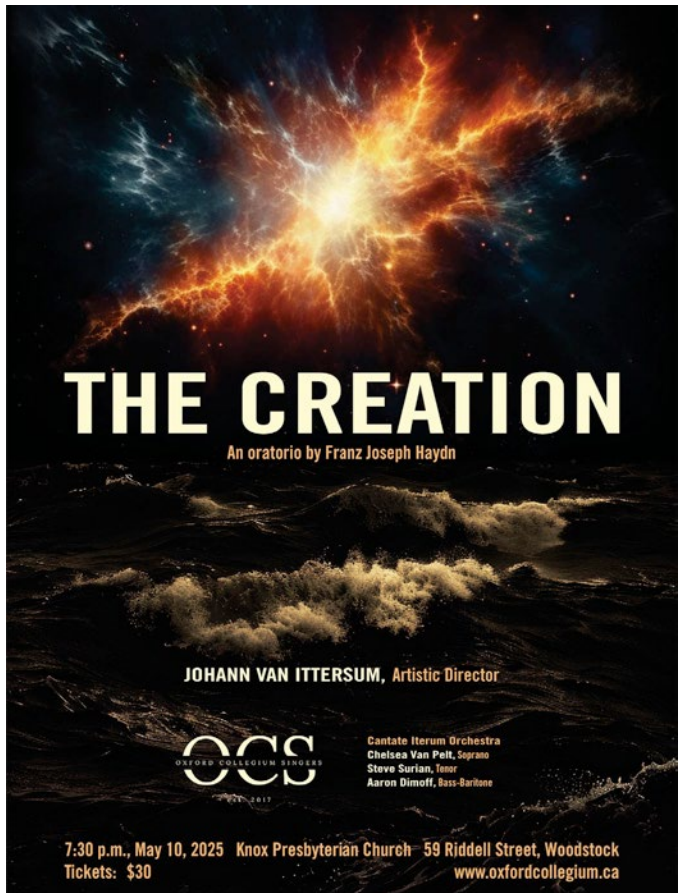
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3 pm

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C.O.W. TALES

CoW Tales is a regular feature in *What's on Woodstock* designed to celebrate the City of Woodstock's rich history. Thanks to the contributions of the Woodstock Museum NHS, the Heritage Advisory Committee and Oxford County Archives, CoW Tales shares stories that help us understand and connect with our past as our community continues to grow and evolve. This month we're featuring some silly, surprising and sensational tales from Woodstock's past.



Starting with a bang

The United Way took the idiom literally when they kicked off their annual fundraising campaign on Sept. 27, 1975. A crowd of onlookers gathered as Chairman Phil Utting launched a Howitzer cannon in Museum Square. No one expected that the sound from the blast would cause several windows along Dundas Street to break! The United Way has this photo commemorating the mishap hanging in its boardroom.



An elephant's memory

It's not every day you see a group of elephants walking down the road in Woodstock! The animals came to town on June 13, 1913, as part of the Ringling Brothers Circus. The circus made several stops here in the early 1900s. During one visit in 1901, thousands of people gathered along local streets to watch a two-mile long parade featuring horses and riders, costumed performers and a menagerie of exotic animals. Photo: Ringling Bros. Circus travelling past Knox Church on Hunter Street, June 13, 1913.



The Armless Wonder

Charles B. Tripp was born in Woodstock in 1855. Tripp didn't have arms but became adept at using his legs and feet for everyday tasks. At the age of 17, he went to New York and was hired to work for P.T. Barnum's Traveling World's Fair. Tripp was an accomplished artist and performer, touring with Barnum & Bailey, the Ringling Bros. and carnivals for more than 50 years. He was known for his skillful penmanship, woodcarving, papercrafts, painting and photography. Photo: Charles B. Tripp, 1907 (Wikimedia Commons)



Wullie's blanket

Woodstonians have always cherished their furry friends. One beloved pet cat named Wullie lived on the Lindsay Family estate around the 1930s. Wullie had a special wool blanket with his name stitched on the corner, which was made by Daisy Anne Lindsay. The blanket is now part of the Woodstock Museum's collection, along with several photos of Wullie and other Lindsay Family pets. Photos: Wullie the cat, 1935c. Wullie's blanket, 1935c.

C.O.W. TALES

Way Back When Contest

THE WINNER of the March 'Way Back When' Contest question is Lesley Berry. She correctly answered that the 22nd Battalion Volunteer Militia was also known as the Oxford Rifles. Lesley wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, and she will qualify for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in December.

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- Q.** How many public performances did the Ringling Bros. Circus give in Woodstock on June 22, 1901? (See pg. 3)
- Q.** What task did Charles B. Tripp often perform in front of crowds? (See pg. 22)
- Q.** When did the Oxford Drive-In first open? (See pg. 4)
- Q.** What year was United Way Oxford founded?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to wow@cityofwoodstock.ca by Thursday, April 17, 2025. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.

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Mondays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Wednesdays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Fridays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Cancellation dates: Apr 4, 11, 14, 18, 21

Ending: Mon, May 5; Wed, May 7; Fri, May 9

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Parent and Tot

The maximum age of child participants is 5 years of age. Pucks and sticks are NOT PERMITTED on the ice. Skating aids will be available.

Reeves Community Complex – Green Pad
Wednesdays, 1–1:50 p.m.

Fridays, 9–9:50 a.m.

Cancellation dates: Apr 4, 18

Ending: Fri, Apr 25; Wed, Apr 30

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MORE INFO:

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Apr. 7 - 11, 2025

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- Tied in bundles no longer than 2 m
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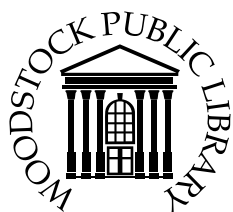


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Program	Description	Dates/Times
Tales & Tunes (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Mar 26 – May 14, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Mar 27 – May 15, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Books & Bounces (birth–18 months)	Babies and caregivers will hear stories, and learn songs, rhymes, and bounces that will help foster a love of reading.	Thursdays Mar 27 – May 15, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Mar 28 – May 16, 10:30–11:30 a.m. *no session Apr 18
Baby Sign Storytime (birth–18 months)	Infants and their caregivers are invited to learn ASL vocabulary signs through stories and rhymes.	Fridays Mar 28 – May 16, 12–1 p.m. *no session Apr 18

Multilingual Storytime (Family) **Saturday, April 12 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

Celebrate the diversity of our community at the Woodstock Public Library! Every month we will learn about a new culture through language, art, song and story. This month we will learn some Gaelic! **No registration required.**

Programs for Children

French Movie / Film Français (Family) **Saturday, April 5 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

Watch a movie in French! This month's film will be *The Lorax*, English subtitles will be available. Please bring your own snacks and beverages. **No registration required.**

Homeschool Meet-Up (Family) **Monday, April 7 – 1–3 p.m.**

Meet other Homeschooling families for an afternoon of fun! Play board games or test out a robot. Snacks provided. **No registration required.**

Two Row Learning (6–12 years) **Monday, April 7 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Immerse yourself in Indigenous culture at our Two Row Learning sessions! Join us for an engaging exploration of Indigenous knowledge and teachings, presented by the 8th Fire, and sponsored by R&B Creative Creations, Line-X Woodstock, and Transitions Equine Assisted Learning. Enjoy complimentary pizza and snacks. **No registration required.**

Programs for Children

PA Day Movie: The Wild Robot (Family)
Friday, April 11 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for a family friendly movie! We will be showing The Wild Robot (PG). Popcorn included! No registration required.

Easter Scavenger Hunt (Family)
Saturday, April 19 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Join us for an Easter scavenger hunt in the Children’s Department. Complete the scavenger hunt and win a prize! No registration required.

Craft Club (10+ years)
Saturday, April 19 – 2:30–4 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon of crafting! All supplies included. No registration required.

Afterschool Hang Out (9+ years)
Thursday, April 24 – 3:30–5 p.m.

Drop in to the library after school and try out some fun games, robots, and crafts! Snacks provided. No registration required.



Programs for Teens

Book Spine Poetry (12–18 years)
Month of April – during Library open hours

In celebration of National Poetry Month, write your own book spine poem by stringing together the titles of books! Take a photo and email your poem to programs@mywpl.ca to be entered to win a gift card! Visit www.mywpl.ca for more details.



Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years)
Thursdays in April – 11–11:45 a.m.

Can you and your friends solve all the puzzles to break open the box? A new Breakout EDU game will be featured each week! No registration required.

Pizza Pop-up with Brightside (12+ years)
Monday, April 7 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Enjoy pizza and games with Brightside. Brightside Youth Hub is a Woodstock-based group dedicated to helping youth get access to the services they need at no cost. No registration required.

Build a Button! (12–18 years)
Tuesday, April 22 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Design and make your own buttons! Don’t feel like designing one? We’ll have templates available. Limit of 2 buttons per person. No registration required.

Programs for Adults

Mah-Jongg

Tuesdays in April – 10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

American Mah-Jongg is an exciting game that will challenge participants. Join us! No registration required.

Chit Chat Circle

Tuesdays in April – 2–3:30 p.m.

Socialize in a safe space hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). We will discuss a variety of wellness topics. Refreshments provided. No registration required.

Previewing PressReader

Wednesday, April 2 – 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Learn about PressReader! PressReader is WPL's newest resource that gives you same day access to newspapers and magazines from around the world in over 60 languages. Registration required. Registration now open.

Board Game Drop-In

Monday, April 7 – 2–4 p.m.

Play your favourite classic board game or challenge yourself to try something new. All board games provided. No registration required.

WPL Book Club

Tuesday, April 8 – 2–3 p.m.

Thursday, April 10 – 7–8 p.m.

Begin each month with a good read! Join us for our afternoon or evening session for a lively discussion on the title selected. Open to all. No registration required.

April Title

So Big
Edna Ferber



May Title

Ruff
Rod Carley



**Author Visit with
Dennis Thiessen**

**Tip O'Neill
and the
St. Louis
Browns
of 1887**

**DENNIS
THIESSEN**
*Foreword by
MARK O'NEILL*

**Sat. April 5
1-2:30 PM**

**Registration
required**

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WOODSTOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Intro to Interlibrary Loan

Wednesday, April 9 – 2:30–4 p.m.

Did you know that as a Woodstock Public Library card holder, you can access materials from other libraries? This tutorial will introduce the Interlibrary Loan (ILLO) service! Set up your own account and learn how to request materials. Registration required. Registration now open.

Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

Saturdays, April 12 & 26 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Come out for a cozy hour of knitting and crochet! Bring your project or check out our collection of crochet and knitting books for patterns. New to the craft? We will have extra crochet hooks, knitting needles, and yarn for you to get started! No registration required.

Programs for Adults

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOOK SALE!

Queer Conversations (16+ years) Tuesday, April 15 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us and the Oxford County Community Health Centre for a gathering of 2SLGBTQIA+ community and conversation. No registration required.

Money Matters – Spending Plans Wednesday, April 16 – 5:30–7 p.m.

Join us for a free introductory financial literacy program developed by ABC Life Literacy Canada with support from the Government of Canada and Money Matters founding sponsor TD Bank Group. This program was designed by literacy educators and in consultation with adult learners. Registration required. Registration opens April 2 at 10 a.m.

Crafty Adults Thursday, April 17 – 7–8 p.m.

Get ready to welcome Spring with your very own terracotta planter gnome! All supplies provided. No prior experience needed. Registration required. Registration opens April 3 at 10 a.m.

Travelogue: Cabin for One Tuesday, April 22 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join Annette for a presentation about her solo train trip aboard The Canadian, operated by VIA Rail, from Toronto to Vancouver. Registration required. Registration opens April 8 at 10 a.m.

Writers' Group (15+ years) Wednesday, April 23 – 6–8 p.m.

Active and aspiring writers of all kinds! Join us once a month for a time of fellowship, support, and quiet writing. Snacks provided. Mutual support appreciated! No registration required.

Cyber Assist

Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Fridays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Book one-on-one assistance with our technology specialist. Sessions are 30 minutes in length. Book online or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006.

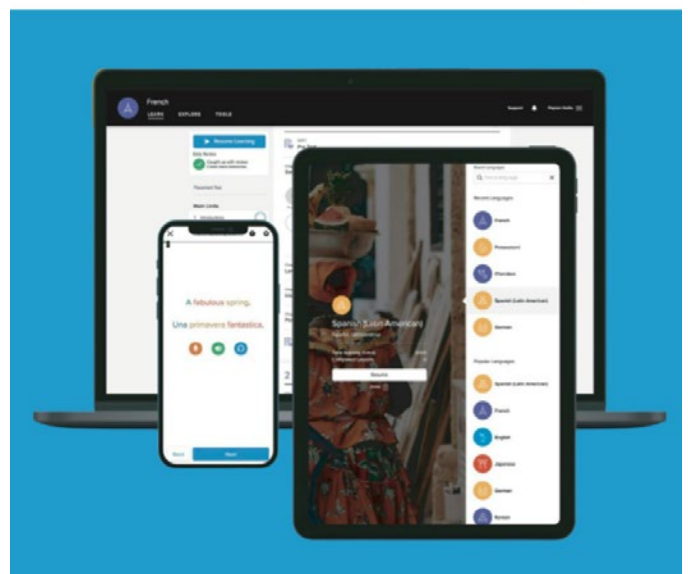
Genealogy Assist

Book a one-on-one session with a genealogy specialist librarian. Learn how to use the library's digital microfilm readers and e-Resources including Ancestry Library Edition and Paper of Record. Each session is 50 minutes in length. Registration required. Check our website or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006 for available dates and times.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

April

- 1 **Caring Hearts Support Network**, St. David's United Church, Woodstock, 2–4 p.m., Free. Guest speaker Diane Murray RN CHPCN© presents "A Palliative Approach to Care." Visit www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com for more information.
- 3–6 **Theatre Woodstock presents 'A Rock Sails By,'** Market Centre, 22 Reeve St, 7:30 p.m., Tickets \$18–\$28. The show plays from April 3–6 and 10–13. The 6th and 13th are 2 p.m. matinées. app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=232503
- 5 **Rock & Roll with Rob and the Rydells**, Old St. Paul's Church, 723 Dundas St, 1:30 p.m., Tickets \$25 (children under 12 are free). Old St Paul's Church presents music of the 50s and 60s. Tickets available at the door, or visit oldstpauls.com for advance tickets or call 519-537-3912.
- 16 **Woodstock Rotary Festival of Music**, St. David's United Church, through April 9. Sessions, 9 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.; and, 7 p.m. Stars of the Festival Concert, April 16, 7 p.m. For details, visit www.woodstockrotaryfestivalofmusic.com.
- 18 **Ingersoll Choral Society Good Friday Concert**, Sacred Heart Church, 131 Thames St N, Ingersoll, 8 p.m. Free will offering. Visit ingersollchoralsociety.ca or call 519-902-4007.
- 19 **Spring Clean-up**, see details on pg. 10–11.
- 24 **Downtown Woodstock Shopping Night**, Dundas St, Adelaide St, Light St, 5–8 p.m. A monthly shopping event, Woodstock Shopping Night, typically occurs every 4th Thursday. 20+ participating stores stay open late until 8 p.m. Visit downtownwoodstock.ca/events or call 519-537-5721.

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Community Tree Planting, see details on pg. 11.

The Woodstock Choralaires present 'In the Spotlight,' Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St, 3 p.m. Tickets \$30, available from Wilson & Markle Jewellers or ticketscene.ca or choir members or by calling 519-456-5270.

30 **Oxford Historical Society Meeting**, Woodstock Museum NHS, 6:30 p.m., Free. Presentation by Thomas Ryerson, "Saving the Titanic." A true story about William Edwy Ryerson who survived the sinking of the Titanic. Book for sale \$10. Visit oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca. Email info@oxhs.ca.

May

- 2–4 **STAGES present Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids/ Romeo and Juliet or The Old "You-Know-I-Really-Love-You-But-My-Father-Really-Hates-You" Blues**, Theatre Woodstock, 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinées at 2 p.m. Tickets \$12–\$20. app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=232686
- 8–10 **K2K Productions presents 'Sister Act Jr.'** 65 Lansdowne Ave, Woodstock, 7 p.m. (May 10 at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.) Tickets \$25. Don't miss out! Visit k2kproductions.ca/boxoffice or email boxoffice@k2kproductions.ca or phone 519-290-9525.
- 10 **Oxford Collegium Singers**, Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$30. Franz Joseph Haydn's oratorio *The Creation* as performed by the Oxford Collegium Singers, the Cantate Iterum Orchestra, and conducted by artistic director Johann Van Ittersum. Link for tickets available at www.oxfordcollegium.ca. See ad on pg. 13.



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May 22-31, 2025



PA Day Camps

Tea Party Day Camp

Apr. 11 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Pinkies up! Today we'll enjoy delightful activities inspired by classic tea parties. We'll create Alice in Wonderland crafts, Mad Hatter games, and make a delicious treat all while learning about the art of hosting and sharing. Please ensure your child has this day off school before booking.

\$55 (Members \$49.50)

Grown in Canada Day Camp

May 30 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Do you know which foods are grown in Canada and which foods aren't? Join us as we visit the market, plant our own vegetables, make Canadiana crafts and play fun Canadian games too. Please ensure your child has this day off school before booking.

\$55 (Members \$49.50)

Adult Programs

Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshop

Apr. 5 | 1–4 p.m.

Join instructor Dottie Smith as we explore the art of historical Ukrainian egg dyeing in this hands-on adult workshop. The amazingly intricate method of egg decorating is brought back by popular demand! All materials included. Space is limited so register soon for this unique class. **Ages: 16+**

\$40 (Members \$36)

Lunch & Learn: Bernadette Smith & Woodstock's Political Stories

Apr. 15 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Celebrate the woman who blazed the political trail for Woodstock. Learn about the life and achievements of our first female Mayor by research from Samantha Henderson and compare municipal politics of the era to that of today with Councillor Kate Leatherbarrow and Mayor Jerry Acchione. We'll look at gender parity in politics, how people locally are making changes and what elections of the past can tell us. The presentation will be followed by a light lunch. Register in advance to reserve your spot. **Ages: 16+**

\$20

Zero Waste Film Screening

Apr. 22 | 6:30–9 p.m.

Join us to watch *The Clean Bin Project* where filmmakers make a game out of going without garbage. Funny, eye-opening and entertaining. A discussion after the film will be an opportunity to share your ideas and learn about what's happening locally. Popcorn included! Register in advance. **Ages: 16+**

\$5 (Members FREE)

Lunch & Learn: Our Stories on Stage!

May 20 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Bill Butt has turned some of our best local history stories into fabulous theatre productions. Perhaps you have seen *Kai the Barbarian*, which documents the life of George Leslie McKay and the Oxford Taiwan connection? Come hear about his previous plays on the lives of Joe Boyle, Aimee Semple McPherson and Cassie Chadwick. Learn about how Bill was inspired by our local history and turned it into theatre! The presentation will be followed by a light lunch. Register in advance to reserve your spot. **Ages: 16+**

\$20



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

A: His daily shave.

Summer Camps

Join in all the fun this summer with learning, history, games, excursions, special guests and unique themes! Register now or sign up for the waitlist to be notified if a spot becomes available in a full camp.

Camps run on weekdays from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (no extended care).

Week	Camp	Ages	Cost
July 2–4	Dino Camp – Full	4–6	\$120 (Members \$108)
July 7–11	Totally Jurassic Camp	7–12	\$200 (Members \$180)
July 14–18	Spectacular Science Jr. – Full	5–8	\$200 (Members \$180)
July 21–25	Spectacular Science	7–12	\$200 (Members \$180)
July 28–Aug. 1	Unicorn Camp – Full	4–7	\$200 (Members \$180)
Aug. 5–8	Villain Con Camp	7–12	\$160 (Members \$144)
Aug. 11–15	Culture Camp: Woodstock Art Gallery & Woodstock Museum	6–12	\$300 (Members \$250)
Aug. 18–22	Fairy Tale Camp	4–6	\$200 (Members \$180)

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SUMMER ART PROGRAMS

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NATURE ART CAMP

July 7 – 11, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Uncover the beauty of nature through art! Explore a variety of ecosystems at our local parks and trails, learn about climate change, examine the importance of conservation practices with the City of Woodstock's Parks and Forestry experts, and appreciate the deeply interconnected relationship between art and nature. Gather nature items and experiment with found objects and non-traditional media, create collaborative outdoor art and explore current exhibitions with art education professionals. By the end of the week, young artists will create a professionally curated portfolio of original nature-themed artwork!

Age: 6 – 12

Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)

MINI MAKERS

July 14-18, August 5-8, & August 18-22
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Discover your inner Mini Maker! Professional art educators will introduce young artists to a variety of artistic fundamentals, techniques, tools and materials through mindful artistic practices and collaborative art projects during these half-day art classes. Learn about colour theory, the elements of art, observational skills, art appreciation and other foundational art concepts through age-appropriate, hands-on, formal art lessons and guided gallery tours. Young artists will also enjoy plenty of self-guided play, outdoor exploration and social interaction with their peers.

Age: 4 – 6

Cost: 5-day week \$225 (Members \$200)

Cost (4-Day Week): \$180 (Members \$160)

GRAFFITI ART CAMP

July 21 – 25, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Unleash your inner graffiti artist, design your own tag and express yourself! This camp will reveal the fascinating world of graffiti, urban art and murals. Discover numerous graffiti techniques, non-traditional tools and specialty equipment with guidance from art professionals and special guest artists. Examine the history, legal responsibilities, and health and safety requirements of urban art. By the end of the week, young artists will create a collaborative professional graffiti mural on the outside back wall of the Woodstock Art Gallery!

Age: 6 – 12

Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)

CULTURE CAMP: WOODSTOCK ART GALLERY & WOODSTOCK MUSEUM

Aug. 11 – 15, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This two-in-one summer camp is designed to provide a full week of fun and inspiring hands-on projects, field trips and collaborative activities! Discover the spectacular world of science that shapes our everyday lives with hands-on experiments at the Woodstock Museum. Learn about topics such as matter, force, motion, light, sound, structures and simple machines through interactive components. Experience the transformative power of art through mindful creative practices at the Woodstock Art Gallery. Find inspiration during guided gallery tours and local field trips, and explore numerous artistic techniques, media, tools and equipment through hands-on and collaborative art lessons in our fully equipped art studio.

Age: 6 – 12

Cost: \$300 (Members \$250)



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CALL FOR ARTISTS

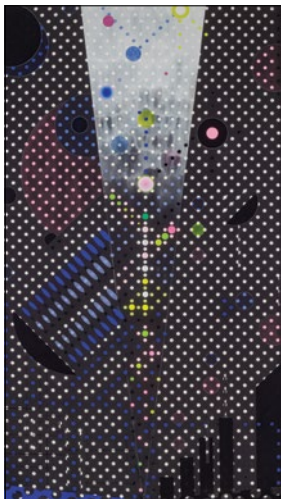
ANNUAL
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Submission Deadline: April 30 at noon
Exhibition On View: July 12 – Oct. 11, 2025

- Open to southwestern Ontario artists working in any medium
- Submit up to two artworks (\$10 entry fee per work)

Visit woodstockartgallery.ca for terms of entry, submission requirements and to register!

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS



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A Dialogue on Painting
Michel Daigneault + Janet Jones

Feb. 15 – June 21, 2025
Curator: Anik Glaude

Organized by



Janet Jones, *Voices of Love*, 2021; Michel Daigneault, *Rose*, 2023



BETTY McARTHUR

Present in the Moment

On view until July 5, 2025
Curator: Danielle Hoevenaars

Betty McArthur, *Four Geese with Heads Up*, 1987

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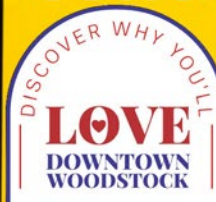
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