

Festival of the Islands under way in Gananoque, Ont.

Gananoque, Ont. - The village of Gananoque, Ont. is hosting its annual Festival of Islands which will conclude on Aug. 18. A variety of events are held daily in the Ontario village featuring live entertainment each evening.

The traditional island shore breakfast starts the day Aug. 14 at 8 a.m. on McDonald Island and is held daily through Friday. Boat shuttle is available at the Customs

Dock on Water Street. A children's village will be in operation sponsored by Shopper's Drug Mart from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. with crafts, fun and entertainment, as well as a petting zoo at the town park. A porcelain doll show is held at Estelle's Porcelain Doll Studio from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily Wednesday through Saturday. Pre-registration for the baby show on Friday will be held from 10 a.m. -

2 p.m. at the Legion Branch, 55 King St. E. Baldree's barbecue will be available in the town park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open house is held daily at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Princess Karma will perform in the town park at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Thousand Islands Playhouse Young Company presents A Promise is A Promise in the town park at 3 p.m. and Gananoque Skydivers will be on the waterfront at 7:15, weather permitting. The skydiving show is repeated on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the same time and location. The musical group Sloan will perform at 7:45 p.m.

"Your Arts Desire" presentation will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, a display featuring local talent with entertainment by the Quinteto de la Trava, The Clarke Brothers and John Mason from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Thousand Islands Playhouse Young Company will present a second performance of A Promise is A Promise at 2:30 p.m. Platinum Blonde and Honeymoon Suite will entertain at 7:45 p.m.

Friday's feature is the Festival Baby Show, sponsored by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary from 9 a.m. to noon. It is also Family Farm Day at Kench Funny Farm with a shuttle from the recreation center with a stop at the town park leaving at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Hotel California, an evening of Eagles, and Green River, a Canadian Creedence Revival, will entertain at 7:45 p.m.

A soap box derby starts off Saturday's event schedule running from 9 a.m. to noon on Stone Street South, sponsored by Canadian Tire and McDonalds. Registration and rules are at the fire hall and festival office. For information, call 613-382-1562. The Family Channel Interactive Center will be set up at the Town Park ball diamond Saturday and Sunday. A Heritage Days celebration begins at 10 a.m. and the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary will present a luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Vaga Gallery will present a painting display at the 1000 Islands Historic village at the waterfront from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 8th annual Festival Putt'n'Play mini golf tournament will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at 787 King St. and the Lions Club will serve a roast beef barbecue from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Crooked Horn, performing folk songs, heritage Celtic music, will be at the town park bandshell at 12 noon and 3 p.m. An 1812 waterfront battle will take place at 12 noon with the Americans attacking Gananoque. At 3 p.m. a belly flop contest and Corporate Challenge is set at waterfront behind the public utilities building. Register at the festival office before noon. The Royal Canadian Legion will offer live entertainment from 5-9 p.m. David Wilcox, a Canadian rock icon, will be performing at 7:45 p.m. with Sauceman Heroes of Kingston as special guest.

Heritage Days events continue on Sunday. Crooked Horn will entertain at 1 p.m. and a tug o war will be held at the town park ball diamond at 3 p.m. Teams of six must register. A chicken barbecue will be served from 4-6 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch. Jim Patterson will be the entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday evening with special guests from the Plum Hollow Factory. A



Artist Debra Krakow



A country work by Debra Krakow

The Back Forty art exhibit opens

Cape Vincent - The Back Forty, featuring the watercolors of Debra Krakow, opens at the Breakwater Gallery in Cape Vincent on Saturday, Aug. 17. The exhibit captures the vitality of farming life that drew the artist and her husband from a big city apartment to their rural family homestead. Krakow's closeness to the livestock, barns and hayfields comes through in her fresh perspective on an often-painted subject. The paintings portray the beauty of the working farm.

Krakow began her art studies as an architecture student, sketching the back alleys and street life of Montreal. Upon graduation from McGill, she studied life drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture. Krakow's architectural design training is evident in her use of color, composition and quality of light. She is a practicing architect

numerous awards, including first prize in the Cole Harbour annual art exhibit, and the Mayor's Prize in the Halifax Contemporary Art Society juried show.

Her paintings are on exhibit at the Breakwater Gallery in Cape Vincent and across the Seaway at the Summer Dock Studio on Wolfe Island, Ont. where she lives with her husband, two children and their menagerie of turkeys, chickens and rabbits on their own "back forty."

The exhibit opens with a reception from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Breakwater Gallery with the artist present. Prior to the reception, a blues concert will be held on the Village Green from 3-7 p.m. The exhibit continues until the end of August. The gallery hours are 3-7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday. For more information contact the Breakwater Gallery at

in Kingston, Ont. and vice president of the Ontario Association of Architects. Her artwork has won

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fireworks will finish the celebration at approximately 9:30 p.m. on the waterfront.