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## **“There’s Something Happening on the Hill – Culture Days at the Museum”**

***Peterborough Museum & Archives***

***Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 11:30am - 4pm***

As part of the province-wide *Culture Days* initiative, the Museum will be offering a chance for families to enjoy art, crafts, heritage, dance, music and food. Best of all, it’s all free!

Visitors can enjoy the latest exhibition, *Off to the Lake – Balsillie Collection of Roy Studio Images From Golden Summers Past*. The celebration will include an Edwardian picnic and live demonstrations by the Kawartha Wood-turners Guild. The fun will continue with Hungarian folk dancing, treats and sweets from East City Bakery and entertainment by ‘old time’ music sensations, *Sheesham and Lotus*.

The day’s events begin with the formal re-opening of the Peterborough Museum & Archives. Over the past several months, the Museum’s public spaces have been renovated, including the entrance, reception area, galleries, public reading room and gift shop.

With funding from both the Department of Canadian Heritage and the City of Peterborough, the Museum has received its most significant facelift since it was built in 1967.

According to Museum Director, Susan Neale, “We are Peterborough’s *community* Museum – a role we take quite seriously. We are thrilled with the new space and the opportunities to showcase this community’s heritage. We are also proud that all of this was achieved *by the community*. The architects, contractor and all sub-contractors are from Peterborough. It’s not our Museum, it’s *your* Museum – and this day of celebration is for you.”

These events are free and open to everyone. All events are ‘rain or shine’. The Peterborough Museum & Archives is a barrier-free facility. The Museum is located on Armour Hill at 300 Hunter Street East, in Peterborough. Call the Museum at 743-5180 or visit [www.peterboroughmuseumandarchives.ca](http://www.peterboroughmuseumandarchives.ca) for more details.

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## Peterborough Museum & Archives

### Schedule of Events:

#### Saturday, September 25, 2010

10:00am to 12:30pm - Join the Kawartha Youth Orchestra for open rehearsals at the Peterborough Museum & Archives. Listen to the region's premiere youth orchestra rehearse and find out how an orchestra and a conductor work together to prepare a piece of music.

#### Sunday, September 26, 2010

11:30am to 12:00pm – Peterborough Museum & Archives re-opening ceremony and speeches, followed by the official first signings of the Museum's new Guest Register.

12:00pm to 12:45pm – Launch of the Museum's new 'Backpack' program, announcement of the winner of the 'Name the Bear' contest. Children's art submissions will be on display throughout the day in the 'Fine Annex', located next to the Museum's main building.

12:45pm to 1:00pm – Join Edwardian-era picnickers as they stroll to the Heritage Pavilion to enjoy 'old time' music.

1:00pm to 1:45pm – Musical performance by 'old time' music artists, *Sheesham and Lotus*. Fresh from the Peterborough Folk Festival, it's hard to sit still while these crowd-pleasers open up a can of tasty tunes.

2:00pm to 3:00pm – Hungarian folk dance for everyone.

3:00pm to 3:45pm – Sheesham and Lotus are back for a closer look at the fascinating array of instruments used in their music, including: banjos, harmonicas, jaw harps, gourds and the leg-slapping rhythms of the hambone. Participants in their "Old Time Ways" workshop will listen, learn and play along with these talented tunesmiths.

12:00pm to 4:00pm – Kawartha Woodturners Guild woodturning demonstrations. Learn how spinning tops are made and take one home with you!

12:00pm to 4:00pm – Treats and sweets by East City Bakery. No picnic would be complete without a selection of goodies, all at family-friendly prices.

12:00pm to 5:00pm – See the Museum's latest exhibit, *Off to the Lake – Balsillie Collection of Roy Studio Images From Golden Summers Past*, a photography-based exhibit with plenty of hands-on activities for the family. Enjoy a closer look at our photography collections with a new large format display screen, redeveloped exhibitions and access to binders full of images now available for reproduction. As always, there will be plenty of craft activities for children.

Additional information about Culture Days can be found at: [www.culturedays.ca](http://www.culturedays.ca) or in the yellow "Culture Days" brochure available at locations throughout Peterborough.

