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The Newsletter of the
Edmonton
Heritage
Festival



Time to say farewell

After fifteen years with the Heritage Festival (3 as a volunteer prior to my 12 years as an employee) I will be moving on to a new venture this summer.

On June 23 I will be retiring to become of owner/operator of the Gunn Campground & Carwash.

I would be remiss if I didn't express my appreciation to all of you who have touched my life in so many ways during my years with the Festival. You have made my time here a rewarding and a priceless education. Thank you everyone for having made my trip down the road of life so much more.

Marnie



A Message From Jack...

Our mentoring workshop proved to be a huge success!!! We have five new pavilions for the 2006 Festival. This brings the total participating pavilions to 58. The most we have ever had in the past is 52. The park will definitely be full with over 70 cultures represented.

By now I know you have checked out our new web site. I hope you are as excited about it as we are.

After 16 years of dedicated service, Marnie Law, our very own Admin & Volunteer Coordinator will be retiring June 23. But don't close the doors just yet, Marnie will continue to help with the 2006 Festival and provide support wherever she can.

We moved into our new offices March 28. They are a dramatic improvement for about the same rent. I hope to see you at our open house June 6 between 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We have communicated with the pavilion chairs about an international market place and it was decided to not go ahead with the idea. I remind you again that there will be no selling on tables or in "pop-ups" outside pavilions.

The Festival last year was a huge success and we are working very hard to make the 2006 Festival even better. See you at the pavilion meeting May 9, open house June 6, and the pre-festival meeting August 2.

Pray for sunshine!

Jack Little

Executive Director
Edmonton Heritage Festival Association



2006 Festival Theme "Come Be Part Of It!"

PAVILLION WORKSHOP AGENDA:

1. Welcome & Introductions: President, Chris Davey
2. Opening Remarks: Executive Director, Jack Little
 - a) Propane
 - b) Site Set-Up
 - c) Record Number of Pavilions
 - d) Music
 - e) Marketplace (vendors)
 - f) Overview of the Pavilion Guidelines Manual
3. Capital Health Presentation
4. Coca Cola Presentation: Denis Nickoleff
 - a) Coca Cola Umbrellas
5. Marketing & Communication: Tamisan Bencz
 - a) Media
 - b) St. Johns Ambulance
6. Open House on June 6 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
10125-157 Street
7. Ticket Redemption: President, Chris Davey
8. Question & Answer Period
9. Adjournment & Refreshments provided by Coca Cola and Royal Treats

Edmonton Heritage
Festival Association
**Annual Spring
Pavilion Workshop**

Tuesday, May 9, 2006
at 7:00 p.m.
Santa Maria
Goretti Centre
(11050-90 Street)

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday,
August 2, 2006**

"Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life
or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others." Danny Thomas



Volunteers Needed

The Edmonton Heritage Festival Association is currently seeking volunteers to help showcase the world's largest multicultural festival. Volunteer positions include food ticket sellers, children's corner, information kiosk attendants, 50/50 ticket sellers and much more. Volunteer rewards include a festival t-shirt, hat, on-site meals, & post-secondary student's have a chance to win one of twelve scholarships ranging between \$250-\$400.



Feel free to contact our office or visit our website for a volunteer application form at 488-FEST (3378) or www.heritage-festival.com.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 14, 2006

Mother's Day Brunch hosted by the Jamaica Association of Northern Alberta
2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Marcus Garvey Centre For Unity
(12526-126 Avenue). For more information, please call 423-5262.

Saturday, July 1, 2006

Annual Caribbean Fair hosted by the Jamaica Association of Northern Alberta
Starting at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Come out to enjoy food, music, entertainment, and a children's corner at the
Marcus Garvey Centre For Unity (12526-126 Avenue).
Admission Free! For more information, please call 423-5262.

Saturday, July 22, 2006

Peruvian Party organized by the Peruvian Association
Join us as we celebrate the 185th anniversary of Peru Woodcroft Community
League at 13915-115 AVE
COST: \$12.00 (includes Peruvian food)
For more information, please contact Carmen at 993-9724
(please leave a message) or email: peruedmonton@peru.com

German Canadian Association of Edmonton has numerous events coming up
over the spring and summer including the German Cultural Festival
June 9-10 at Sir Winston Churchill Square. Please visit the website at
<http://www.gcaa.ca/events.htm> for more information about these wonderful
events.

Will you Share Your Culture?

The Edmonton Heritage Festival Association is looking for culturally authentic pieces to display in our reception area. Items such as masks, art, crafts, textiles etc. are welcome. Please note that displayed items can be a donation from yourself personally or through your cultural association. Please contact either Jack Little or Tamisan Bencz if you have an item to share before June 6.



New Website Launched

On April 13, the Edmonton Heritage Festival Association launched a new website. The new design allows us to update information immediately from pavilion information to volunteer application forms to links to your cultural associations.

If you would like to be linked from the Edmonton Heritage Festival Association website please contact Tamisan at 488-3378 or tamisanbencz@heritage-festival.com



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2006 Participating Pavilions and Chairpersons

Please note that **bolded pavilions** are new additions to the 2006 festival.

Aboriginal - Dean Brown
 Afghan - Saeed
Africa OYI - Nyambura Belcout
 Arab - Yazan Haymour
 Bangladesh - Hafizur Rahman
 Borneo - Winnie Bogosoff
 Bosnia-Herzegovina - Sam Muratovic
Cambodia - Nokkuun Thongdee
 Caribbean - Coleen Neita
 Chilean - Vincenta Azocar
 Chinese - Fred Locke
 Croatian - Franjo Visaticki
 Dutch - Jenny Smits
 Ecuador - Margaret Rosales
Eritrea - Habteab Tekle
 Ethiopia - Berhanu Demeke
 Fiji - Rishi Ram
 Filipino - Wilfredo Ladoces
 French - Pina Mistrzak
 German - Heinz Kleist
 Ghana - John Hagan
 Greek-Hellenic - George Koumatos
 Guatemala - Juan Torres
 Hong Kong - Raymond Ng
 Hungarian - Alexander Szenthe
 Ibero American - Mario Pailamilla
 India - Ratna Basappa
Indonesian - Ismal Sutankayo (first time since 1989)
 Irish - Moira Dominiuk



Israeli - Jennifer Lander
 Italian - Carlo Amodio
 Japanese - Charlas Sutton
 Korean - Sam Cha
 Laos - Somsanith Chanthaneth
 Malaysia-Singapore - Douglas Lim
 Mexican - Imelda Podloski
 Nepal - Jaya Corson
 Nicaragua - Humberto Somariba
 Nigeria - Obi Agbarakwe
 Pakistan - Muhammad Gill
 Peru - Carmen Ferradas
 Polish - Terese Szlamp Fryga
 Polynesian - Nesa Rollingson
 Portuguese - Manual Morado
 Romanian - Dragos Vizitiv
 Scandinavian - Robert Christopherson
 Serbian - Zdravko Tadic
 Sri Lanka - Nick DeSilva
Sudan - Kuof Alith
Tanzania - Joseph Mmbaga
 Taiwan - Michael Chen
 Thailand - Jim Syms
 Turkey - Joseph Demirbas
 Uganda - Patrick Ssessanga
 Ukrainian - Stan Kobylko
Venezuelan - Edgar Villanueva Sr.
 Vietnamese - Dung Hoang
 Welsh - John Isitt



Open House 2006

After 16 years on 124 Street, the Edmonton Heritage Festival Association has moved on. Our new office is located at 10125-157 street which features a nicer working space and more functional offices for us.

We will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, June 6 between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ethnic food samples and beverages will be available.

Join us as we showoff our new home!
 Please RSVP to Tamisan Bencz at
tamisanbencz@heritage-festival.com

Position Available

With Marnie's retirement we will be reorganizing our office administration. We are looking for a full/part-time person with computer accounting and office skills.

Please contact Jack if you have any interest in finding out more details at 488-3378 or jacklittle@heritage-festival.com.