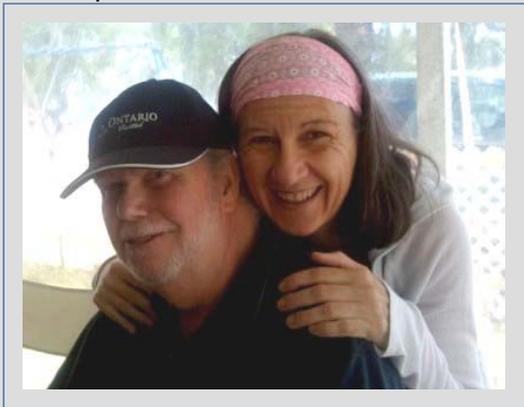




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"A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS"

By Gary McWilliams, *the Festival Nomad*

You have probably heard of the of the children's movie (and book), "*A Series of Unfortunate Events*". Well, let me tell you, this past month and a "*bit*", I have lived my own version of "*Unfortunate Events*"!

However, first let me apologize for missing last month's issue and for the lateness of the July issue. This is only the second time in almost 6 years of publishing this newsletter that I have had to double up on an issue. I hope you will forgive me once more. *Here's my story!*

Back around *Victoria Day* I had a pain in my stomach. I went to the emergency department of our hospital and was told that my Gallbladder needed to come out! An easy operation in which I would be in the hospital for one day. They scheduled it for about two weeks later. Oops, I was back in emergency and they decided it needed to come out right away! "*Okay*", I said, it was still going to be an "*easy operation*"! A few days later they sent me home, minus my Gallbladder. I was home for two days under the care of a *VON* nurse. On the second day the *VON* nurse took a look at me (*I was in severe pain*) and called for an ambulance! Back to emerge! They admitted me immediately. I had an enlarged prostate and I was "*not functioning*" properly! Oops, again! As they were helping me with this problem (*I won't go into details*), I suffered a "*full stroke*"

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Festival Nomad's Report...

"We March On" by Judi McWilliams

I would like to echo Gary's words of great appreciation to all the folks who supported us during these difficult times. We are blessed to have such amazing people surrounding us and working with us at *Ontario Visited*. In saying that, my sister (aka *Festival Nomad Correspondent, Carol Law*), was able to obtain a recruit for this year's *Canadian International Military Tattoo & Festival*. *Mr. Chris Spraakman*, from Guelph. He offered to attend the "*Dress Rehearsal*" on the Saturday. We will feature his article in the next issue ... I found his insights about the event superb, we hope you will enjoy it too!...

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Even though it was severe, it didn't, fortunately, effect most of my functions.

While the medical staff were appraising my situation, they decided to thin my blood. This, however, became a serious problem when I started to bleed internally! This caused them to send me by ambulance to *Kingston Hospital*. In Kingston they were able to discover why I was bleeding internally and after two weeks they were able to reverse and correct the problem! We were just about to be sent home, when suddenly I felt very weak! I knew I had a problem and asked to see a doctor. They discovered that my lungs were full of "*Blood Clots*"! Oops, not good! The Doctor said to me, "*I have seen all of these medical problems, but not in the same person!*" "Great", I said, "*I have had enough of all these "Unfortunate Events"!* Finally after 21 days in Kingston they sent me home, this time, in style, in my daughters new car! So, here I am, at home, convalescing and feeling much better!

My thanks to everyone who wished me well. It was very much appreciated by Judi and me. Note - during this month, Judi, from my hospital room, kept *Ontario Visited* running! So much so that last month, that we reached over 60,000 festival/event web visitors. As a result, *Ontario Visited* websites now exceed 500,000 festival/event web visitors per year. Thank you Judi!

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As well, our *Festival Nomad Correspondent, Ms. Jan Bonhomme*, recently ventured to the *Spencerville 1812 Heritage Fair*. Jan starts off by saying ... "*I was at the Spencerville 1812 Heritage Fair this past weekend to help try and set the Guinness World Book of Records for the most people dressed in Regency clothing plus attend Alicia's early morning wedding that was part of the events. I have attached a photo of her and Michael just after taking their vows in front of about 80 of us*" ... stay tuned to our *War of 1812 Celebrations Website* for the full article and pictures!

Check out *Festival Nomad Correspondent Carol Law's* schedule this past little while ... she attended and reports on some of Newmarket's celebrations ... *Artisan's Festival, Windfall Ecology Festival, the River Walk Common transformed by Nin Os Kom Tin, Canada Day: Fairy Lake, featuring the Newmarket Citizens Band* (which Carol performs in as well), *a parade in Aurora and a pioneer Canada Day at the Sharon Temple, a National Historic Site in Sharon, East Gwillimbury ...*

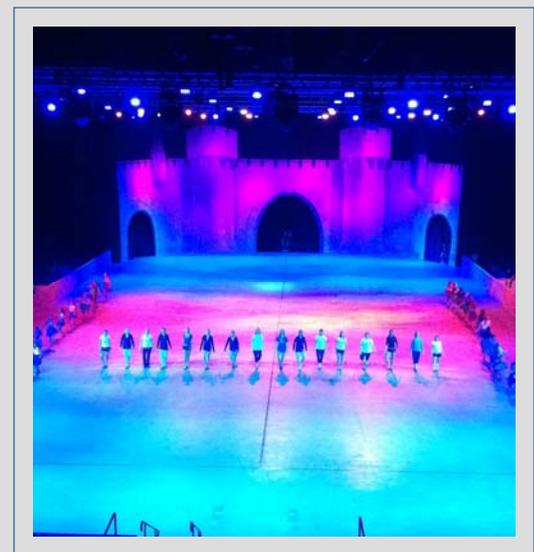
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"Heat of the Battle"
Celebrate Barrie
Festival Nomad Correspondent
Kevin Stuart & son



"Grand Standing"
Spencerville Heritage Fair



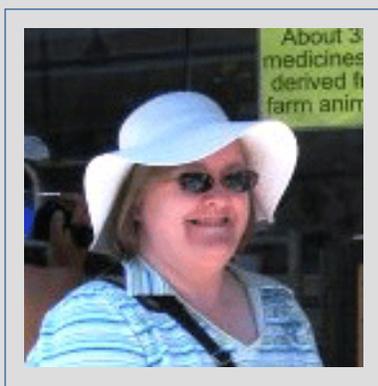
"Dress Rehearsal"
Canadian International Military Tattoo &
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"Historical Family Portraits"
Celebrate Barrie -War of 1812



"Candle Making"
Celebrate Barrie - War of 1812
Reenactment



Festival Nomad Correspondent
Carol Law

"The Cannon Shot"
Canadian International Military Tattoo &
Festival



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Festival Nomad Correspondent Kevin Stuart and his family attended an excellent event in Barrie, Celebrate Barrie. Kevin tells us ... This was a special year since Celebrate Barrie was also commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 with some very special heritage programming. This consisted of an expanded historic village with entertainment, demonstrations, and re-enactments at Heritage Park. Organizer David Brunelle has been instrumental in ensuring it's an authentic depiction of the period. It's fitting as the War of 1812 and the Nine mile Portage were pivotal in Barrie's formation and development as a community. ... stay tuned to our War of 1812 Celebrations Website and Ontario Festivals Visited for the full article and pictures!

Both Gary and I are thankful to all our Ontario Visited Festival Nomad Correspondent's, Ontario Visited visitors, and, of course, again for everyone's support!

Here's the scoop!

by Festival Nomad Correspondent, Carol Law

Newmarket is Festival Central this spring. Each Saturday the local Farmer's Market sets up at the Riverwalk Common which is becoming the gathering place for the town to enjoy music, a splash pad (skating in the winter) and many other activities. The River Walk Common extends along the Holland River right in the heart of Newmarket. From there you cross the road and you are at Fairy Lake where the festivals and events happen. This wonderful setting is part of the Nokidaa Trail - 32 km of historic, green space trail from Holland Landing in the north to Aurora at the south end. As I arrived home after all the festivities I was greeted by the Canada Flag waving from my porch. I felt honoured to have been able to share my love of Canada and its history with my neighbours. Also displayed was a British flag made in about 1900 and a Royal Ensign flag made about 1921 to represent the Dominion of Canada. People come to Canada in many ways and for many reasons; our flag proudly displayed represents all that is good that we celebrate on this one day and hold dear all year long. ... Stay tuned to our Ontario Festivals Visited for the full article and pictures!

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