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This live performance was breathtaking as the actors and actresses sang along with the live orchestra. Intermission came and was enjoyed by all. Refreshments included wine, ice-cream, cool drinks and other goodies. We returned to the barn to our seats and the next act began. A beautiful actress was about to sing her solo. That's when the sky's let loose! Torrential rains began to pour down! They had to closed up the sliding doors of the barn to block out the noise and rain! As they say, "*the show must go on!*" It did! Just as the show was ending, the sun began to shine brightly again! The barn doors were opened and we all walked through the forest, back to our cars in the sunshine! Not a drop of rain anywhere! At the *Peterborough Musicfest* we were not quite as lucky. Although the rains held off for most of the time, it did come towards the last of the first set. This small inconvenience, however, did not stop the lively audience from enjoying the performance on stage. Umbrellas went up, but visitors, aware of folks sitting behind them, held the umbrellas low enough so that we all could still see. The generosity of a gentleman behind us was amazing. He shared his towel with us and others to help dry the seats. Unfortunately, although all our "*rain gear*" was packed (raincoats, umbrellas, rain pants), it remained "*in the car*" which was located several blocks away! Lesson learned... I hope! The live music festival in Welland at the amazing *IlluminAqua* started off with sun. As the performance drew nearer, the clouds drew closer. The rains were light and intermittent. We did bring our raincoats this time, but forgot the umbrellas. Good thing our *Ontario Visited* hats are always with us. The show "*went on*" and the evening was a great success and the rains let up. That is until the drive home! That's when torrential rains came down so hard it was extremely difficult to see in front of the car! It was late in the evening, very dark and we were driving on a winding "*wet*" country road. One that we had never travelled before. I asked if we should pull over, but Gary just pressed on, white knuckles gripping the steering wheel! Just as we reached our destination, the rains stopped and we were able to unloaded our luggage in the still of the night.

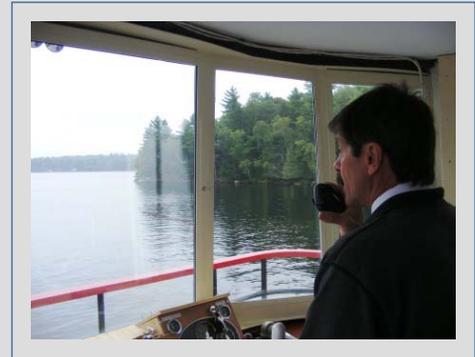
Natural Instincts... The Best View...

Sometimes an opportunity arises and you hesitate about taking it or not! This summer I had an opportunity to sit "*up front*" in the "*Media*" area of an event or to sit amongst the crowds of visitors. I chose to use my "*natural instincts*" and go to where I thought I'd get the "*Best View*"! Crowds had gathered at the *Battle of Chrysler's Farm* at *Upper Canada Village* in Morrisburg for the 1812 battle re-enactment. Hundreds of folks flocked early to obtain great seats along the hill embankment. The tree lined hill offered shade from the hot afternoon sun. The *Festival Nomad* took a spot down near the front so he could get a different vantage point than me. My vantage point was at the base of a single tree located centre field and near the top of the hill. Here, my view was spectacular. I could clearly see all of the battle field and most of the *Battle* took place centre field!

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"Peerless II at Port Carling Docks"
Sunset Cruises Tour - Lake Rosseau



"Captain Randy Potts at the Helm"
Sunset Cruises Tour - Lake Rosseau



"Church on the Hill"
Sunset Cruises Tour - Lake Rosseau



"Looking Through the Games"
Western Fair District - London



"The Flying Wallendas"
Western Fair District - London



"Feeding Time"
Western Fair District - London



"KenJen Petting Zoo"
Lindsay Exhibition



"Canadian Cowgirls"
Lindsay Exhibition

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With the height of my vantage point, I could get great "shots" over the heads of all the people. By the way, the "media" area had no shade! Even though Gary and I were separated, we used "walkie talkies" to communicate during the event (with ear pieces to not bother fellow visitors). This way we were able to help each other as to when to take a shot (camera!), where to look and what action to concentrate on. This was extremely handy when all my attention was on the Battle, while Gary saw *Tall Ships* entering the waterway, or cannons about to be fired. This time my decision of "trusting my instincts" that was correct!

Another "Best View" this summer took place at the *Port Credit Buskerfest*. Thousand of people had flocked the streets to watch the amazing Buskers perform. With the crowds came congestion! The performers welcomed people to "sit" in the front row on the street to "get a great view". I decided to comply with their suggestion. Although I was extremely "hot" from the heat of the cement of the road, I "got the best shots"! A little pain for a lot of gain!

At this years 50th anniversary at the *Cobourg Highland Games* the grandstands were jammed just before the opening ceremonies. Gary took to his "natural instincts" and casually walked right up front and found two great seats just a few rows up. Not only did we get a front view of the opening ceremonies, but the jumbo jet that flew from Lake Ontario over the majestic Cobourg Waterfront beach went directly over our heads. Once again, the view was spectacular! Another "great shot", another "Best View".

So following my "summer report" to the "TEACHER", here are some recommendations to my "fellow students" -

1. *Trusting your instincts*
2. Watch for options
3. Divide and conquer.
4. Most importantly, please be respectful of fellow "festival goers". Don't stand in front of them if you wander in late. Some folks wait a long time to "Get the Best View". It's very disrespectful to block the view of others.
5. Sit down in the front row, if you get the chance.
6. Be Patient!
7. Never give up, there always will be some vantage point for the "BEST VIEW".

Festival Nomad's Report...

As I mentioned in last months Report, *September* started off with a visit to the *Port Perry Fair*. Judi and I had a great time, especially watching the trotters racing. Judi had a great seat at one of the corners of the track and took some great photos. Our next trip was to Lindsay for the *Lindsay Exhibition* media information lunch.

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Festival Nomad's Report... from page 3

This was a great way to learn about this year's event. On the weekend we travelled back to Muskoka (NOT the Muskokas!!). We went there to visit our friends, Ross and Cathy and to finally cruised Lake Rosseau on the newly restored "*Peerless II*". For those you who have followed us for the last few years, you'll know that Judi and I have been following the restoration of the Peerless II by owner Randy Potts. This was our first chance to travel with Captain Randy on the *Sunset Cruises' Peerless II*. We left from Port Carling docks and cruised around Lake Rosseau. Randy was born in the area and knows the Muskoka Lakes and their stories. Plus, he is a great storyteller, so the trip was both scenic and informative. If you have a chance to cruise with Captain Randy, ask him to tell about some of the "*back*" stories. He knows where the "*secrets*" lie! After a great weekend of cottaging and cruising, we spent the rest of the week resting for your journey to London and the *Western Fair District*. What a great Fair and facility! We had heard a lot about the Fair, but descriptions were no match for what we discovered for ourselves. Judi and I had a great time and enjoyed all that the Fair has to offer. I think my favourite part was watching the *Flying Wallendas* performed. Next up was the *Lindsay Exhibition*. It certainly lived up to everything we were told at our media lunch. We visited the *LEX* on students' day and I can tell you that the kids really enjoyed themselves. I think that the event that entertained them the most (judged by the laughter and screaming), was the "*Celebrity Racing Pigs*" put on by our friend, Ken Lasalle, owner of the Racing Pigs and the KenJen Zoo. The other highlight of the day was the performance by the *Canadian Cowgirls*. The next day we travelled west to Ancaster and the *Ancaster Fair*. This was our first visit to the Fair, and we were very impressed. This is a newer festival and the buildings are very impressive! The main building, which houses the Fair offices, featured an agricultural display that was one of the best we have seen. Exhibiting at the Fair, with his Scooters Catering burger/hog dog booth, was Scott Anders, the organizer of the *Milton Ribfest*. The weekend was topped off with a visit to *Appleby College* in Oakville, where I attended their annual Homecoming. The final weekend of September was spent visiting two Kawarthas Northumberland region fairs, the *Bobcaygeon Fall Fair* and the *Roseneath Fall Fair*. During the month of September other events were visited by our *Festival Nomad Correspondents*. Near the beginning of September long-time Festival Correspondent, Kevin Stewart and his family, travelled to Picton for the *Picton Fair*, while Correspondent Chris Spraakman visited the *Stratford Garlic Festival*. Chris's sister, Correspondent Sylvie Spraakman, was headed to the *International Plowing Match*, but had to switch events when the Plowing Match was closed due to weather. Instead, Sylvie visited *Savour Stratford*. Correspondent Anne Brooks was luckier, she visited the *International Plowing Match* on a different day. Correspondent Mary Ellen Weigel had a great time at the *All Canadian Jazz Festival* in Port Hope. Finally, at the end of the month, Correspondents Carol and Catherine Law visited the *Royal Ontario Museum* in Toronto for a tour of the Museum and its *Mesopotamia Exhibition*. All our Correspondents' articles will be posted shortly on our *Ontario Visited* websites. A fun month for all of us!



"Cattle Only?"
Lindsay Exhibition



"Walking the Ring"
Ancaster Fair



"Agricultural Display"
Ancaster Fair



"Interesting Food Booth"
Ancaster Fair



"Parade Float"
Bobcaygeon Fall Fair



"At the Turn"
Bobcaygeon Fall Fair



"Through the Crowd"
Bobcaygeon Fall Fair



"Bobcaygeon"
Kawartha Northumberland Fall Tour

Nomad's October Event List...

October looks to be another fun month, still a lot more Fairs (*Norfolk County Fair, Burford Fall Fair and Norwood Fall Fair*) to visit. Most are listed below. Also this month there are a variety of other fall oriented events ~ there's an *Applefest* at Lang Pioneer Village, a *Harvest Craft Festival* at the Buckhorn Community Centre, a *Pumpkin Festival* at the Buckhorn Berry Farm, a *Thanksgiving Craft Festival* at Ball's Falls Conservation Area, *Spooky Halloween* for kids at Lang Pioneer Village (Keene) and *Fort Fright* for 'The Brave' at Fort Henry in Kingston and a *Juried Photo Show* in Collingwood. See below for a more complete list.

September 25 - October 27, 2013 - [BMFA Juried Photo Show](#) (Collingwood)

September 26 - October 19, 2013 - [Fort Fright](#) (Fort Henry, Kingston) (Thursdays to Saturday)

September 30 - October 6, 2013 - [BrainSTEM Festival](#) (Waterloo)

September 20 - October 6, 2013 - [Headwaters Arts Festival](#) (Caledon)

October 3 - 6, 2013 - [Markham Fair](#) (Markham)

October 3 - 6, 2013 - [Metcalfe Fair](#) (Metcalfe)

October 4 - 5, 2013 - [Tiverton Fall Fair](#) (Tiverton)

October 4 - 5, 2013 - [Battle of the Thames](#) (Chatham)

October 4 - 6, 2013 - [Howick-Turnberry Fall Fair](#) (Harriston - Gorrie)

October 5 - 6, 2013 - [Port Elgin Pumpkinfest](#) (Port Elgin)

October 6, 2013 - [Applefest](#) (Lang Pioneer Village, Keene)

October 8 - 14, 2013 - [Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show](#) (Simcoe)

October 10 - 12, 2013 - [Elmvale Fall Fair](#) (Elmvale)

October 11 - 14, 2013 - [Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival](#) (Ball's Falls Conservation Area, Jordan)

October 11 - 14, 2013 - [Brigden Fair](#) (Brigden)

October 11 - 14, 2013 - [Rockton World's Fair](#) (Rockton)

October 11 - 14, 2013 - [Dorchester Fair](#) (Dorchester)

October 11 - 14, 2013 - [Burford Fall Fair](#) (Burford)

October 11 - 14, 2013 - [Erin Fall Fair](#) (Erin)

October 11 - 19, 2013 - [Oktoberfest](#) (Kitchener-Waterloo)

October 12 - 13, 2013 - [Buckhorn Pumpkin Festival](#) (Buckhorn Berry Farm, Buckhorn)

October 12 - 14, 2013 - [Norwood Fall Fair](#) (Norwood)

October 12 - 14, 2013 - [Harvest Craft Show](#) (Buckhorn Community Centre, Buckhorn)

October 12 - 14, 2013 - [Woodbridge Fair](#) (Woodbridge)

October 12 - 14, 2013 - [Thanksgiving at the Village](#) (Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto)

October 12 - 14, 2013 - [O'Shavings Country Craft Show](#) (Vineland)

October 12 - 14, 2013 - [Vineland ARTfest](#) (Vineland)

October 14, 2013 - [Thanksgiving at the Village](#) (Fanshawe Pioneer Village, London)

October 17, 2013 - [Richmond Hill Craft Beer Tasting Festival](#) (Richmond Hill)

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October 18 - 19, 2013 - [Spooky Halloween](#) (Lang Pioneer Village, Keene)

October 18 - 20, 2013 - [Toronto Fall RV Show](#) (Toronto)

October 18 - 20, 2013 - [Haunted Village Hayrides - Farm of Dracula](#) (Fanshawe Pioneer Village, London)

October 18 - 20, 2013 - [Little Royal Fair](#) (Walkerton)

October 19 - 20, 2013 - [Buckhorn Pumpkin Festival](#) (Buckhorn Berry Farm, Buckhorn)

October 19 - 20, 2013 - [Howling Hootenanny](#) (Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto)

October 19 - 20, 2013 - [Chatham Antique Show & Sale](#) (Chatham)

October 24 - 27, 2013 - [Haunted Village Hayrides - Farm of Dracula](#) (Fanshawe Pioneer Village, London)

October 24 - November 3, 2013 - [International Festival of Authors](#) (Harbourfront Centre, Toronto)

October 25 - 26, 2013 - [Spooky Halloween](#) (Lang Pioneer Village, Keene)

October 25 - 26, 2013 - [Haunted Halloween](#) (Westfield Pioneer Village, Rockton)

October 25 - 27, 2013 - [Toronto International Snowmobile, ATV & Powersports Show](#) (Toronto)

October 26, 2013 - [Keene Pumpkin Festival](#) (Keene)

October 26, 2013 - [Ghost Walks](#) (Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto)

October 26 - 27, 2013 - [Buckhorn Pumpkin Festival](#) (Buckhorn Berry Farm, Buckhorn)

October 26 - 27, 2013 - [Howling Hootenanny](#) (Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto)

October 27, 2013 - [Pumpkin Sunday](#) (Westfield Pioneer Village, Rockton)

October 29 - 30, 2013 - [Haunted Village Hayrides - Farm of Dracula](#) (Fanshawe Pioneer Village, London)

November 1 - 10, 2013 - [Royal Winter Fair](#) (Toronto)

On-Going Seasonal Festivals and Events

September - October 6, 2013 - [Upper Canada Village](#) (Morrisburg)

September - October 6, 2013 - [Faith Healer](#) (Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the Lake)

September - October 12, 2013 - [Guys & Dolls](#) (Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the Lake)

September - October 12, 2013 - [Peace in Our Time: A Comedy](#) (Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the Lake)

September - October 12, 2013 - [Trifles](#) (Lunchtime One-Acts) (Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the Lake)

September - October 13, 2013 - [The Light of the Piazza](#) (Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the Lake)

September - October 13, 2013 - [Roseneath Carousel](#) (Open Sundays, Roseneath)

September - October 14, 2013 - [McLean Berry Farm](#) (Buckhorn)

September - October 14, 2013 - [Sunset Cruises - Peerless II & Idyllwood](#) (Bracebridge, Muskoka)



"Kawartha Country Wines"
Kawarthas Northumberland Fall Tour



"Burleigh Falls"
Kawarthas Northumberland Fall Tour



"Carousel"
Roseneath Fair



"Extreme Cowgirl!"
Roseneath Fair

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"Amongst the Pumpkins"
Rosenearth Fair



"Exploring the Pumpkins"
Buckhorn Pumpkinfest



"Spooky Halloween"
Lang Pioneer Village - Keene



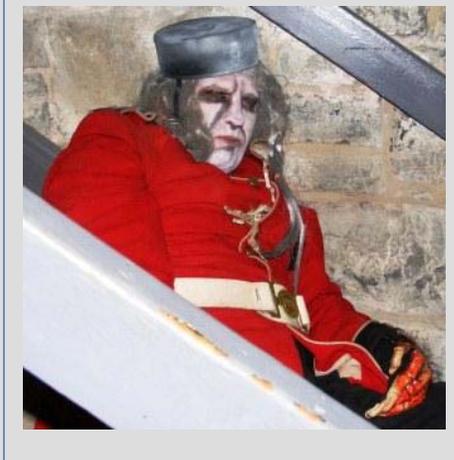
"Crowds at the Fair"
Norwood Fall Fair

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- September - October 18, 2013 ~ [The Merchant of Venice](#) (Stratford Festival, Stratford)
- September - October 19, 2013 ~ [Romeo & Juliet](#) (Stratford Festival, Stratford)
- September - October 19, 2013 ~ [Major Barbara](#) (Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the Lake)
- September - October 19, 2013 ~ [Tommy](#) (Stratford Festival, Stratford)
- September - October 19, 2013 ~ [The Three Musketeers](#) (Stratford Festival, Stratford)
- September - October 20, 2013 ~ [Blithe Spirit](#) (Stratford Festival, Stratford)
- September - October 20, 2013 ~ [Fiddler on the Roof](#) (Stratford Festival, Stratford)
- September - October 26, 2013 ~ [Enchanted April](#) (Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the Lake)
- September - October 27, 2013 ~ [Our Betters](#) (Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the Lake)
- September - December 31, 2013 ~ [Stones 'n Bones Museum](#) (Sarnia)
- September - December 31, 2013 ~ [Peterborough Concert Band](#) (Peterborough)

NOTE: We have tried to list a many event as possible. The events shown in this newsletter have been submitted to us by each event's organizers. Any Ontario event is welcome to submit their name to us via e-mail to gary@ontariofestivalsvisited.ca. This is a free service offering. However, this list is by no means a complete list of all October festivals and events held in Ontario.
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More Photos...



"At Fort Fright"
Fort Henry - Kingston



"WOW... What a Big Pumpkin!"
Keene Pumpkin Festival

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