

May 2nd to May 26th

OPEN HOUSE CALENDAR

Greek Community of Niagara

Friday May 24, 4pm-8pm Greek Community Centre
585 Niagara Street, St. Catharines

Sat. May 25, 3pm-8:30pm

Enjoy traditional Greek cuisine – Gyro, Chicken Souvlaki, Lamb Shank, Moussaka, Spanakopita and Greek Salad. For the sweet tooth, Kourabiedes, Baklava, and Melomakarona. Enjoy Traditional and Modern Greek Dances on Friday and Saturday at 4:30 pm (peevees) – 6:00 pm (intermediates) – 7:00 pm (Hellenic senior dance group). Come out and join in!!!

905-685-3028 www.greekcommunityofniagara.com
office@greekcommunityofniagara.com

St. John Ukrainian Church

Saturday, May 25th 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

St. John Activity Centre
91 Lakeshore Rd., St. Catharines

Welcome! Vitayemo! We invite you to enjoy an afternoon with us – Ukrainian style! Enter our activity centre and your senses will come alive with the sights of our displays and demonstrations, the taste of our delicious cuisine and the sounds of our vibrant music. Doors open at 1:00 pm and our live shows are at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm featuring exciting performances by local dance groups. See you there!

905-937-3393 www.stjohnuc.com
stjohnukrainian@bellnet.ca

Islamic Society of St. Catharines

Sunday, May 26th 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Masjid Al Noor
117 Geneva Street, St. Catharines

Get a tour of Masjid Al-Noor, the St. Catharines local mosque. Ask questions and learn about your local Muslim community. There will be many experiential activities for the whole family to enjoy. Modest clothing is kindly requested.

905-641-8007
<https://masjidnoor.ca>
zakiahamdani@gmail.com

Niagara Hindu Samaj

Wednesday, May 22nd 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Shiv Mandir
5284 Second Avenue, Niagara Falls

100% Vegetarian preparation

905-356-7575 SecretaryNHS5284@gmail.com

Club LaSalle

Friday May 24th 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Club LaSalle
111 Arthur Street, St. Catharines

Bienvenue! Welcome to the festive evening of Francophone celebration where you can enjoy traditional-French Canadian cuisine in our beautiful facility by Lake Ontario. The first show is at 7 p.m. and the second show is at 8:45 p.m. with our talented groups who will entertain you with traditional, and contemporary songs and dance interpretation until 9:30 p.m.

Bienvenue! Bienvenue à une soirée festive de célébration francophone où vous pourrez déguster une cuisine canadienne-française traditionnelle dans notre magnifique établissement situé sur le lac Ontario. Le premier spectacle sera présenté à 19 h et le deuxième spectacle à 20 h 45 avec nos groupes talentueux qui vous divertiront avec des chansons traditionnelles et contemporaines ainsi que des interprétations de danse jusqu'à 21 :30 h.

289-213-1060
ClubLasalle.ca
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Bulgarian Community

Sunday, May 26th 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

St. John of Rila Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church
4871 Willmott Street, Niagara Falls

Discover BULGARIA without travelling abroad!!! Do not miss the opportunity to experience the first display of Bulgarian culture, heritage and traditions, as a part of the Niagara Folk Arts Festival! Enjoy Bulgarian music, savour traditional Bulgarian cuisine and challenge yourself by writing in Cyrillic!

905-334-1708
<https://stjohnofrilabulgarianorthodoxchurch.weebly.com>
stjohnofrilabulgarianorthodox@gmail.com

Chinese Cultural Association of Regional Niagara

Sunday, May 26th 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Merritton Community Centre
7 Park Ave, St. Catharines

The Chinese Cultural Association of Regional Niagara (CCA) was established in 1976. It is the largest non-profit Chinese Association in the Niagara Region. CCA is not a political or religious organization. Our goal is to serve the Chinese community and promote awareness of Chinese culture and heritage in the region. CCA organizes and supports multicultural activities with local organizations, and runs several recreational activities for its members throughout the year, including the Chinese New Year Celebration, a Summer Picnic, the Celebration of the Autumn Moon Festival etc. New members are always welcome!

289-407-5567
canadaliyu@gmail.com
<https://ccfniagara.com>

Asian Water Lantern Event

Saturday August 3rd, 2024

Chippewa Park Pond,
90 First Ave, Welland 7pm-9pm (Dusk)

Free to attend, this event is designed to address anti-Asian racism, by creating a safe space, using art to encourage dialogue, compassion and understanding. This quiet and personal reflective event is family-friendly and designed to especially accommodate those with mobility and sensory/auditory concerns.

Enjoy live traditional and modern Chinese music, vocalist and dancers are scheduled to appear between 7:45 and 8:30 pm. Be sure to stay for the Great Launch at dusk when all the lanterns will be floated upon the water at once. This event is free to attend, to hear the live entertainment and watch the water lanterns float upon the pond. To guarantee your Enhanced, Wishes on the Water experience, attendees are strongly encouraged to pre-order your Water Lantern Kit on-line. On-site sales are only until supplies last and are CASH ONLY. Everything sold out last year. Visit our website for more details.

Reawakening All of Our Relations

Saturday, September 21, 2024
Indigenous Stories by the Fire, 6-8 p.m.
Cost: \$25 per person Limited capacity available

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Folk Arts Festival, and Kakekalanicks Consulting have partnered on a unique and specially programmed evening to engage in learning and reflection. Set within the beautiful landscape of the Niagara Escarpment and Carolinian Forest and situated around a wood burning fire, this event offers programming that will bring guests closer to their roots while reflecting on Indigenous histories, knowledge, and futures in Niagara.

Spend time reawakening your spirit in the natural world with immersive Indigenous cultural programming under the stars. Featuring interactive storytelling, music, drumming and dancing, Stories by the Fire will ignite your sense of place, purpose and connections.

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Land Acknowledgment: We acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on land that is the traditional territory of the Anishnabeg, and the Haudenosaunee peoples, and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. We recognize that our great standard of wellbeing is directly related to the friendship and resources of the Indigenous people and we are taking a first step in reconciliation by honouring the land and Indigenous heritage, which dates back over 10,000 years.

Always check our website for updates.
<https://niagarafolkartsfestival.ca/festival/>

Thank You Funders and Community Partners

Welcome to the 56th Annual

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Canadian Slovak League Br#31

Saturday, May 4th 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall
 91 Lakeshore Road, St. Catharines

Welcome to our Slovak Open House! Come out and enjoy authentic Slovak foods prepared by our dedicated volunteers, dessert options, and our Slovak Heritage Display Tables! The Vychodna Slovak Dancers perform at 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM.

For more information, contact Rebecca at 289.668.2441 or email us at cslbr31@live.com

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Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre

Wednesday May 8th 10:30 am - 2:00 pm
 Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre
 85 Church Street, St. Catharines

Arts displays and live performances from our Newcomer and Immigrant community members, with special welcomes to our newest friends from the Nigerian, Afghan and Welland Afro communities. We are looking forward to the always popular Cultural Fashion Show and Basketball Free Throw Challenge. Meet the NFAMC Staff and come see what we do beyond the Festival. Cultural Snacks and refreshments available for purchase.

(free parking off of Raymond Street)
 905-685-6589 xt 225
generalenquiries@folk-arts.ca



Club Italia

Sat. May 11th 4pm - 7pm
 Club Italia
 2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls

For more than 35 years Club Italia has been dedicated to uniting, promoting, and assisting through a common bond of mutual friendship and respect. All Italians and the community of Niagara Falls and the Niagara Region have strived to achieve these goals by providing cultural, social, recreational, sports events and fundraising initiatives for local organizations.

Join us in celebrating our Italian Heritage with Food, Beer/Wine and Cultural Entertainment.

905-374-7388
clubitalia.ca
admin@clubitalia.ca



Ambassador Ball

Thursday May 2nd 6:00 pm
 Club Italia
 2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls

The Ambassadors for the 2024 Festival are presented along with cultural performances. Scheduled to appear this year is the Childrens' Choir from École élémentaire Franco-Niagara, Chinese vocalist Yaya Wang and Chinese violinist Helen Huang presenting classical Western and Chinese selections. We are also welcoming our newest ethno-cultural groups from the Korean, Nigerian, Welland Afro-Caribbean and Bulgarian communities.

Tickets are \$70. Please go to our partner, the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre website for tickets sales details.

OUR 56TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL!

Croatian National Centre

Saturday, May 4th 1:00 pm – 11:00 pm
 Croatian National Centre Niagara Peninsula
 1416 Line 3 Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Join us in Niagara-on-the-Lake to celebrate Croatia's rich culture from its interior farmland village life to the Dalmatian coast and the islands of the Adriatic Sea. Kolo dance group, Hrvatsko Selo, will perform early in the day followed with live musical performances by the tamburaši groups, Veseli Pajdaši and Veseli Hrvati, and live Croatian band, Druga Noć. Enjoy roasted pork and lamb on a spit, Croatian čevapi (mini pork-beef sliders), traditional salads, cabbage rolls, and other national foods and desserts.

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St. Catharines Canadian Polish Society

Friday, May 10th 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday, May 25th 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 Polish Club 43 Facer St., St. Catharines

Welcome to our Polish Open House!

Come out and enjoy Polish foods prepared by our dedicated volunteers (pierogi, cabbage rolls, kielbasa, pork cutlets, sauerkraut etc). Eat-in or Take out.

Polish entertainment included.

905-937-1413
www.cpsfacer.ca
events@cpsfacer.ca



Club Heidelberg

Tues. May 14, 4:30pm-9:30pm
Sun. May 19, 12pm-5pm
 Social Club Heidelberg
 569 Lake Street, St. Catharines

Bring your family, bring your friends and experience some fine German traditional culture. You will be treated to authentic German Dances by the Alpenrosli Schuhplattlers and the Folk Dance Group. While watching the entertainment, you can enjoy German Schnitzel or Sausage dinners with Sauerkraut, homefries, German Tortes and Apple Kuchen.

905-935-4218
clubheidelberg.com

clubheidelberg@cogeco.net



Ethiopian Community in Niagara

Saturday, May 18th 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
 Saint George and Saint Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church
 118 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines

The Open House features delicious Ethiopian cuisine, the highly regarded Ethiopian coffee along with the traditional coffee-making processes and ceremonies, a screen display of Ethiopian cultural dances and historical sites, and an on-site display of cultural artifacts. You all are invited, and we are happy to host you.

905-347-3222 eccaniagara@gmail.com
<http://ethiopianinniagara.ca/>



SOFIFRAN

Saturday, May 18th 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 Church of the Immaculate Conception
 99 Garnet Street, St. Catharines

Venez célébrer avec nous la culture afro-canadienne avec la cuisine sénégalaise, rd congolaise et caribéenne sous le rythme de Amadou Kiénonou.

Come celebrate with us, the cultures of Afro-Canadians with the foods of Senegal, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the Caribbean, with the rhythms of Amadou Kieno.

905-341-0564
www.sofifran.org
sofifran2007@gmail.com



Filipino-Canadian Association of Niagara (FCAN)

Sunday, May 19th 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Merritton Community Centre, 7 Park Avenue, St. Catharines

Enjoy a day of cultural interactions, embracing traditions, Filipino culinary dishes and more, a top-notch hospitality, traditional display of artistic expression showcasing the many exciting folk dances of the different regions of the Philippines. Also be thrilled by rousing performance of the FCAN Kayumangi Dancers on their rendition of the Philippines' national dance, the Tinikling (Bamboo poles tapping and sliding dance).

905-682-0098 www.fcan.info MLIONS@hotmail.com



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Armenian Community Centre of St. Catharines

Sunday, May 19th 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm
 Armenian Community Centre of St.Catharines
 156 Martindale Road, St. Catharines

We invite you to join us and celebrate Armenian Culture. Come and enjoy traditional Armenian music and dance performed by our very own Anoush Dance Group, while tasting traditional Armenian Cuisine. The array of traditional food will include shish kebab, pilaf, lghmajoon (available for pre-order), boreg and tasty paklava for dessert! The cuisine and entertainment will not disappoint and we look forward to spending the afternoon with you all celebrating Armenia!

905-682-6178 accstcatharines@gmail.com
www.armeniancommunitycentre.org



Lipa Park

Monday May 20th 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Slovenian National Home Lipa Park
 2850 Oille Street, Pelham

Welcome One and All!
 Traditional Slovenian style food and dessert.
 Live Slovenian music from 3 pm to closing.
 Traditional folk dancers. BBQ Pork and Lamb on a spit.
 905-682-2922 www.lipapark.ca Info@lipapark.ca



Club Roma Open House

Monday, May 20th 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 Club Roma
 125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines

Immerse yourself in Italian culture with music, dancing, food, and famiglia! Enjoy traditional Italian cuisine, performances from the Club Roma choir, and lots more. All welcome!

905-682-7621 www.clubroma.ca admin@clubroma.ca

