



Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival (2019)

in the *Wild Blueberry Capital of Canada!*

In Oxford, our favorite time of year is the ***Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival***. This year we're celebrating the delicious little berries from August 19-24, followed by the Cumberland County Exhibition the last week in August.

Don't miss the chance to experience wild blueberry pie, cheesecake, ice cream, milk shakes, bagels, muffins, candy and other yummy wild blueberry treats offered at various Oxford locations.

Fun activities for all ages are planned, starting with something for the little ones: a ***Wild Blueberry Teddy Bear Picnic***, 2:00 PM on Monday, August 19 at Little River Park on Lower Main St. Teddy bears (and other stuffed toys) are welcome to bring their favorite children for fun games and Wild Blueberry snacks. For more information, contact the Town of Oxford Recreation Department at 902-447-2798 or by email at recreation@town.oxford.ns.ca.

On Tuesday August 20th (12-2 pm) plan to lunch at 31 Ellis St. where you'll find the Oxford Pioneer Heritage Club's ***Wild Blueberry Luncheon***, featuring Sandwich Plates, Wild Blueberry Cheese Cake, Tea & Coffee. All for \$8/each and takeout is available (picnic in the park perhaps!).

Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm the Oxford Soccer Field is the place to be for a ***FREE Lemonade & Wild Blueberry Jams/Jellies Sampling*** (featuring Thompsons' Berries products) hosted by Oxford Town Council. Watch soccer or just come for the treats! Everyone welcome. Access to the Soccer Field is from Little River Road.

Mailing a postcard or letter? Ask at our Canada Post office about their new ***Wild Blueberry Capital cancellation stamp***.

The Oxford Library gets into wild blue mode on Wednesday, August 21, with a ***Puppet Show*** at Wild Blueberry Corner (Corner of Main and Water Street) from 10:30-11:00 AM; and ***blueberry-themed crafts, games and stories*** from 11:00-11:30 at the Library.

On Thursday, August 22nd, PharmaChoice takes over Heritage Square in Downtown Oxford with a **Giant Yard Sale** 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. They are also hosting a **Wild Blueberry Coloring Contest** all week with prizes in various age categories, and a **Tax Free Day** on Friday.

Join Oxford Recreation Dept. staff again on Friday at 2:00 pm for their **Wild Blueberry Friday Afternoon Activity: hike along The Great Trail** and explore everything the trails have to offer. Meet at the Trail Head on Water Street (South Oxford). All participants are invited to join in the **FREE BBQ** after the hike.

Saturday, August 24, starts out with a long-awaited event. The **unveiling of a musical mural at Wild Blueberry Park** will take place at 10 AM. Oxford's Cumberland Performing Arts group initiated this great project and we can't wait to see Jada Ripley's winning design mounted for all to enjoy.

Stay in Town for a **"one of a kind" variety show** on Saturday at 2:00 PM. You're promised something new at the Capitol Theatre when you attend the **Wild Blueberry Fun Fashion Show**. Because the proceeds will be donated to Hansford Cemetery Fund, organizers refer to "fashions from the House of the Dead" which is a quirky way of saying fashions from the past. The Sunset Thrift Store is also showing some of their clothing. The fashions will be complemented with a Wild Blueberry-Picking Skit created especially for the day, readings, Wild Blueberry treats, Van Dyk Wild Blueberry Juice Sampling, door prizes, 50/50 draw, tickets sold on baskets, some surprises and lots of laughs. Cost is only \$5.00 each. In addition to Sunset Thrift Store, various community organizations and volunteers are contributing to this event so don't miss the fun.

A **Europe Trip 2020 Fundraiser** will also be held on Saturday. Check with the Recreation Department or the Trip Committee for time and place of the Car Wash, BBQ and Face-Painting. At time of posting this, details were not available.

Keep an eye on the Town of Oxford website Community Events Calendar for more activities (www.town.oxford.ns.ca) or follow the Town of Oxford on face book. The main page of the website also features information on **where to find wild blueberries and wild blueberry products in Oxford**. If you're visiting us in the Wild Blueberry Capital of Canada, don't forget to get your picture taken in the Big Wild Blueberry Chair in Wild Blueberry Park, just across from the Oxford Riverside Gallery/Town Hall/Visitor Information Centre.

Take time to stop into the Gallery to see the newest exhibit entitled "Water". You won't believe your eyes! And admission is free.