



AUGUST 1-5, 2019

GANDER, NL

Celebrating 33 Years of Community Pride

OPENING CEREMONIES - VENDOR MARKET - KITCHEN PARTY - DERBY - GOSPEL CONCERT - FIREWORKS - MUSICFEST & MORE!

WORLD WAR II ART EXHIBITION

During the Festival, drop by the Smallwood Arts & Culture Centre Gallery to view over 30 reproductions of artwork produced by Gander's World War II official artists. Admission is free and the gallery is open during the Arts and Culture's regular hours of operation.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

11:30am - 1:00pm - Join the residents of Gander as we celebrate the contribution of 9 Wing Gander to our community at the **Support the Troops** event. Taking place at the Steele Community Centre Parking Lot (weather permitting), admission to this event is a donation to the Military Family Resource Centre.

3 - 10pm - Head to the Steele Community Centre parking lot to enjoy Bracelet Day (\$45) at **Thomas Amusements**.

6 - 7:30pm - 5,4,3,2,1 – LIFT OFF at the **Opening Ceremonies!** Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Apollo's moon landing, there will be lots of space related fun and maybe an astronaut or two! Taking place at the Steele Community Centre, admission is a Festival Button. Don't forget, it's Commander Gander's birthday so you'll want to bring your appetite for cake and other goodies. Proudly sponsored by Subway.

7pm - The Gander Youth Arts Festival presents the Broadway hit "**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**" at the Quality Hotel and Suites Theatre on Caldwell. Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* has charmed audiences across North America with its effortless wit and humour. Featuring a fast-paced, wildly funny and touching book by Rachel Sheinkin and a truly fresh and vibrant score by William Finn, this bee is one unforgettable experience. Tickets available online at www.beyondtheoverpass.ca or by calling the box office at 256-7529.

8pm – Legends Lounge on Caldwell will be hosting a **Comedy Night** featuring Liam Small plus 3 comedians. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Karaoke with DJ Saint will follow this fun night.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Noon - 2pm - The Gander International Airport will host its annual **Kids Picnic** at the Airport on the main lawn. The picnic is geared towards young children and their families, but all are welcome. Admission is free. This outdoor event is weather dependent, so please check the Airport's Facebook page for the latest updates at www.facebook.com/ganderinternationalairport.

2pm - The Gander Seniors 50+ Club invites community seniors (over the age of 50) to an afternoon of non-competitive **Seniors Bowling** at Andy's Alleys on Airport Blvd. Admission is \$6 and there will be draw prizes and snacks.

2 - 4pm – Attention treasure hunters! Join us for fun at the Gander Heritage Trails Park on Circular Road (across from the Airport) for our annual **Children's Scavenger Hunt**. An event for all ages, admission is free, there will be prizes and refreshments available. For more information, contact Natasha or Paddy at 651-1607 or check us out on Facebook @ Gander Heritage Trails.

3 - 10pm - Head to the Steele Community Centre parking lot to enjoy Bracelet Day (\$45) at **Thomas Amusements**.

5 - 9pm - Grab a couple of friends and see if you can crack the code and **Escape the Room** before time runs out at the Steele Community Centre. Everyone has to preregister by calling 651-5927 to participate. Sponsored by Jerry's Car Sales, teams can have a maximum of 5 members per team and this is for ages 13+.

6:30pm - Stroll around the Town Square on Elizabeth Drive and take in 90 minutes of non-stop, action packed fun at the **BuskerFest**! This event will feature spectacular circus artistry, non-verbal shows that can be understood by all, one-of-a-kind entertainment that will have you questioning your very eyes, and of course, local performers singing a tune or two. For more information, please contact Denise at 651-5935.

7pm - The Gander Youth Arts Festival presents "**The Middle of Nowhere**" at the Quality Hotel and Suites Theatre on Caldwell. This new dinner show is set in Gander during the early years of the town and focuses on the American, British, and Canadian influence that helped shape the community during WWII. The show will feature stories and songs popular during the era. There will also be opportunities for audience participation. A musical blast from the past and a tribute to this place we call home. Tickets available online at www.beyondtheoverpass.ca or by calling the box office at 256-7529.

10pm – Kenny and the Jets are performing at the **Oasis Lounge** on Airport Blvd to help launch this year's Festival! Bring your dancing shoes as the music is going to be great! Admission is \$15 and for more information, please contact 651-3100.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

10am - 3pm - Looking for something crafty to purchase for a friend or yourself? Drop by the **Vendor Market** at the Salvation Army where there will be plenty of pretty items to buy! Admission is a donation to the Food Bank.

10:30am - Noon - Be prepared to get drenched at **Splash Ball!** If you're between the ages of 5-12, you'll have a blast at this super fantastic water-filled obstacle course at the Town Field on Elizabeth Drive. Admission is free and this event is proudly sponsored by XHeight.

10:30am - 12:30pm – Live Wild:Be Wild will be hosting a free **Kid's Guided Hike** at the Thomas Howe Demonstration Forest on the Trans Canada Highway east of Gander. This is part of the Wild Explorer's Club and hikes will run every half hour. There will be bbq'd hot dogs and drinks for purchase. Rain or shine come explore the boreal forest and the animals that call it home. For more information, please email: tysontulk@yahoo.ca

11am - 4pm – Attention all XHEIGHT'ED Friends! XHeight Zone on Catalina Drive will be holding a **RC Race Day** on the new RC track behind their building. Race your RC vehicle through the daring turns, jumps and obstacles to see who takes the winning titles in each division. Registration is \$20 or \$18 with a Festival button and includes a hot dog and drink. Preregistration is welcomed by calling 651-7570 and race day registration will be from 11am – 12pm. Races start at 12pm.

11:30am - 2:30pm - Head over to a traditional **Fisherman's Brewis Lunch** at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 8 on 193 Elizabeth Drive. Tickets are just \$12 a plate and can be purchased at the Legion or by calling 256-3867.

1 - 10pm - Head to the Steele Community Centre parking lot to enjoy Bracelet Day (\$45) at **Thomas Amusements**.

1 - 2pm - Head on over to the Thomas Howe Demonstration Forest on the TCH east of Gander for the **Smokey the Bear Picnic**. Grab a hot dog, drink and enjoy various activities. Admission is free!

1:30 - 2:30pm – Join the crew at A & W Gander on the Trans Canada Highway for a **Root Beer Chug-a-Lug Contest**. Admission is free and there are prizes to be won! For more information, please call 256-2170.

2 - 4pm - Do you have a **Minute to Win It?** Be prepared to race against the clock to complete challenges. The more challenges you complete, the more cash you win! Taking place at the Quality Hotel and Suites Theatre on Caldwell Ave, contestants will be randomly selected from the audience. Admission is \$2 and a donation to the food bank. Sponsored by Renew Physiotherapy.

4 - 6pm - Come join the North Atlantic Aviation Museum on the Trans Canada Highway for the **Glider Toss**. With lots of family activities, including paper plane making, a scavenger hunt, a BBQ, and more! Sheilah Lukins, author of "Flying Ace: Errol's Gander Adventure" will make a special appearance, the perfect fit for the young readers of town! Admission to the museum is free and there will be random prize drawings. For any more information, please call the Museum at 256-2923.

9:30pm - Are you ready to rock?? Head to the Steele Community Centre on Airport Blvd with your dancing shoes as **NL's Biggest Kitchen Party** will have you on your feet. The lineup features Gander's own Halfway Rock, fan favorite Bic and the Ballpoints and new to the Kitchen Party stage- Love Queen! This full slate of rock n' roll music will have you dancing the night away! Don't be disappointed, get your tickets soon as early bird tickets are just \$19.75 including tax plus surcharge. At the door, tickets will be \$29.75 including tax plus surcharge. You can purchase your tickets online at www.gandercanada.tix.com, in person at the Steele Community Centre or by calling 651-5931/5927. You must be 19 years or older to attend and proper ID is required! Sponsored by Labatt, KRock, VOXM and the Town of Gander.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

1-6pm - Head to the Steele Community Centre parking lot to enjoy **Thomas Amusements Family Day**.

2pm - Buckle your seatbelts because you're in for a wild ride! The **Gander Boys & Girls Club Annual Demolition Derby** will feature a new Pro Mod Class plus 4 rounds of metal grinding, heart pounding action. This event takes place rain or shine at the Raynham Derby site off Magee Road, admission is \$7, and concessions are available. Gates open at Noon and the flag will drop at 2pm.

2pm –Come out for an afternoon of live music with “Here to Stay” and snacks at the Annual Festival of Flight **Seniors Tea**. Taking place at St. Martins Hall on Fraser Road, tickets are limited so make sure to get yours at the Steele Community Centre before they are all gone. For more information, please contact Shannon at 651-5958. Sponsored by Peyton’s Flowers and Abbott Wellness Solutions.

4pm – Join us at **XHeight Zone** on Catalina Drive for an hour of family fun on the trampolines or playground. They will be offering 50% off all zone passes. Afterwards, visit the snack bar for a sweet treat or smoothie. Pre-booking is required and can be done by phone 651-7570. To skip the line, fill out your waiver online – www.xheightzone.ca

6pm – Enjoy an evening of inspirational music and song at the **Gospel Concert** taking place at Cobb’s Pond Rotary Park on Magee Road. Featuring father and son duo, Austin & Dave Thomson and Carolina East, this concert will be a wonderful night of entertainment. Sponsored by Sutton Beaton Realty, admission is a donation of a nonperishable food item for the Food Bank.

7pm – Enjoy a traditional Newfoundland concert and dinner at “**Here to Stay**” featuring Kim Wiseman, John Walsh and Neil Oldford. Taking place at the Gander Curling Club on Airport Blvd, you’ll hear soul stirring songs, beautiful ballads and some side-splitting comedic songs. As part of this wonderful evening, enjoy a delicious meal by Gene’s Catering, you can have either stuffed cod or stuffed chicken breast, steamed veggies and mashed potato. For the second half of the show, enjoy tea or coffee and dessert. Tickets are \$50 (groups and locals receive a 20% discount) and must be reserved in advance by calling 424-1970.

8pm - The Gander Boys and Girls Club will host a **Derby Night Super Bingo** at the Gander Elks Club. There will be regular games plus a guaranteed \$1000 jackpot and a \$300 mini jackpot. Doors open at 6:30pm. For information, please contact 256-7803.

8pm – Legends Lounge on Caldwell will be hosting a **Festival Trivia Night**. If you think you’ve got useless knowledge, pop by and you might win a prize!

10pm – Come party inside the **Oasis Lounge** on Airport Blvd with DJ Two Jays. Best known for his genre bending performances, DJ Two Jays unique, open style has resonated with party goers for nearly a decade! Admission is only \$5 and for more information, please contact 651-3100.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

8am - Gather everyone together for a mini reunion at the **Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce Community Breakfast**. Taking place at the Steele Community Centre, breakfast consists of eggs, hash browns, bologna, beans and rolls for the fantastic price of \$8. This event is sponsored by the Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Gander Consumers Co-op, Gander Shriners and Gander Lions Club. A Touch of Class will also be on hand to sing a few tunes compliments of the Town of Gander.

10am – Drop by the Town Square from 10-11am for a **Superhero/Princess Meet and Greet**. Everyone’s favourite goose – Commander Gander will also be in attendance and some of his mascot friends might join us too! Don’t forget your camera to get some great pictures plus a donation to the food bank would be appreciated.

1 - 10pm - Head to the Steele Community Centre parking lot to enjoy Bracelet Day (\$45) at **Thomas Amusements**.

2pm - The Gander Lions Club will be hosting a **Festival of Flight Bingo** at their club on Lothian Court. Doors open at 1:15pm and Bingo starts at 2pm. Cards are \$5 each and bar services are available. For more information, please call Don @ 422-0244.

GANDER DAY CELEBRATIONS – COBB’S POND ROTARY PARK

2 - 10pm - Celebrate our civic holiday – **GANDER DAY** - with family and friends at the Cobb’s Pond Rotary Park on Magee Road. There’ll be inflatable rides, games, food and fun for everyone! Admission is a Festival Button which costs \$4. Don’t miss the following events:

From 2-8pm, Hooves-N-Paws Adventure Farm will be offering pony/horse rides at the Pond. For more information, please check out their Facebook page.

Starting at 2pm, you’ll hear music from all genres and decades during the **2019 MUSICFEST** including Mallory Johnson West of Town, Halfway Rock plus other local and regional talent.

At 6pm, The Irish Descendants will grace the Musicfest stage for the first time! They’ll play everything from lilting ballads to toe-tapping reels. Sponsored by Steele Hotels, you won’t want to miss these amazingly talented performers!

Right before the fireworks display, SMOKESHOW will take to the stage with a unique one of a kind performance combining music, fire and more!

Taking place at dusk is **NEWFOUNDLAND’S LARGEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY**, this magical event is a must see and will happen rain or shine!

10:30pm - After the fireworks, head to the **Oasis Lounge** to enjoy some fantastic music with two of NL’s finest musicians – Chris and Andrew LeDrew of Brother’s in Stereo. For more information, please contact 651-3100, admission is \$10.