

LOCALNEWS

■ **COMMUNITY:** Approximately 175 women artists are expected to set up shop in City Park



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The Kingston Women's Art Festival showcases approximately 175 different female artists working across a variety of mediums.

Art festival celebrates creativity

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For The Whig-Standard

From belly dancing to hand-crafted pottery, this year's Kingston Women's Art Festival will have a little bit of everything. This Sunday, 175 female artists — ranging from amateurs and veterans — will set up shop in City Park for the annual celebration of female creativity.

Along with the work of women artisans, which includes paintings, prints, sculpture, jewelry and photographs, there will be food, a silent auction and a children's area.

The festival isn't only a space for showcasing female talent, as it also fundraises for local women's and children's causes. All proceeds, including those from the silent auction and the artists' booth rental fees, are donated.

This year, 115 items, all donated by the artists, are up for auction, according to Anna Kovachis, chair of the festival organizing committee.

"The Women's Art Festival has always been phenomenally supported by the Kingston community, which is why we are always so happy to take what excess funding that there is leftover ... to give it back to the community," Kovachis said.

In the past, the festival has donated more than \$80,000 to organizations including Interval House, Elizabeth Fry Society, Breast Cancer Action Kingston and HIV and AIDS Regional Services.

During the festival, nine local acts will take to the stage, including two belly dancing groups — Veils of Isis and Kingston Bellydance Collective — and musicians Christina Tracy, Debbie Fredericks,



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Shout Sister Choir, Teagan McLaren, Kate E. White, 3girlZband and The Groove Queens.

The festival, now in its 34th year, was born out of the annual International Women's Day in March 1980.

"If you go back 34 years, there weren't a lot of venues available for women," Kovachis said.

"They decided to organize the festival as a celebration of women's art work —

of women working together and on their own," Anne Wilcox, one of the members of the festival co-operative, said in 1985.

In 1986, the festival was cancelled and there was fear that it might die out entirely. But since then, it's only grown, with more than 3,000 visitors and more female artists joining in.

The Women's Art Festival will be open on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in City Park.

■ **COMMUNITY:** Proceeds go to March of Dimes campers

Battle of the bands benefits children

Four bands will battle this Sunday for the title of Kingston's best band and will help raise \$5,000 for people with physical disabilities.

The battle of the bands is a part of the city's second annual Rock for Dimes fundraiser. Kingston bands Sweet Talk Jackie, Richard Cranium, 2 Hands High, and The Bon Evans Band will play in the competition. After the competition, New World Men, a Rush cover band, will perform.

For the ticket price of \$25, guests can also camp for a night at Loughborough Lake Holiday Park.

Proceeds will go to March of Dimes Canada's Campers Helping Campers program, which offers recreational programming to people with disabilities.

The funds are used to subsidize the costs associated with supporting a person who lives with a disability so they

can enjoy a summer camping experience. Some of the costs covered are specialized travel to and from the camp, meals, attendant care, accom-

modations, supplies and day trips.

Doors will open at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Loughborough Lake Holiday Park.

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■ **MEMORIAL CENTRE:** Beginning of harvest season to be celebrated

Farmers market to host three weeks of special events

In celebration of the beginning of the harvest season, the Memorial Centre Farmers Market is hosting events for three weeks.

This Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., is the Local Burger Bash, where people can eat burgers with 100% of the ingredients locally grown and produced. For children, there will be storytelling in the kids tent, and music by Timothy Seier.

The following Sunday, Aug. 23, market vendors, rather than stationing themselves on the concrete of the parking lot, will be on the grass in front of the Memorial Centre. In this picnic-in-the-park event, there will also be games, includ-

ing a bottle ring toss, bean bag toss and apple bobbing, with prizes for both children and adults. Crafts will be available in the kids tent. Music will be provided by Juno-nominated Gary Rasberry.

On Sunday, Aug. 30, in the spirit of the harvest season and the crops that will grow, the market is hosting "Preserve the Harvest" seminars. People can learn canning basics (10 a.m.), blanching and freezing vegetables (11 a.m.), and dehydration basics (noon). Along with the seminars, Katie Beth will be performing her music from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.


ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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