

# NIAGARA



## HERITAGE TRAIL

### Niagara Parks Heritage Happenings 2009

**McFarland House** offers a taste of 1840's style and pace. Located 2 km south of Niagara-on-the-Lake on the Niagara Parkway, you can tour the home and the period garden, or relax and sample fresh home baking, fine teas or a glass of Niagara wine, at the McFarland Tea Garden. Open Mother's Day to Labour Day 11am-5pm.

**Mackenzie Printery & Newspaper Museum** is the home of rebel publisher William Lyon Mackenzie, where you can explore 500 years of printing technology amid the authentic ambiance of the region's best hands-on museum. Open May 2 to Labour Day 11am-4pm.

**Laura Secord Homestead** Honored as one of the 50 greatest Canadians and Canada's most well known hero, you can visit Laura Secord's homestead and find out why! Open May 2 to Thanksgiving 12-5pm.

**Old Fort Erie** Step back into a time of red coats, black powder and gray stone walls. Discover the sights, sounds and smells of a War of 1812 garrison in action at this National Historic Site and CAA/AAA gem. Located just south of the Peace Bridge, you can find out more at [www.oldforterie.com](http://www.oldforterie.com) Open May 2 to Thanksgiving 10am-5pm.

### Upcoming Events

- **McFarland House Mother's Day:** May 10. Bring your mum out in honour of Mother's Day for a tour and a cup of tea at McFarland House. To reserve a table call 905 468-3322.
- **Friday Night Frights at Old Fort Erie:** Fridays June 19 - August 28. Take an evening walk through the Old Fort located on "Canada's Bloodiest Battlefield", while a costumed interpreter revels in true stories of ghosts and horrors that have taken place over the past 200 years. For information call 905 871 0540. \*Note: No tour on Fri. August 7, 2009.
- **Murder Mystery at Old Fort Erie:** June 12 & 13, September 4 & 5. It's Murder most foul! The event that saw a packed Fort in 2008 with detectives finding the clues that led to the capture of the murderer, has returned with all new suspects, twists and turns. Prizes to be awarded! For tickets call 905 871-0540.
- **Laura Secord in Real Time:** Saturday June 20. Experience the events that led Laura Secord to leave her family and home to enter a dangerous No Man's Land to warn the defenders of Canada. For more information contact 905 262-4851.
- **Friends at the Fort:** July 1 to 4. In keeping with the theme of the Friendship Festival along the river at Mather Arch, the Old Fort will honour Canadians and Americans from the War of 1812. The Fort will honour the American Garrison from the summer of 1814 on the 29th and 30th of June. On July 1st and 2nd the garrison will be manned by the Canadian soldiers and First Nations' warriors of 1812.
- **Simcoe Days at Mackenzie Printery & Newspaper Museum:** Saturday, August 1 to Monday August 3. The Civic Holiday is known as Simcoe Day in some parts of Ontario. Stop by the Mackenzie Printery on Simcoe Day and learn how the nation's oldest printing press helped John Graves Simcoe shape the province of Upper Canada.
- **The Siege of Fort Erie 1814:** Saturday, August 8 & Sunday, August 9. Witness the battles of 1814 which turned Old Fort Erie into Canada's bloodiest battlefield. On-going events throughout the weekend at Canada's largest 1812 re-enactment. Special lantern tours will be available after the Saturday evening battle. For tickets and information call (905) 871-0540 or visit [www.oldforterie.com](http://www.oldforterie.com)
- **Doors Open Niagara** at Laura Secord Homestead and Mackenzie Printery & Newspaper Museum: Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18. For more information visit [www.doorsopenniagara.com](http://www.doorsopenniagara.com). Free admission!
- **All Hallows' Eve at Old Fort Erie:** October 17, 23, 24, and 30 at 7:30 p.m. Venture out to Old Fort Erie to experience the traditions of Halloween, brought to life through the Ghosts of the Old Fort. This event sells out quickly! Reservations are required at (905) 871-0540.
- **A McFarland Christmas:** December 4 & 6. The Garden Club of Niagara transforms McFarland House for the holiday season.

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