

From Queen's Park by Sylvia Jones MPP ? Annual fall fairs coming in Dufferin-Caledon

Fall means two things to me ? back to school and fall fairs in Dufferin-Caledon.

Fall fairs are a great opportunity for everyone to celebrate our province's proud agricultural community to showcase their hard work. Dufferin-Caledon is home to a number of fall fairs, and our local agricultural societies have been busy getting ready for opening day. From Sept. 2 to 4, the Orangeville Agricultural Society, competitors, exhibitors and the midway are ready to welcome visitors to its 162nd fall fair with this year's homage to sunflowers. Getting to the fair is easy, with a free bus ride leaving from convenient locations throughout Orangeville. Visit the website to check for locations and time at <http://oaseventcentre.ca/orangeville-agricultural-society/free-bus-schedule-and-route>

There are many activities and events for individuals and families to enjoy, including the demolition derby, livestock shows, live music, agricultural displays, children's crafts and home craft displays.

The 149th Shelburne Fall Fair will be taking place the weekend of Sept. 16 to 18. Dig out your rain boots because this year's theme is Country Roots and Rubber Boots. There will be local musical talent, street artists and more. The Shelburne District Agricultural Society volunteers have put together a fantastic weekend and the fairgrounds are jam-packed with activities for the whole family, including lawn tractor races, shows for dogs, cattle, horses and sheep, an obstacle course, exhibits and much more. For more information, please visit their website at www.shelburnefair.com

The Brampton Fall Fair, from Sept. 15 to 18, is celebrating Honey-Bees and Apple Trees in its 163rd year. There is quite a buzz about this year's fair, held at the Region of Peel Agricultural Society Fairgrounds at 12942 Heart Lake Rd. in Caledon. Drop by with the family for a fantastic family outing. Stay for the Brampton's Got Talent contest, or take in the demolition derby. For more information on this fair, please visit www.bramptonfair.com

Grand Valley is holding the 144th fair from Sept. 23 to 25 and is also recognizing bees in its theme of Butterflies and Honey-Bees. This year will surely be a great time for the whole family, with events including midway rides, truck and tractor pull, a kiddie pedal tractor pull and pet show. To find out more, please check out their fun and interactive website at <http://grandvalleyfallfair.ca> Sharing the weekend of Sept. 23 to 25 is the Bolton Fall Fair. The Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society and volunteers have planned a busy weekend in their 158th edition with a focus on Sew It, Grow It, Show It. The official opening is Friday at 6:30 p.m., but the midway is open to visitors Thursday for Toonie night. More information can be found at <http://boltontractorpull.ca/bolton-fall-fair>

No matter where you live in Dufferin-Caledon, there is a local fall fair for you to take your family and celebrate autumn.

