

Get your Celtic on ? Alton Mill annual Spring Open House

Ring in the spring April 29 and 30.

Gather family and friends to experience fantastic art by Mill artists, Celtic music, dance performances, great food at the Gourmandissimo Café, craft beer sampling, pet baby lambs and much more.

Alton Mill has plenty of fascinating activities planned to keep everyone entertained.

Looking to create your own unique work of art? All weekend, Mill artist CJ Shelton will be offering her very popular and engaging Celtic Knot Know-How mandala workshop, Linda Augustin will be leading a Celtic Coat of Arms painting workshop for children seven years of age and older, the Hive will offer its ever popular Give it a Whirl encaustic workshop and Ann Randerad will offer hands-on pottery workshops. Sunday, the Noodle Gallery will be offering Squirrely Squirrels and Night Owls with artist Judy Anderson and Mark Grice serves up a painting party for adults.

Those who are fascinated by sculpture will be able to witness the highly anticipated creation of Stone Wave, a dry stone art installation on the trail above the Mill with Sean Donnelly and other members of the dry stonewall community. Swing a hammer or use a chisel to shape a stone. Under the guidance of dry stone worker Doug Bell, those efforts to shape a stone will become part of the Stone Wave project.

For details regarding all classes, demos and workshops, visit the Mill's website at altonmill.ca

The Mill is home to five beautiful galleries. In addition to their ongoing shows, during the Celtic-themed open house, they will have two new and fabulous exhibits on display. Visit the Headwaters Art Gallery to see works of art by landscape artist Bonnie Eskelson at her show, 12 Days On The Road...And More. Also enjoy the emerging talent of the Mayfield Secondary Grade 9 Art Show in the Falls Gallery.

Get movin' and groovin' with the brilliant musical acts. Experience a volcanic explosion of talent and energy, intense emotion and feral passion. The Mill will present a special performance of Rhythmfoot with the Frank and Chanda Leahy family Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This performance is not to be missed. Advance tickets are available online. Also, enjoy Celtic music both days and be moved by the talent of the Claymore Scottish Highland Dancers during their free Saturday performances in the Paul Morin Gallery.

Shop local, support local. There are plenty of unique shopping experiences at The Mill.

Join Gallery Gemma Jewellery Saturday in introducing a brand new bridal collection by Noam Carver. Drop into the gallery for the perfect chance to experience world-class design in a beautiful, local setting. Open all weekend, visit the Celtic bazaar and browse the wares of guest artists and vendors, including Circa Candles (Saturday only), Celtic Fair jewellery, Christine Marie Ford textiles, Brian Blakeman Isle of Skye paintings, Crisara Studios eclectic collection of handmade items and painter Diana Skeates.

Mark your calendars and explore the creative hub of Headwaters. Some activities are subject to a separate fee, others are free. The suggested donation \$10 per adult, \$5 per child and \$20 per family.