

July 2023

VOLUNTEER NEWS



Special Call for Volunteers

Thank you to each of the 446 volunteers who have already signed up!!

We are less than 3 months away from the event and work is ongoing. We have identified specific areas where volunteers are still required. If you or someone you know is interested in any of the following please have them complete and submit a volunteer form. They can complete and return the attached form or it can be done online at plowingmatch.org/ipm2023 and submitted electronically.

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Parking Additional volunteers required to help direct visitors in the parking fields. Need 30 volunteers each day, majority of shifts 9:00—12:00 am.

Steppers and Greeters require large number of volunteers to help welcome and assist visitors on & off the wagons (to and from the parking fields).

Gates and Tickets need 87 more shifts filled..

More volunteers needed.

Education could use some more "week of" volunteers to help with set up, running booth displays as well as helping shuttle students on and off buses. The ideal type of person we would look for is someone good with kids, experience working with kids, able to follow instructions to repeat a task (like showing students how to plant a seed) and could be available between 9am and 2pm Tues- Friday. This is when we foresee the bulk of students coming in.

The Lounge will be a popular spot that will require at least 25 volunteers (18 years of age+) per day to ensure that each shift goes off without a hitch. One important requirement for the Lounge, to make sure everyone enjoys responsibly, is that workers must be Smart Serve certified. **Please note that if you currently have your Smart Serve but received certification BEFORE July 1, 2018, you are required to recertify before June 30, 2023**

Entertainment could use a few more volunteers. They will be introducing the entertainers at the various venues.

Information Booths need 10 more volunteers.

Souvenirs could use a few more volunteers to help at the various events they are selling at over the summer.

We are still looking for specific individuals for the following:

Emergency Services Committee has identified a need for Administrative Assistant(s) during this event. Individuals willing to work 5 hours for each of 5 days. Stationed in the Emergency Command post, to record incoming and outgoing communications, and receive reports from field locations. If you're interested in these positions please contact either Jim Hastings poppajim1955@gmail.com or Chris Ecclestone chrisecclestone62@gmail.com.

Volunteer Coordinator Update

The IPM and Rural Expo is a great event that brings many different people together from both agriculture and non-agriculture groups to work towards a common goal. The goal is organizing and staging the largest event to ever come to Dufferin. This event is not possible without our volunteers.

To date we have 446 volunteers who have registered to participate. We are anticipating requiring 500-700. Please tell your family and friends about these opportunities to participate in the community event.

If you have registered as a volunteer and have NOT been contacted by the Chair of the area that you are interested in, please contact either the Chair or myself. If that area has sufficient volunteers, we can identify other areas that still require assistance.

Public Health teaches an all day Food Handlers Course with participants completing an exam and then receiving a five year certificate. The information is helpful for everyone who prepares or cooks food, at home, at church or for their job. Public Health is offering this course to IPM Volunteers at no charge.

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All IPM Volunteers on the lunch committee are required to take either this course or a modified 4 hours course. The full day is scheduled for Wed. Jul. 5th. The 4 hour training will be held Wed. Aug. 9th and Sat. Aug. 19th. This half day training is only available to IPM volunteers. If you are not on the Lunches Committee but would like to take the course let them know, priority will be the Lunch volunteers.

Sixteen Volunteers involved in traffic control have completed a course in flagging.

The general orientation for all volunteers has been scheduled for Sat. Sept. 9th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We are preparing a Volunteer's Handbook which will be distributed at the Orientation along with a lanyard and identification tag. A tour of the grounds—tented city, plowing areas, RV park will be included. Please mark your calendars!

If you have any questions relating to volunteering, please contact me. I look forward to working with all of you on this community event.

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Get your IPM Souvenirs



Amaranth Municipal Office—Laurel Dufferin Mutual Insurance—Shelburne

Also available for pick up or drop off. Please contact socialmediaipm2023@gmail.com for more information



BREATHE IN DUFFERIN

ONTARIO'S HEARTLAND

BEAUTIFICATION COMPETITION

GET INVOLVED AND BE CREATIVE!

DECORATE THE ENTRANCE OF YOUR HOME, DRIVEWAY OR BUSINESS TO BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH AND RURAL EXPO. LET'S WELCOME THOSE COMING TO DUFFERIN.

PRIZE MONEY IS UP FOR GRABS!

PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH OF THE 4 CATEGORIES!
URBAN, RURAL, BUSINESSES (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES)
AND BARN QUILTS.

DISPLAYS MUST INCORPORATE

THEME: BREATHE IN DUFFERIN - ONTARIO'S HEARTLAND.
FLOWERS: HYDRANGEAS AND FALL MUMS (CHRYSANTHEMUM)
IPM 2023 COLOURS: CREAM, RUST AND BLUE.

CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST 28TH, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION, RULES AND TO ENTER,

IPM2023BEAUTIFICATION@GMAIL.COM

WWW.PLOWINGMATCH.ORG/IPM2023



Entertainment

Bowling Green will be full of live entertainment at the upcoming International Plowing Match and Rural Expo this September. Inside the tented city, musicians from across Southern Ontario will be performing daily at three different stages. Dufferin county musicians have not been left out, everyone is so excited to be part of this great event!

The Aaron Muir Band, The Missing Link, Frosted Patterns, Alex Burnett Band, The Brewery Boys, The Ukuladies & Ukuladdies, and the Orangeville Show Chorus will all be performing during the week. Individual performers have not been forgotten, and several locals will also be featured throughout the week, rain or shine!

Entertainment throughout tented city will be outlined in the guidebook you receive when entering the Plowing Match, so plan on enjoying some free music while snacking, resting your feet, or getting out of the sun!

RV Entertainment

Included in the RV Park registration is nightly entertainment taking place within the Park. If you can't stay for the week, single night registration is available for unserviced lots. A copy of the brochure is attached for your convenience.

Mon. Sept. 18th 7 pm to 10 pm—Freddy Vette & His Rhinestone Plow-boys

Tues. Sept. 19th 7 pm to 10:30 pm The Aaron Muir Band (also open mic)

Wed. Sept. 20th 7 pm to 10:30 pm Southbound with Naomi Bristow

Thurs. Sept. 21st 7 pm to 10:30 pm The Barn Dance (Canada's Largest Travelling Barn Dance)

Fri. Sept. 22nd 7 pm to 10:30 pm "Cash" Johnny Cash Tribute Artist (World's Most Authentic Johnny Cash Tribute)

IPM 2023 Bench Sponsorship



- 120 Benches to be built by local high school students
- placed throughout the property during the IPM 2023 show
- SPONSOR keeps the bench!

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