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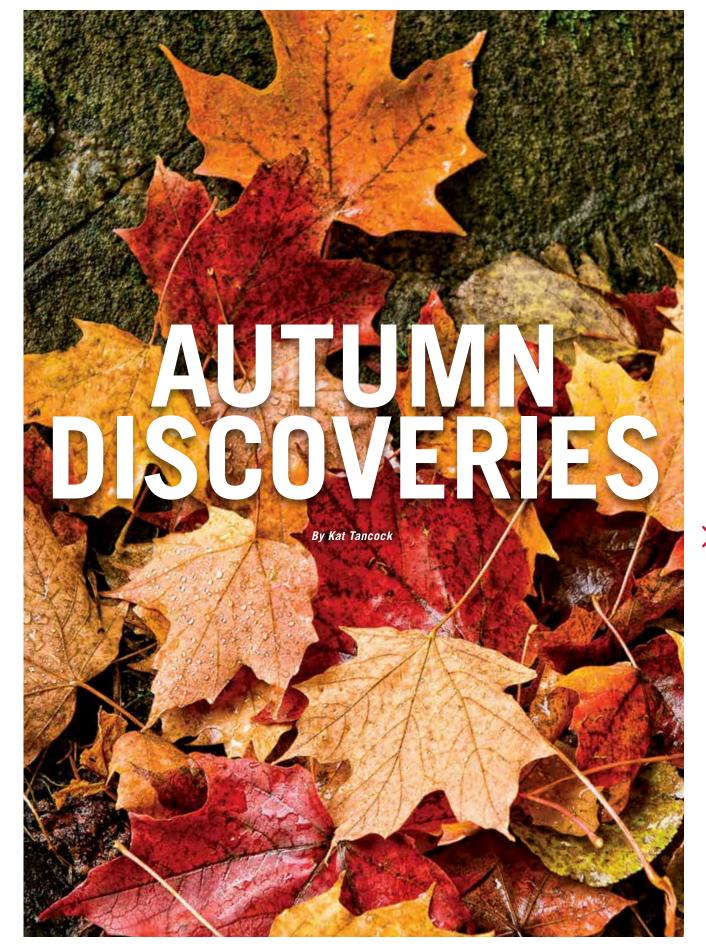
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AGAWA CANYON TOUR TRAIN

to October 13

Book ahead for this perfect romantic day trip, a 10-hour journey from Sault Ste. Marie that takes you deep into the rugged Ontario north, seasonally ablaze with fall colours. agawacanyontourtrain.com

# **RURAL RAMBLE IN** THE OTTAWA VALLEY

to October 31

Explore the Ottawa Valley with a selfguided driving tour and take in fall foliage while visiting food, adventure, history and culture stops.

theruralramble.ca

# **BRIGHTON APPLEFEST**

September 25–28

Join the fun at the apple harvest with a parade, street fair, car show and concert featuring Canadian favourites Kim Mitchell and April Wine. brightonapplefest.ca



# **WELLESLEY APPLE BUTTER AND CHEESE FESTIVAL**

September 27

Pack your appetite for this food-centric event that includes a pancake breakfast, cider mill tours, craft and food vendors, and a 5-km (3-mi.) race.

wellesleyabcfestival.ca

# SEPTEMBER

# **BALL'S FALLS THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL**

October 10-13 More than 100 artisans display and sell their

pottery, paintings, jewellery and more at this event held in a Niagara conservation area. ballsfalls.ca

# **ROCKTON WORLD'S FAIR**

October 10-13

Enjoy the best of rural life (even fantasize about your own future hobby farm) thanks to this Canadian Thanksgiving roundup of rides, food, shows and competitions. rocktonworldsfair.com



# NORFOLK COUNTY FAIR **AND HORSE SHOW**

October 7–13

Visit the largest outdoor horse show in Canada, complete with country music concerts and adults-only Eat and Drink Norfolk featuring local food, wine, beer and spirits. norfolkcountyfair.com

# **PORT ELGIN PUMPKINFEST**

October 4, 5

Car buffs won't want to miss the classic-car, Corvette and motorcycle shows; the whole family will be amazed at the giant pumpkins, some over 680 kg (1,500 lbs.).





# **BEAU'S OKTOBERFEST IN VANKLEEK HILL**

October 3, 4

Local organic brewery Beau's runs this familyfriendly event with fine cuisine and, of course, beer. Joel Plaskett Emergency headlines this year's roster of bands. beaus.ca/Oktoberfest



# BALA CRANBERRY FESTIVAL

October 17–19

The 30th anniversary of this Muskoka event features wagon tours of the marshes, arts and crafts vendors, and treats to eat and take home.

balacranberryfestival.on.ca

# A TASTE OF HEADWATERS

October 17-November 2

Locavores treasure this extravaganza of Ontario produce and cuisine embraced by growers, farmers' markets, food shops and restaurants.

thehillsofheadwaters.com

# THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR

November 7–16

Plan ahead for your personal must-dos, must-sees and must-eats at the world's largest combined indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian

competition, held annually in Toronto. royalfair.org



# **TASTE TRAIL**

vear-round

**Experience Prince** Edward County's agricultural renaissance by taking cooking classes or visiting winemakers and artisanal food producers with a self-guided route along country roads. tastetrail.ca





# **NOVEMBER**

# Whether your style is off the slightly off the wall, check or vintage boutiques in Toronto Queen West shopping area, fashion shoots for the hip

Whether your style is off the rack or slightly off the wall, check out these vintage boutiques in Toronto's West Queen West shopping area, where

By Leanne Delap

For a decade, Kealan Sullivan reigned as the stylist queen of the West Queen West strip at her flagship boutique 69 Vintage. Her focus is New Vintage: old pieces re-cut and customized into contemporary styles. (Think: hand-beaded Levi's, dyed silks.) Here are Sullivan's picks for her best vintage neighbours.



MAGWOOD showcases vintage formal wear plus dreamy custom bridal. magwood.ca



**REmix** is an expertly curated consignment shop with a selection of haute designer bags, jewellery and accessories. (Think: Alexander Wang, YSL, Balenciaga, and some rare Chanel finds.) remixclothing.myshopify.com

**CHOSEN** offers a hip selection of 1990s styles curated for younger shoppers. chosen-vintage.com



**CABARET** specializes in classic formal vintage, from white gloves to bias-cut silk gowns from the 1920s to wasp-waisted 1950s party dresses. cabaretvintage.com



# World MasterCard Fashion Saturday

Fashion Saturday is a special event open to the public, to be held on Saturday, October 25, following World MasterCard Fashion Week. The runway show will include highlights from the Spring 2015 collection, a Designer Pop-Up Market, backstage tours, swag and more. For ticket information, visit worldmastercardfashionweek.com/fashion-saturday/



# WHEELS, WEDGES & WHEY Make delicious discoveries this autumn of some of Ontario's cheese- and heritage-rich regions NETHER LANDS: By Michele Sponagle makes Dutch-style Gouda. Lankaaster

# The Bay of Quinte Region Lancaster

Follow: The trail of awards to Glengarry Fine Cheese, Taste: Lankaaster Aged Loaf (supreme global champion at the 2013 Global Cheese Awards) and Celtic Blue (bronze). Do: Catch the fall colours and enjoy your cheese choices in the picnic area of Charlottenburgh Park. southglengarry.com/en/Discover.asp

Follow: Cheddar & Ale Trail. Taste: Medium cheddar from Maple Dale Cheese; mozzarella di bufala from the Ontario Water Buffalo Co. Do: The craft-beer tasting at Church Key Brewery Co.; tour the County Cider Company. tourism.bayofquinte.ca

# Oxford County

Goat cheese from C'est

**Bon Cheese and Blyth Farm** 

Cheese are two reasons to

visit Huron Perth region.

Follow: Oxford County Cheese Trail. Taste: Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese Five Brothers, Crossroad Farms Sheep Gouda, curds from Bright Brand Cheese and Butter. Do: Gunn's Hill Cheese Maker for a Day program; Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum. oxfordfresh.com/cheesetrail

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# ABERFOYLE ANTIQUE MARKET

Of this Sunday outdoor market with 100 dealers, Dimma says, "It's an experience. In fall, grab a hot cider and peruse the vintage hardware, classic Canadiana pine and unique conversation pieces." She treasures a tin trunk she found there for \$3.

aberfoyleantiquemarket.com until the last Sunday in October

# WATERFORD ANTIQUE MARKET

"A one-stop wonder," says Dimma of Waterford's two-storey indoor antiques mall with 50 vendors. "What thrills me here is the mix. You have a booth with pretty white lace and furniture beside another with great industrial salvage."

waterfordantiquemarket.com

Wednesday through Sunday year-round

### THE KAWARTHAS

Dimma is a regular at local spots near her cottage retreat. "You never know when you might find a hidden Georg Jensen," she says. In Fenelon Falls, browse Red Rock Antiques & Vintage Emporium, a huge barn filled with collectibles, before heading downtown to Grr8 Finds Markets, a nostalgia haven with 50-plus dealers, where Dimma scores vintage ceramics.

facebook.com/redrockvintageemporium grr8findsmarkets.com

# ST. JACOBS

An architectural salvage destination, Artefacts Salvage & Design has been a trove of treasures for more than two decades, from Egyptian terrazzo tiles to stained glass salvaged from a Woodstock church. Set aside an afternoon for the St. Jacobs Antiques Market and its vendors of high-quality goods, from cool militaria and carousel horses to a 1950s grocery store coffee grinder.

artefacts.ca stjacobsantiquesmarket.com open daily

# COBOURG

"This town is a great antiquing stop," says Dimma. Cobourg Antique Marketplace purveys items such as hooked rugs, silver tea service and fine grandfather clocks. Drop by Legacy Vintage Building Materials & Antiques (a favourite of film and TV props departments) to find windows, doors, signage, lighting and even a full set of stairs.

cobourgantiquemarketplace.com legacyvintage.com



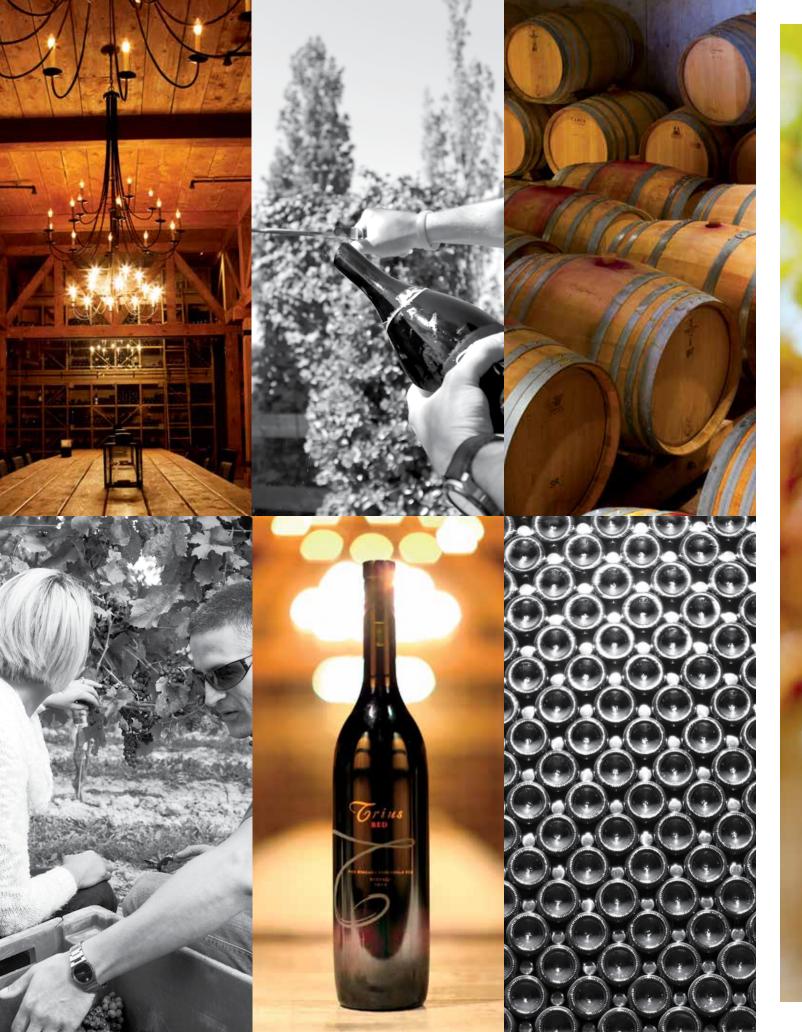












# LEARNING THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

The fall harvest is the perfect time to learn about wine production in Ontario's established and emerging wine regions

By Maryam Siddiqi

# NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

The Sip & Snack afternoons at Trius Winery at Hillebrand teach visitors the keys to pairing wine and food. After sampling wines and snacks, guests take a cue from Napoleon's army and learn how to sabre a bottle of sparkling wine. A prime party trick! triuswines.com

# PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

Every fall, winemaker Norman Hardie invites wine enthusiasts to work alongside his team picking grapes in the vineyard, sorting clusters for fermentation and getting dirty on the crush pad. Volunteers are rewarded with a celebratory pig roast – and, of course, wine. This year's harvest is expected to start in early October. normanhardie.com

# Lake Erie North Shore & Pelee Island

Head to this southern wine region to learn about food-and-wine pairing at Mastronardi Estate Winery's Swirl, Sip, Savour seminar. While tasting six varietals, guests get tips on buying wines and how to pair them with food. Ideas for giving wine as gifts are also on offer. mastronardiwines.com

# Georgian Bay

Beaver Valley is getting attention thanks to Georgian Hills Vineyards. Try their Sweet Indulgence tasting, which pairs wines with chocolate and cheese.

georgianhillsvineyards.ca









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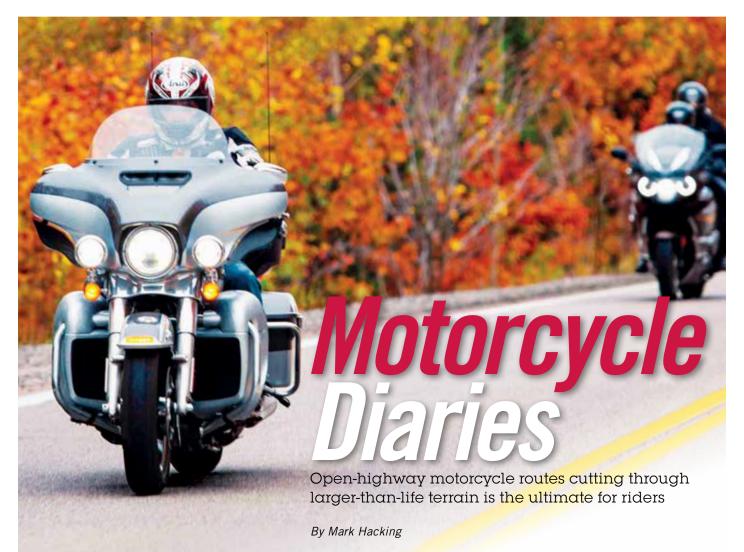
In the multicultural communities of Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan, you'll find some of the more authentic dim sum, hot pot, curry and pasta around. Then wind your way through the lush countryside of The Hills of Headwaters, York and Durham for a homegrown taste of the region and its roadside markets, farm gates, pick-your-own berry farms and authentic food experiences.

Start your adventure at **centralcounties.ca** to map out your route and check out the culinary packages. Oh, you may want to bring your bikes and hiking boots to work up an appetite.



The Hills of Headwaters
York Region
Durham Region

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# RIDE THE EDGE – THE SMALL LOOP

Stay at Sunny Point Resort, Cottages and Inn in Parry Sound and embark on the three-day, 650-km (403-mi.) trip northwest along the shores of Georgian Bay, east along the northern tip of cottage country then south through Muskoka back to Parry Sound.

explorersedge.ca sunnypointresort.com

# THE GEORGIAN BAY COASTAL ROUTE

This marathon 10-day ride starts in Parry Sound and circumnavigates Georgian Bay. Check out Killarney Provincial Park along the way; overnight it at Killarney Mountain Lodge (open until October 14).

visitgeorgianbay.ca killarney.com

# The Lake Superior (Semi-) Circle Tour

The route: From Sault Ste. Marie to Thunder Bay, this route along Canadian shores offers more than 700 km (434 mi.) of pure riding pleasure hugging the north shore of Lake Superior. The sights: The Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, the Wawa Goose, and Kakabeka Falls, the second-highest waterfall in Ontario. The stays: Rest your head at unforgettable stopovers such as the historic Lake Shore Salzburger Hof Resort and the quirky Jackfish Lake Motel Efficiency Cottages (both open until October 20).

lakesuperiorcircletour.info salzburgerhofresort.com 807-825-9293 (Jackfish)

For more information and to plan your tour, visit gorideontario.com/en/motorcycle gotourontario.ca

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# Carl Heinrich

TORONTO

"If we want steak on the menu, we buy a whole cow; if we want bacon, we buy a whole pig," says Carl Heinrich, chef and co-owner of Richmond Station and Top Chef Canada winner. He usually heads to Toronto's west end after hours. At Pizzeria Libretto, he loves the eggplant pizza. "My fiancée has the marinara on spelt, with hot peppers," he says. "When they see her coming, they start getting that ready." When in Ottawa, he visits fellow Top Chef alum Jonathan Korecki at Sidedoor Contemporary Kitchen & Bar. "They do fun food - lots of tacos. Their handrolled mini doughnuts are perfect." richmondstation.ca



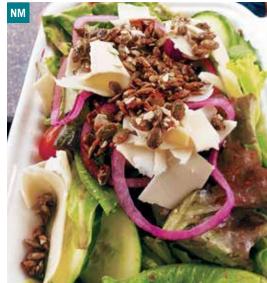


# Nikos Mantis

THUNDER BAY

Thunder Bay is home to First Nations peoples, Finns, Francophones and many other cultures. Mantis, chefowner of food truck Local Motion, harnesses this unique cultural mix in his "Northern fusion cuisine." He sources everything from elk to stone-milled flour to squash from local farmers. After hours, he might head to The Sovereign Room gastropub for braised pork belly and beans. Another favourite spot: Bight Restaurant & Bar at Prince Arthur's Landing. On special occasions, he heads south to Cambridge Mill in Cambridge, where chef Cameron Bell makes his own charcuterie. pinetreecatering.com







10 LIS CHEFS OFF WORK

For the best dishing, eat like an off-duty chef

By Valerie Howes

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# Ryan Rivard

The Combine is a charming 60-seat restaurant in Norfolk County, in a century home with a wraparound porch. Chef-owner Rivard grows herbs, peppers, zucchini, lettuce and radishes in his 225-sq.-m (2,500-sq.-ft.) kitchen garden to complement ingredients sourced from nearby farms. Locally, he loves David's Restaurant – "a relaxing place with a regional focus," he notes, "right on Lake Erie." Rivard and his wife's favourite Toronto restaurant is Parkdale's Local Kitchen & Wine Bar. "It's beautiful, intimate and cosy, and they make real simple, fantastically executed Italian food."

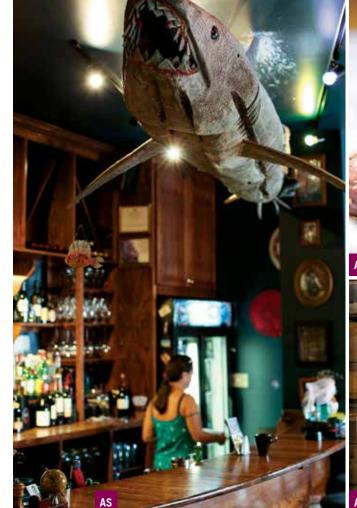
thecombine.ca



# Brad Long TORONTO

In the Don Valley, Torontonians visit Evergreen Brick Works for the farmers' market, eco-workshops, and locavore fare at Cafe Belong. Owner and chef Long offers seasonal dishes and five-course communal dinners served family-style. On his days off, he loves Leslieville's The Ceílí Cottage – an Irish pub and seafood restaurant with a cosy burning-peat aroma. When home in Port Dover, he visits the Erie Beach Hotel. "It's from another time, and they never follow trends, but stick with what they do really well, like their salad trolley." His favourite menu item: celery bread – hunks of white bread slathered in celery-seed butter, edges crisped in the oven. cafebelong.ca









André Sanche

At André Sanche's gourmet grocery store Ciboulette et Cie, you can shop for picnic fare, such as quiche, house salads and butter tarts, or stay and lunch on house-made charcuterie, terrines and tapenades. After his own workday, the Midland chef-owner frequents The Explorers Café – "It's like the hull of an old boat and there's a shark hanging over the bar," he says – or The Cellarman's Ale House, which offers 12 beers on tap and sublime duck confit spring rolls. For birthday celebrations, he heads to the Ottawa restaurant, Murray Street K/W/C, where he feasts on hog's head, "brined 24 hours, smoked 48 hours, then finished with apple glaze."

cibouletteetcie.ca



"I love discovering a destination through their food culture! If you're looking for an authentic taste of Ontario, I'd recommend any restaurant in the Feast ON program. From food trucks to fine dining – they are committed to fresh, seasonal fare."

Rebecca LeHeup Executive Director, Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance FeastON.OntarioCulinary.com



# THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL, STRATFORD

Step on the Stratford Festival Theatre stage, graced by thespian legends like Maggie Smith and Christopher Plummer. (Warning: There are numerous stairs on this tour.) One surprise is that musical performers are the only ones who wear mics, notes Nancy Garner, vice-president of the Friends of the Festival, which runs the tours.

**Through October 12:** one-hour tours Wednesday to Sunday; \$8 or \$6 for students and seniors. Visit the archives (Thursday and Friday to September 26) and the costumes and props warehouse (Wednesday to Sunday through October 11).

stratfordfestival.ca

# THE FOUR SEASONS CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, TORONTO

Canada's first purpose-built opera house reveals its secrets during a 90-minute tour of backstage areas such as wig rooms and the orchestra pit. Many ask how the acoustics are so perfect, given that there's a subway underneath the building. Jefferson Guzman, associate director of patron services, says the opera house is a building within a building — "like an egg within a nest."

**Starting in September:** tours (normally on Sundays) at 10:30 a.m.; \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors (buy tickets in advance).

coc.ca



# THE SHAW FESTIVAL, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Did you know that stage actors do their own makeup, unlike TV and film performers? That's just one of the tidbits revealed during the Shaw Festival's hour-long tour of the Festival Theatre, says guide Peggy Bell. The tour takes in the costume workshop, rehearsal halls and trap room, the open space underneath the stage.

**Until October:** 11 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday; \$5 or \$10 (with performance ticket). Book in advance or buy before the tour (subject to availability).

shawfest.com

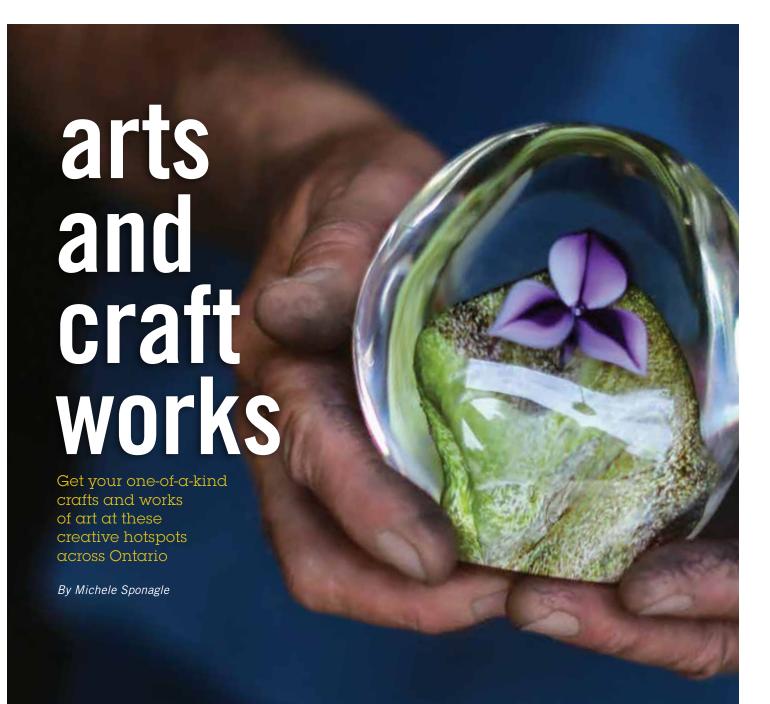
# THE GRAND THEATRE, LONDON

Watch out for ghosts if you tour the backstage of the 113-year-old Grand Theatre. Celebrated theatre owner Ambrose Small reportedly haunts his favourite box in the main theatre as well as the wardrobe area, and the "Lady in White" walks the theatre.

**Tours by appointment:** 45 to 60 minutes (shorter tours upon request), including the dressing room, rehearsal halls and the wardrobe area; no charge.

grand the a tre.com

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Discover Ontario's rich craft community through Craft Ontario in Toronto, at its 82-year-old retail store in Yorkville and public gallery on Queen Street West or visit exhibits online.

craftontario.com

WHETUNG OJIBWAY CRAFTS AND ART GALLERY: Located north of Peterborough on Curve Lake Reserve, this small gallery specializes in First Nations arts and crafts, from porcupine quill boxes to beaded moccasins and limited-edition art. whetung.com

WILLIAMS MILL VISUAL ARTS CENTRE: Nurture your inner artist at the Williams Mill Visual Arts Centre, just north of Georgetown (Halton Hills). This hub of creativity is a one-stop art hop, thanks to 15 working studios, a gallery shop, exhibition space and school arts programs – all easily accessible within a historic complex.

williamsmill.com

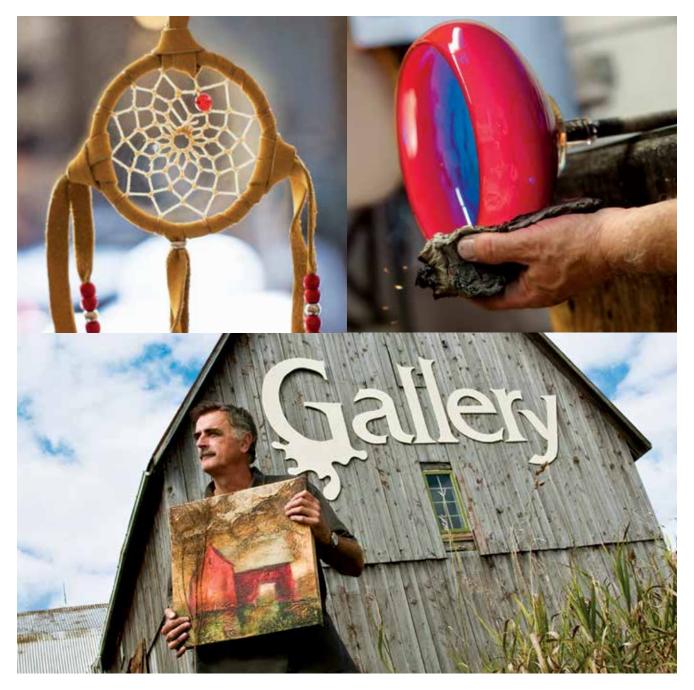
**ALTON MILL ARTS CENTRE:** The revitalized stone mill (circa 1881) is a lively place in The Hills of Headwaters that houses a mix of galleries, 25 studio artists, a café and a heritage museum.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY ARTS TRAIL: Artists and craftspeople, from glass-blowers to blacksmiths, welcome guests into their studios along a well-marked route that starts south of Trenton. Visit during The Maker's Hand, a curated fine-arts show (October 31 to November 2).

artstrail.ca

**ARTS AT THE ALBION:** This collective features 20 local artists who sell their work, jewellery to sculpture, and do studio demos at the restored, century-old Albion Hotel in Gravenhurst.

artsatthealbion.com



**A CURIOUS SHOP:** Open for just two years, this eco-centric newcomer in the ByWard Market in Ottawa has become a go-to stop for unique creations, many made from recycled materials.

acuriouscollective.com

RAILS END GALLERY & ARTS CENTRE: Housed in a former railway station (circa 1880), this public art gallery in Haliburton serves as the artistic hub for the community, with exhibition spaces, a well-stocked gallery boutique and special events.

railsendgallery.com

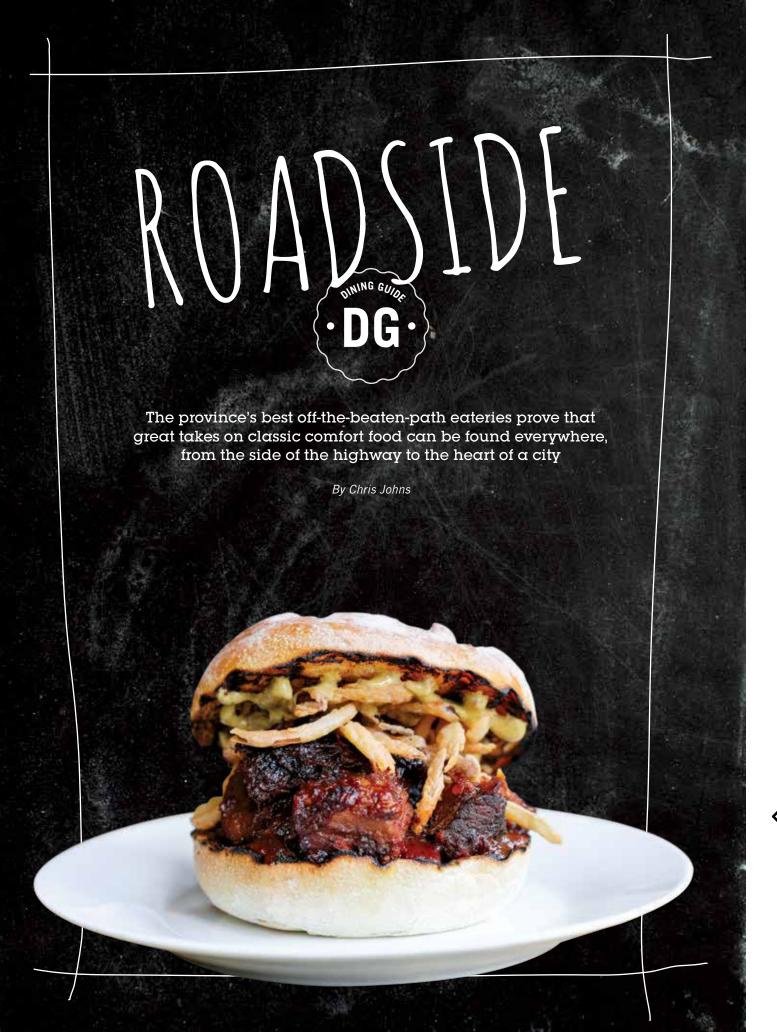
**QUEST ART SCHOOL + GALLERY:** A multi-use space located in Midland, it hosts an art gallery, exhibition space, a boutique featuring the wares of local artists, and hands-on workshops.

questart.ca

"Crafts is about materials being transformed, problems being solved and tasks being met. It's about creativity and exchange."

Emma Quin, Executive Director, Craft Ontario





Hot Belly Mama's: Offering a taste of the Big Easy in downtown Peterborough, this New Orleans-style joint has authentic po' boy sandwiches and pulled pork on a bun. hotbellymamas.ca

Memphis Fire Barbecue Company: This spot in lakeside Winona is a love letter to the classic country fare of the 1950s and '60s. Eat awardwinning ribs and fried chicken off ginghamtopped tables. memphisfirebbq.com



Leslieville Pumps: At this barbecue joint/gas station, beef brisket, pulled pork, hickory-smoked chicken thighs and even smoked veggies are sided with coleslaw, fried pickles and smoked beans.

leslievillepumps.com

Anna Mae's Bakery and Restaurant: You'll eat traditional Mennonite home cooking (think salmon loaf and "broasted" chicken) at this Millbank institution.

annamaes.ca

The Voyageurs' Lodge and Cookhouse: Locally caught lake trout and whitefish feature in the Friday Night Fish Fry north of Sault Ste. Marie, but there's something delicious on the menu every day, from giant pancakes to bannock.

voyageurslodge.com

Wilno Tavern Restaurant: This 100-plus-yearsold pub specializes in the same kind of hearty Polish fare that fuelled the area's early pioneer families. Stop in on your way to or from nearby Algonquin Provincial Park. wilnotavern.com Ted's Range Road Diner: The website offers directions via snowmobile, which tells you a lot about this Georgian Bay-side spot in Meaford. The eclectic menu offers everything from musk ox to mussels.

meaford.com/rrdiner.htm

**Bubi's Awesome Eats:** Champion eaters visiting Windsor might want to attempt Bunda's Big V8, a burger so massive it requires the signing of a waiver. bubis.org

Haugen's Chicken & Ribs Barbecue: For generations, families have flocked to this Port Perry favourite for legendary roast chicken and fall-off-the-bone ribs. Classic cars are often spotted in the parking lot and classic dishes are always on the menu. haugens.com



Mad Michael's: At this pretty yellow building in Wyebridge, the skillet cornbread and smoky beans are every bit as good as the pulled pork and ribs. Worth the short drive from Wasaga Beach or Collingwood.

madmichaels.com

The Fish Shop: For nearly 50 years, the sweet smell of green-alder smoke has greeted visitors to Thunder Bay. Traditional Finnish smoking techniques bring out the best in local fish. thefishshop.ca

Madelyn's Diner: This nearly 30-year-old Stratford favourite diner makes famous bacon butter tarts – that's right: Bacon. Butter. Tarts.

madelynsdiner.ca

Hoito: Show up early to beat the breakfast lineup at this 96-year-old Finnish co-operative restaurant in Thunder Bay, where you don't need to be able to pronounce *karjalanpaisti* to know that it's delicious. finlandiaclub.ca

St. Joachim Diner: Family recipes for meatloaf, cabbage rolls and perogies passed down through generations make up the menu at this venerable country restaurant near Windsor.

stioachimdiner.com

Burger Barn: Ohsweken's pride, the Bread and Cheeseburger (a burger with two grilled cheese sandwiches as buns), was recently featured on Food Network's *You Gotta Eat Here!* burgerbarn.ca



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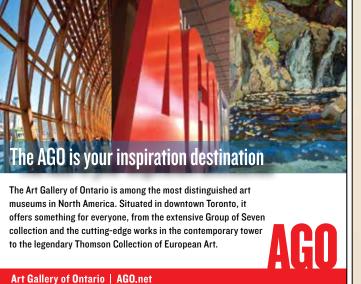


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One of the oldest cities on the continent, Kingston today also vibes on a young and contemporary spirit

By Rhonda Riche

# HISTORY LESSONS

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Cruise the 1000 ISLANDS. an ancient archipelago on the St. Lawrence River. (until October 31)

Travel back in

time to 1812 at

into Fort Fright).

paté in an early-19th-century

Lunch on smoked trout

limestone courtyard at

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(in October, it turns

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One-day Kingston 1000 Islands Cruises Packages from \$70. Until October 31



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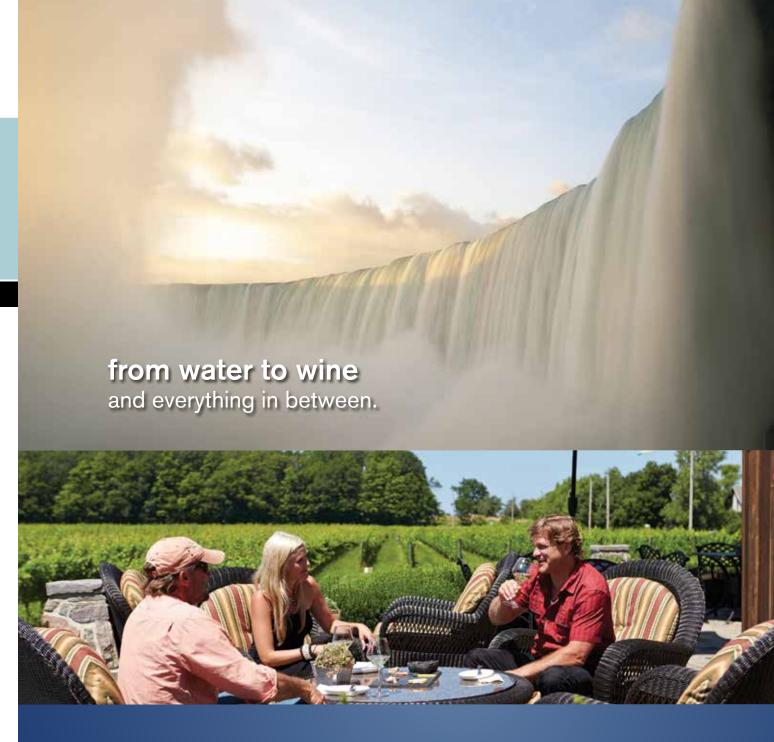
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**MEET GHOSTS** of the city's colourful past on a HAUNTED WALK. (until end of November)



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Mingle with the creative community at the TETT CENTRE FOR CREATIVITY AND LEARNING.



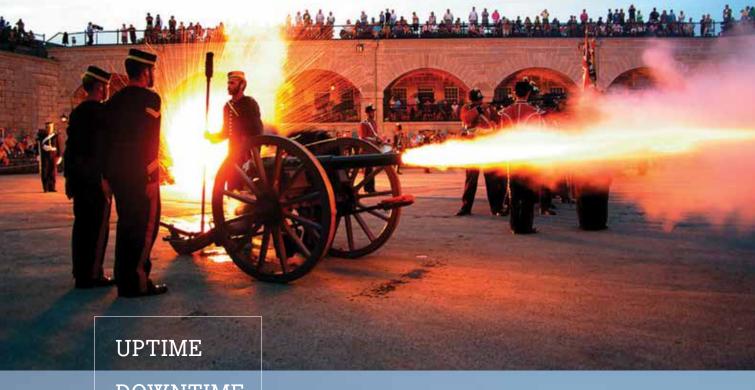
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