

Barrhead to host Culture Days celebration

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The community of Barrhead has been chosen as one of 66 official host celebration sites for the annual Alberta Culture Days celebration, which will take place on Sept. 27-29.

Last week, the provincial government announced the Barrhead Public Library, along with 60 other community organizations around Alberta, will receive a \$5,000 grant to help with the cost of an Alberta Culture Days celebration.

Five other feature celebration sites in larger centres will be receiving up to \$20,000 in funding.

Elaine Dickie, library director of the Barrhead Public Library, said they have been hosting Alberta Culture Days celebrations for several years now.

"We're very excited that we're once again a host for Alberta Culture Days," Dickie said.

She stressed that it's not just the library that's involved, but the entire community. "We have a variety of organizations on board to celebrate the event," Dickie said.

For instance, Dickie noted they are partner-

ing with the Barrhead Chamber of Commerce to host the second annual Taste of Barrhead event in the Barrhead Elementary School gym.

Taste of Barrhead will run on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27-28, and operates in a similar fashion to the Taste of Edmonton event, with community organizations acting as vendors and selling food in exchange for tickets.

Dickie said the Taste of Barrhead is now open to community organizations wanting to raise funds for their individual projects.

She noted that anyone interested in registering for a table should get in touch with Inge De Herdt at Southside Greenhouse at (780) 674-2844.

On that Friday, Frontier College will be doing a culinary arts demonstration as part of the Taste of Barrhead event.

She said the culinary arts demonstration is the result of a conversation with an Alberta Works representative who felt Taste of Barrhead "might be of interest for students entering culinary arts."

"He contacted Frontier College ... and the

college said, 'Hey, that works for us, we'll come down and do some demonstrations,'" she indicated.

Dickie said an author will also be coming to Barrhead to host a writer's workshop with both school kids and local writers.

The workshop will be split roughly between the library and the Hillcrest Manor. Although they're still confirming which author will be running the workshop, the focus will be on "family histories," Dickie said.

Also on Saturday, there will be a bench show hosted at the library of arts and crafts. "All kinds of items can go in for display and all ages are welcome to enter."

Dickie said there will also be an art show hosted at the Barrhead Senior Citizen's Drop-in Centre hosted by the local Barrhead Community Art Club.

Finally, the Barrhead Museum will be open over the entire Sept. 27-29 weekend and will be hosting various activities throughout those days.

"Lots of people are on board, and there are more getting involved as we ... talk about it," she said.





Annette Fluet and Lynn Down, wearing kimonos, were handing out sushi at the Japan table during the first-ever Taste of Barrhead in 2012.